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A team of troopers and two deputies worked together and risked their lives to try to save a mother who had been abducted from her home.

On Sept. 12, 2014, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) was notified that the suspect in a murder and possible abduction in Paducah, Ky., and his captive were believed to be traveling into Ohio. The report identified the man and said he was suspected of killing a teenage boy and forcing the boy's mother into an SUV. A short time later, an OSHP trooper advised that he was following the suspect's vehicle on I-75. Other troopers joined the pursuit and signaled the suspect to pull over.

As troopers exited their cars, they heard gunshots coming from inside the SUV, but its tinted windows blocked the view. Using a loudspeaker, the troopers ordered the suspect to surrender.

Along with the lieutenant and deputy from the Butler County Sheriff's Office, the troopers developed a plan using protective shields and breaching tools. The six officers formed two teams to approach the vehicle from opposite sides. The right team broke the rear window and the left team broke the driver's window. The suspect was found bleeding and motionless in the driver's seat. The victim had been fatally shot and was lying on the floorboard of the middle seat. The suspect recovered and is facing aggravated murder and kidnapping charges.