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2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Interview
Involves: Deputy Caleb Ivy (W)
Activity Date: 06/03/2026
Activity Location: Richland County Sheriff's Office – 597 Park Ave. E,
Mansfield, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond #120

Narrative:

On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 1000 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) and SA Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) interviewed Richland County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Caleb Ivy (Dep. Ivy), who was accompanied by his attorney, Beth Liggett, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at Richland County Sheriff's Office – 597 Park Ave. E, Mansfield, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Dep. Ivy was identified as being a Deputy Sheriff who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 10, 2026, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 905 E Warren St., Bucyrus, Ohio. Reportedly, Dep. Ivy did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this Deputy.

The following is a summary of the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. The information was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Dep. Ivy stated his radio call sign on May 10, 2026, was 741. He has been employed by the RCSO for about four years. He has been a police officer for a total of four years. During the incident, Dep. Ivy wore his ASORT - tactical uniform with Sheriff's patches affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He rode in the ASORT Bearcat Armored Vehicle, marked with emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a Deputy Sheriff during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or

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judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. At the time of the incident, he was not wearing a body worn camera.

Dep. Ivy stated that he received a call about 0130 hours on May 11, 2026, regarding this incident. He was asked to respond to the Mansfield Police Department to assemble equipment before responding to the area. Dep. Ivy described getting briefings on available information while traveling to and shortly after reaching the scene at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Dep. Ivy advised that he was briefed about a subject who had two weapons:

At mark 07:50, "We were told that he had possible two firearms that he was seen carrying. Um, so then that's the information we were given and that's when Kingsborough kind of went into our plan of operation of what we were going to do."

Dep. Ivy was asked about the plan of operation:

At mark 08:06, "Our plan of operation was our smaller bearcat, which is in this photo, was gonna pull to the back. Um, small team is gonna go there, uh, deploy smoke and uh, gas. And then our bigger bearcat was to pull up in front of Crawford County SO Bearcat and, uh, do the same."

Dep. Ivy confirmed that the smaller bearcat would deploy at the rear of 905 E. Warren Street, near the garage, in the alleyway. He indicated that he was driving the larger Bearcat, which parked in front of the home on the street. He defined his early role in the incident as the driver of the bearcat, mostly staying in the vehicle due to safety concerns.

The Tactical Unit began to put ROC gas into the front and rear windows of the home. He described a few rounds of gas being launched. During this timeframe, Dep. Ivy described the following:

At mark 13:13, "We were getting ready, we started launching rounds from, we started launching rounds again, just a few more to see if we could get any, uh, response at that point. That's when one of our guys said that the back of the house as launches were kind of going through the fabric of the house a little bit. Uh, so we stopped, uh, a few minutes went by maybe, and then we were going to start putting more gas in and that's when like, almost like a loud bang was going right after our front and back launchers started launching again."

Dep. Ivy was asked to clarify what he meant by a loud bang. He stated:

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At mark 14:12, *"Sounded specifically, sounded like a fully automatic rifle was going off."*

Dep. Ivy stated that he thought that the gunfire originated from the back of the home:

At mark 14:17, *"It was coming from the back."*

Dep. Ivy described the Tactical Team Members reaction to the possible gunshots:

At mark 14:52, *"I saw several of the guys that were under this kind of like shack right here. Running back towards the Bearcat."*

Dep. Ivy spoke about the operational shift, after hearing the gunshots:

At mark 15:33, *"After those two suspected gunshots, our operational plan changes. We're no longer dealing with someone who's possibly just barricading themselves. We're now dealing with an active threat who is physically trying, offensively trying to cause harm to us and the other guys around us. Um, that's when Kingsborough said, 'We're not, we're going to kind of take a step back.'"*

Dep. Ivy eventually redeployed to the command post. He described the scene commanders contacting the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) for additional equipment and armored vehicles. Dep. Ivy would eventually move to the smaller Bearcat located at the back of the home to relieve Tactical Team Members. Dep. Ivy stated that a period of time passed and he eventually cycled back to the command post for a break. He described OSHP vehicles arriving at the scene, including a Rook. While Dep. Ivy was at the command post, the Rook deployed to the back of the home and additional shots were heard. Dep. Ivy stated that he watched this on the display screens broadcasting a feed from the drones being used.

After these shots, Dep. Ivy stated the following happened:

At mark 23:46, *"Kingsborough was attempting to get our, our sniper teams into a kind of like a better position to see in through the second floor."*

He went on to say that he was tasked with accompanying a sniper to the front of the home to locate a vantage point to observe the subject. Those efforts were unsuccessful, and he was eventually asked to find a spot at the rear of the home. They eventually moved to the Bearcat. Dep. Ivy would cycle out of the Bearcat and go back to the Command Post.

Dep. Ivy was then tasked with escorting a hostage negotiator to the bearcat at the rear of the home. Tactical team members began to formulate a plan to assemble a hands team to handle the subject if he surrendered. A shield was placed on the front of the

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Rook in the event that team members had to be elevated into a space to take Desmarais into custody.

Dep. Ivy stated that he had taken a break at the back of the home when he heard the command over the radio for the sniper to take the shot. He stated:

At the 31:00 mark, "I had actually sat down to fix my, uh, my vest 'cause it was digging into me. Travis was to my right and then Davis was to his right. And when I went to fix it, that's when I heard the go ahead for our sniper to take the shot if you had the shot."

Dep. Ivy was asked to clarify what the specific command was. He stated:

At the 31:22 mark, "We do have a command. I don't remember if that's exactly what was given or exactly what was said."

He further clarified whether it was the sniper or anyone:

At the 31:38 mark, "Just him. It was just the person that Kingsborough advised to take the shot. It was [REDACTED]."

Dep. Ivy stated that after the shot had been fired by the sniper, the following occurred:

At the 32:08 mark, "Kingsboro tried to ask for confirmation from [REDACTED]. If the shot had been fired, [REDACTED] confirmed and said that the suspect was down."

Dep. Ivy was asked if he feared for his safety or the safety of others during the incident:

At the 34:04 mark, "I feared for the safety of the others. Um, just knowing like that was my first call out where it had been that long time period. Okay. Um, so it was kind of one of those things of also it was the first time ever hearing someone shoot at us. Sure. So, I was kind of like, oh wow. Okay. So, in the sense of being scared for my life and fearful for the other guys. Yeah. So, it was just making sure, making sure we all did our job to make sure we all went home safe."

Dep. Ivy was asked if he witnessed any actions by any officer that would have been considered a crime. Dep. Ivy replied, "No".

Dep. Ivy advised that if the ASORT team had been tasked with entering the home, the individual team members faced significant danger:

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At the 38:49 mark, "I feel, if we were, if we had no other option to have to go into that house and yeah, there was most likely someone was getting hurt from our side."

Dep. Ivy stated the following:

At the 39:20 mark, "From the drone footage, when we were in the command posts, they had shown us the drone footage of what they saw going in. There were several rooms in the upstairs that had several bullet proof vests in it and magazines, ammo, as well as firearm parts as well. And then from what we were advised, he had several ballistic vests with him from the drone footage that we saw when this was all torn down and they were able to get a drone to see where he was at. He had a shield, uh, homemade ballistic shield sitting beside him. He had several firearms sitting beside him as well with gas masks in front of him as well as he was wearing ballistic vest."

Dep. Ivy was asked about the efforts of the multiple agencies to peacefully resolve the matter:

At the 40:50 mark, "I do feel like there was multiple attempts made from all agencies to end this peacefully."

Dep. Ivy was asked if there was a significant risk to the public if additional shots had been fired or if explosives detonated inside the home:

At the 41:17 mark, "Like any incident, there was people that were told, we told everyone, we told multiple attempts to get people from their houses to leave the area. Which they refused. They said they weren't leaving. Um, I know there was several times when we were back here, we had to yell at people to get, get away."

The interview concluded at approximately 1038 hours. A copy of the recording was uploaded to Reference Item G - Witness Officer Interviews>Richland County Deputies - Int w Dep Ivy in Axon Justice.

References:

Reference Item Witness Officer Interviews - Richland County Deputies - Int w Dep Ivy - stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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