



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2025-1666
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 909 Garden Ave., Middletown,
OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Michael Baker (S)
Date of Activity: 05/27/2025
Activity Location: – 909 Garden Ave., Middletown, OH 45042

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 27, at 0742 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward was informed of an officer-involved critical incident, which involved the Middletown Police Department at 909 Garden Ave. Additionally information was made available while enroute to the scene to SA Ward. During the early morning hours on this day, the Middletown Police Department Narcotics Unit were executing multiple search warrants throughout Butler County as part of an ongoing narcotics investigation. Once at 909 Garden Ave., in the City of Middletown, officer(s) engaged an armed man at the threshold of the doorway later identified as Michael Baker. [REDACTED] shot and killed Baker who retreated back inside the residence after being shot. A reported visitor of 909 Garden Ave., Mary Dunn was in the interior kitchen area and sustained a wound to her right leg from bullet fragments.

SA Ward arrived approximately 0930 hours to the scene along with other agents. The residence of 909 Garden Ave., is a single-story residence located on the northside of the roadway (Garden Ave). The residence has brown siding with white trim and a handicap ramp. SA Ward completed a brief walk-thru with BCI Crime Scene Units of the interior and made initial observations. Michael Baker was positioned in the living room area between a sofa and coffee table. Baker had previously been pronounced deceased by the Middletown Fire Department. Baker was shirtless and was secured with handcuffs behind his back and a large amount of blood was present in and around Baker's body. A silver revolver was located on the floor near the threshold of a bedroom to the right as you enter the residence.

SA's Doug Eveslage and Lauren Frazier arrived and interviewed witnesses and neighbors, including Michael Baker's daughter Aubree Baker and Mary Dunn who was being treated at the hospital. See SA Eveslage's and SA Frazier's investigative reports for details.

Interviews will be scheduled for the witnessing officers and involved officer at a later date. SA Seitzman requested and was provided documentation per BCI's policy.

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See attached letter of request.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: BCI Request–Signed



May 27, 2025

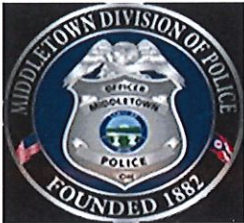
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Subject: Request for Assistance

Dear SAS Kevin Barbeau,

The Middletown, Ohio Police Division is seeking assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Investigations to probe an officer-involved shooting that took place on May 27, 2025, at 909 Garden Ave, Middletown, Ohio 45044.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Earl Nelson'.

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