



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



2026-2448

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 613 Orange Street,
Conneaut, Ohio 44030 Ashtabula County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (O), Conneaut Police
Department (O), and Brandon Butts (S)
Activity Date: 06/25/2026
Activity Location: 613 Orange St., Conneaut, Ohio 44030
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, at approximately 1531 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Chief Deputy Terry Moisio of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 613 Orange St., Conneaut, Ohio 44030. BCI Special Agent Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1640 hours. Also responding from the BCI Force Investigations Unit were Special Agents Joseph Goudy, Darien Spann, and John Tingley. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Brandon Butts, and members of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and Conneaut Police Department. The incident resulted in death of Butts.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. BCI Request for Assistance Letter
2. 2026-06-25 ACSO Press Release

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William R. Niemi
Sheriff

Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office

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June 25, 2026

To: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

Re: Request for Assistance

Attn: SA Daniel Boerner

Dear Agent Boerner:

Our agency is requesting assistance from BCI with the investigation into a fatal officer involved shooting involving (2) Deputy Sheriff's, and a Conneaut Police Officer that occurred on June 25th, 2026 at 613 Orange St., Conneaut, Ohio (Ashtabula County, Ohio).

I appreciate your time and effort handling this investigation for our agency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William R. Niemi", written over a horizontal line.

William R. Niemi
Sheriff
Ashtabula County, Ohio



ASHTABULA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

William R. Niemi, Sheriff

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

06/25/26

Fatal Officer Involved Shooting

Location: 600 Block of Orange St, Conneaut, Ohio

On this date, members of the Special Response Team went to an address on Orange St in Conneaut, OH, to attempt to execute felony warrants on an individual. Upon arrival, law enforcement was met by family members of the individual. It was verified that the individual was in the basement of the home with another person. After safely extricating the second person the individual became non-compliant. During the extraction, perceiving an immediate threat, Sheriff's Deputies and a Conneaut Police Department Officer fired at the individual, resulting in a fatality.

Ohio BCI has been called to the scene to conduct the Investigation into the Officer Involved Shooting.

No further information is being released at this time.

William R. Niemi