



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



2025-3298

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd.,
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Lashawnda Franklin Interview
Involves: Lashawnda Franklin (O), Arthur Mitchell (S)
Activity Date: 11/26/2025
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Darien Spann #158

Narrative:

On November 26, 2025, BCI Special Agent Darien Spann (SA Spann), contacted Lashawnda Franklin (Franklin) via telephone to speak with her about background information about her son, Arthur Mitchell (Mitchell). This interview was in reference to an officer involved critical incident which occurred on October 9, 2025 in Youngstown, Ohio.

Franklin began by stating that Mitchell has struggled with [REDACTED] since he was a child. In 2009 Mitchell's father died, and a year later in 2010 his grandfather died. His grandmother died in 2023, and as recently he discovered that the child he was raising for almost a year was not biologically his child. Franklin added that he has been known to make statements of not wanting to be alive any longer. A week prior to Mitchell's death, Franklin discovered from a third-party subject, that he was using Percocet for years.

Franklin continued saying that Mitchell was also obsessed with playing the video game Grand Theft Auto. She stated Mitchell was infatuated by the game and scenarios like shooting at law enforcement and robbing people and believed that was his reality. Franklin stated that when he found out he had outstanding warrants in Charlotte, North Carolina he fled to Ohio. Franklin stated:

"Basically, he just hoped the police ain't scared to die 'cause he ain't scared to die. He ready to die and, um, prior to that, on that Sunday, he was, I was talking to, he was, I was talking to his best friend mom. She told me this the other day that when she spoke to him on that Sunday, he was pretty much saying that he, you know, he's tired of life and he's about to, you know, ready to give up." (3:13 minute marker)

Franklin stated that Mitchell had made multiple statements about being ready to die and he insisted on his death being at his grandmother's house (4134 Rush Blvd, Youngstown, Ohio).

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For further information, please refer to the audio-recorded telephone interview which could be found in Axon Justice under Reference Item I Other Interviews - 2025-11-26 Lashawnda Franklin Interview.

References:

Reference Item I Other Interviews - 2025-11-26 Lashawnda Franklin Interview -
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Attachments:

None.

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