



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



2026-0240
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot
 303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

Investigative Activity: Typed Statement Received
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 02/17/2026
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty, #173

Narrative:

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) received a typed statement by email from Attorney Jess Franken (Franken) on behalf of [REDACTED]. Prior to receiving the statement, SA Welty was made aware by Attorney Franken they would provide a statement and entertain written follow-up questions.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Sergeant Francis
Radio Channel Utilized: Pickaway County	Mobile Data Terminal: Present
Cruiser Description: Black Ford sedan with markings	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: [REDACTED] (Driver)
Assignment: Patrol	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Unknown	Spotlight: Unknown
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 8	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: Started service as a peace officer on [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: Started with South Bloomfield P.D. on [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: South Bloomfield P.D. uniform, including police badge and patches	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Handcuffs, Taser, Flashlight, Radio
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner: None

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Injuries: Unknown	Equipment Damage: Unknown
Training or Areas of Specialty: N/A	OPOTC Certification: Eastland Police Academy [REDACTED], Certificate date of [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: None	Use-of-Force Training: Eastland Police Academy during peace officer basic academy
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: N/A
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? None	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A

Officer's Uniform:



(Figures 1-4: [REDACTED] uniform worn during the OICI. (HVR_0044 - HVR_0047.JPG))

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1 (Figure 5)

Make: Glock	Model: 45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Leg (drop) holster
Magazine Capacity: 17	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): Unknown
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 1 - 17, 2 - 17
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 10	Number of Rounds Fired: 6 (estimated)
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: May 19, 2025	Type of Holster, if any: Retention



(Figure 5: [REDACTED] service weapon discharged during the OICI. (HVR_0049.JPG))

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Typed Statement:

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"On arrival, initial officers had a male subject at gun point. The male was standing on top of a small porch, in front of a door, west side of the mobile home. I observed [REDACTED] with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office standing at the southwest corner of the mobile home. [REDACTED] with the Ashville Police Department, taking cover behind a tree, farther west in the yard, south of the male sanding on the porch, giving verbal commands. Both officers, giving their attention to the male. I initially took cover behind the front side of a marked Pickaway County Sheriff's Office Cruiser, had it overheads activated, parked on the access road southwest of the mobile home, just slightly further west of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]."

"I relocated, further west in the yard of the mobile home to get a better visual of the male. While walking to cover, I observed [REDACTED] with the Ashville Police Department, standing behind pin leaves, southwest of the male standing on the porch, which his attention to him. I displayed my duty weapon to the male getting to cover behind a tree. I took cover furthest west of the male."

"I observed the male had a handgun in his right hand and cellular device in his left hand. The male's right hand is directly down to his side, with the handgun pointed downward."

"[REDACTED] was giving verbal commands, begging the male to put the gun down. The male looked up towards the direction of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated "can I kill myself with it" and continued to look down to his cellular device. [REDACTED] kept giving verbal commands and the male continued disregarding orders."

"I asked the male to put the phone down in which he looked directly towards me and looked back to his cellular device. I then stated we want to talk and we are here to help you. The male kept ignoring law enforcement orders. [REDACTED] re-engaged with the male begging him to put the gun down. At this point, several officers on scene, had commanded, asked, and pleaded for the suspect to put down his firearm. He did not comply with any of these orders."

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"I then heard another law enforcement officer telling an individual to stay back, in the area of where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were located. The unknown second male yelled out "that's my brother" and the male standing on the porch looked up and in the area of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The suspect was once again ordered to drop the firearm and he did not comply."

"I observed the male standing on the porch, raise his right hand, point the handgun in the area of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I heard a shot fired. I was in fear for the lives of [REDACTED] and myself along with others on scene, I discharged my duty weapon approximately 3-4 times at the male. The male then fell from the top of the porch onto the ground. As a law enforcement officer, I am trained to shoot until the threat is neutralized."

"I used lethal force because I do not believe that there was less than lethal force that I could have used that would have been effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to myself and others by his actions in pointing and firing a gun towards [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. My actions in firing my firearm as described above were consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer."

"Multiple Officers then moved in towards the male, while officer handcuffed him, I ran back to my cruiser to retrieve the medical bag from the trunk. I ran back to the male where he appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds to the chest. I applied a chest seal to one of the wound and applied a couple chest compressions."

"My statement is made from the best of my recollection as to the incident on January 20, 2026. On January 22, 2026, and on January 28, 2026, I reviewed my body worn camera footage of the incident. Prior to watching my body worn camera, I believed I shot 3-4 round. After watching the footage, I believe I fired 6 rounds."

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all information contained in the written statement. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information. It is suggested that the full written statement be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information.

The typed statement was attached to this report. Please see the attachment and reference (Evidence.com) for further details.

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References:

Reference Item C: Scene 2- Involved Officers (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

Attachment # 1: [REDACTED] Statement to BCI - 012026 Duvall Road

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Statement of Patrol [REDACTED], South Bloomfield Police Department

Regarding Incident on January 20, 2026.

I. Background:

I began my full-time employment with the South Bloomfield Police Department as a Patrol Officer on [REDACTED]. I completed my Basic Police Officer Training at the Eastland Police Academy, I graduated on [REDACTED]. I graduated from Walnut Ridge High School on [REDACTED]. I have no prior military experience.

My current supervisor is Sergeant Andrew Francis. My regularly assigned work hours are from [REDACTED]. My regularly assigned workdays are [REDACTED] and my days off are [REDACTED]. On the date of the incident, I was working my regularly assigned shift. I was well rested having gotten eight (8) hours of sleep the night before. I had not worked any overtime the day before or the day of the incident.

I do not wear prescription eyeglasses, contacts, or hearing aids. I am under no physical disability. I take no prescription medications. I was not under the influence of alcohol or drug, prescription or otherwise, on the date of the incident. As a law enforcement officer, I have never received any discipline related to use of force. I have never been the subject of any Internal Affairs investigation related to use of force. In my law enforcement career, I have never before used lethal force prior to this incident. There have been some instances where I have used less than lethal force, all such instances were reviewed and cleared without issue.

I am familiar with the South Bloomfield Police Department Use of Force Policies. My recent training includes Active Shooter Training on October 14, 2025, and Night Shooting Training on October 22, 2025.

On the date of the incident, I used a Glock 45 with a light bar and HoloSun green dot scope (SCS MOS-GR), issued to me by the South Bloomfield Police Department. I carry two (2) spare magazines for this weapon, each consisting of seventeen (17) rounds of ammunition. I keep one (1) round of ammunition in the chamber of the weapon. I last qualified with this weapon on May 19, 2025.

On my duty belt, I carry the following: a drop holster for my sidearm with a tourniquet, two sets of handcuffs, and a keychain with my cruiser keys.

On my department issued external outer carrier I carry on the right side a department issued radio, and Axon BWC mount with department issued Axon Body Worn Camera and a personal pocketknife. On the left side I carry my department issued Taser with holster, two spare magazines, department issued flashlight, Police Badge, and keys for my handcuffs.

On the date of the incident, I was dressed in my prescribed regular South Bloomfield Police Department uniform including grey 5/11 tactical pants, 5/11 black boots, a black South Bloomfield jacket with police designation on both shoulders, a black beanie hat that says "POLICE," A ski mask-type face cover around my neck (not pulled over any part of my face), my duty belt and external outer carrier.

I was wearing my body camera in accordance with South Bloomfield Police Department Policy. My body camera, both audio and video, was working during the incident. I carried no personal recording device.

On the date of the incident, I was driving cruiser number [REDACTED] This is not my assigned cruiser; however, it was the cruiser I was instructed to use at the start of my shift that day. This cruiser is a black Ford Taurus, with lights and sirens, and SBPD designation on both sides of the vehicle. There are no in dash cameras in South Bloomfield Police Department Cruisers.

On the date of the incident the conditions were as follows: daytime, cold but sunny outside. Good visibility with no lighting or visibility issues.

II. Incident Narrative:

On Tuesday January 20, 2026, I [REDACTED] with the South Bloomfield Police Department, Unit Number [REDACTED] began my assigned shift at [REDACTED] hours. I arrived at work in my regular assigned uniform of the day. I operated in a marked cruiser [REDACTED]

At approximately 1500 hours, dispatch asked Ashville Police Department for any available units to start for 4800 Duvall Rd, lot 303, in reference to an active 48(Rape). Dispatch advised the caller was able to lock the male outside the residence and is attempting to make entry. While Ashville units were enroute, dispatch advised shots fired in the area. Due to the severity of the incident, I dispatched myself to assist responding officers. I responded with emergency lights

and sirens to the scene. Prior to my arrival, I shut off my sirens and left my emergency lights activated. I had turned off my cruiser sirens when pulling into the trailer park and left emergency lights on, due to noise.

On arrival, initial officers had a male subject at gun point. The male was standing on top of a small porch, in front of a door, west side of the mobile home. I observed [REDACTED] with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office standing at the southwest corner of the mobile home. [REDACTED] with the Ashville Police Department, taking cover behind a tree, farther west in the yard, south of the male standing on the porch, giving verbal commands. Both officers, giving their attention to the male. I initially took cover behind the front side of a marked Pickaway County Sheriff's Office Cruiser, had its overheads activated, parked on the access road southwest of the mobile home, just slightly further west of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I relocated, further west in the yard of the mobile home to get a better visual of the male. While walking to cover, I observed [REDACTED] with the Ashville Police Department, standing behind pin leaves, southwest of the male standing on the porch, with his attention to him. I displayed my duty weapon to the male getting to cover behind a tree. I took cover furthest west of the male.

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I asked the male to put the phone down in which he looked directly towards me and looked back to his cellular device. I then stated we want to talk and we are here to help you. The male kept ignoring law enforcement orders. [REDACTED] re-engaged with the male begging him to put the gun down. At this point, several officers on scene, had commanded, asked, and pleaded for the suspect to put down his firearm. He did not comply with any of these orders.

I then heard another law enforcement officer telling an individual to stay back, in the area of where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were located. The unknown second male yelled out "that's

my brother” and the male standing on the porch looked up in the area [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The suspect was once again ordered to drop the firearm and he did not comply.

I observed the male standing on the porch, raise his right hand, point the handgun in the area of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I heard a shot fired. I was in fear for the lives of [REDACTED] and myself along with all others on scene, I discharged my duty weapon approximately 3-4 times at the male. The male then fell from the top of the porch onto the ground. As a law enforcement officer, I am trained to shoot until the threat is neutralized.

I used lethal force because I do not believe that there was less than lethal force that I could have used that would have been effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to myself and others by his actions in pointing and firing a gun towards [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. My actions in firing my firearm as described above were consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer.

Multiple Officers then moved in towards the male, while officers handcuffed him, I ran back to my cruiser to retrieve the medical bag from the trunk. I ran back to the male where he appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds to the chest. I applied a chest seal to one of the wounds and applied a couple chest compressions. Harrison Township EMS were able to get a faint pulse on the male, before I stepped away and helped unwrap another chest seal. More EMT's arrived on scene to provide aid, and I stepped completely out of the way.

Other officers and I attempted to make entry from the west entrance but were unsuccessful. I observed a woman holding a child peak through the window on the west side of the mobile home. Officers then moved to the east entrance of the mobile home, where a woman holding a child quickly left the residence.

I then helped officers clear the mobile home, and then received a call from my Lieutenant, Lt. Hempstead, and I told her I had fired my duty weapon. After the call I then secure crime scene tape around the perimeter of the home.

Once finished with the crime scene tape, Sergeant Francis called my cell phone, and I confirmed that I did fire my weapon. Sergeant Francis said he was coming to the scene. At that point I went back to my cruiser and waited for my supervisor to arrive.

Sergeant Francis then arrived on scene, and Sergeant Francis drove my cruiser, while I was in the passenger seat, to the Ashville Police Department where I was photographed by BCI and they took my weapon for processing.

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Respectfully Submitted,



South Bloomfield Police Department

February 10, 2026
Date