



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



2025-2000  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - Tiedeman Road at I-480  
West, Brooklyn, OH 44144, Cuyahoga County

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Officer Interview  
**Involves:** Eric Brown (W)  
**Activity Date:** 08/15/2025  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Allison Fletcher

**Narrative:**

On Friday, August 15, 2025, at approximately 1126 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) interviewed Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) Officer Eric Brown (Brown), who was accompanied by his attorney, Kim Corral, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at BCI – Richfield, located at 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286. The interview was audio and video recorded.

Officer Brown read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

Officer Brown was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the June 24, 2025, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of Tiedeman Road and I-480 West in Brooklyn, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Brown did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Officer Brown stated that his radio call sign on June 24, 2025, was his last name and no badge numbers were utilized by members of the SEB SWAT team. He has been employed by the Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) for about four years. He has been a police officer for a total of seven years and has been a member of the SWAT team for approximately two years. During the incident, Officer Brown wore his standard Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT tactical uniform. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He arrived at the incident in a SEB SWAT vehicle. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

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Officer Brown reviewed the drone footage captured during the incident one time. Due to the drone being an overhead angle of the incident, he stated that the footage he reviewed showed more of the incident than he was able to observe from his position on scene.

On June 24, 2025, Officer Brown was off-duty and received an alert on his phone stating there was a SEB SWAT callout at Tiedeman Road and I-480 in Brooklyn, Ohio. The alert stated there had been a pursuit that ended in a crash and now the male driver was sitting in his vehicle with a gun. He later learned the driver of one of the other vehicles involved in the crash was deceased.

Officer Brown responded to the location in a SEB SWAT issued vehicle and arrived at an unknown time at the staging location located near The Plain Dealer (4800 Tiedeman Road). Officer Brown then responded with units to the incident location at the intersection of Tiedeman Road and I-480.

Once there, Officer Brown took a position behind one of the armored vehicles located on the south side of the subject's vehicle. The armored vehicle was parked adjacent to the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) armored vehicle that also responded to assist. There was a third armored vehicle positioned on the exit ramp to Tiedeman Road from I-480. The vehicles formed an "L" shape around the subject's vehicle, purposely done to avoid crossfire and to provide containment of the subject. Due to tactical positioning, the west side of the scene remained open with no vehicles blocking the subject's vehicle. That caused concern for Officer Brown because it could possibly put the public in danger should the subject run and/or fire his gun in that direction.

Officer Brown observed the subject sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle with both driver's side doors open. The subject periodically moved in and out of the vehicle maintaining the gun to his head. At some point during the incident, the subject began putting white towels on his head. Officer Brown wasn't sure of what the purpose was for the white towels and thought it was possibly the moment the subject was going to shoot himself in the head. The subject made statements to officers of "sorry" and "sorry to do this to you guys."

The weather was extremely hot that day and resulted in officers rotating throughout different positions on scene, including Officer Brown. He described the necessity of officers taking breaks behind cover to cool off and rehydrate. Officers also attempted to provide water to the subject throughout the lengthy standoff.

Negotiators, who were on scene, had established a line of communication with the subject. During that time, tactical plans were being formed, and officers began preparing less lethal options to gain compliance. The options included pepper ball

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rounds and 40mm impact rounds (sponge rounds). According to Officer Brown, each armored vehicle was equipped with less lethal weapons and munitions.

Officer Brown rotated between having lethal cover and less lethal cover. While holding cover on the subject, Officer Brown maintained a position at the rear of the armored vehicle.

After a significant amount of time had passed, officers on scene were notified by their commander that negotiations were failing. This specifically began to occur after the subject learned that the driver of one of the vehicles involved in the crash was deceased. The commander informed officers to "be ready" to engage if necessary.

Officers then began preparing their pepper ball munitions and affixing themselves with gas masks. Officers had determined they would "introduce" pepper ball rounds in an effort to gain compliance from the subject due to negotiations failing. While the preparations were being made, Officer Brown was standing behind the armored vehicle assisting other officers with their gas masks. He recalled hearing a "thump" which he believed to be a 40mm impact round and then two "snaps." Officer Brown believed the "snaps" to be gunshots.

After hearing the "thump" and "snaps", Officer Brown took a position at the rear of the armored vehicle and was able to observe the subject running towards the front of his vehicle. As the subject continued moving towards the front of the truck, Officer Brown deployed one round of a 40mm impact round, striking the subject in the lower back/buttock area. The subject then slipped/fell to the ground at the front of the truck.

Another officer provided additional information stating that the subject may have shot his firearm, and they were unsure if the subject still had the firearm in his hand.

After some time, a group of officers approached the location of the subject to take him into custody. Officers then began rendering aid to the subject.

When the subject began running towards the front of his vehicle, Officer Brown believed the subject was trying to escape, therefore posing a threat to any innocent bystanders or motorists in the area.

When Officer Brown heard the gunshots that he described as "snaps" he was unsure at the time if the gunshots were from officers on scene or the subject.

Officer Brown feared for the safety of the public and stated, "they (the public) might not even understand what's going on and he just points that gun the wrong way,

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shoots randomly into the roadway or something like that. He could hit somebody. So yeah, the fear is definitely there" [25:14].

Officer Brown provided additional description of the 40mm round he deployed. He described it as being a foam round that would cause "muscle contusions" or an irritation that would aid in gaining compliance.

The interview concluded at approximately 1156 hours.

The audio and video recording of the interview have been stored in Axon Justice as Reference Item J. The criminal investigation notification form and the map utilized by Officer Brown throughout the interview have been attached to this report.

**References:**

Reference Item J - Witness Officer Interviews - Stored in Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

1. 2025-08-15 Criminal Investigation Notification - Eric Brown
2. 2025-08-15 Map used by Eric Brown in Interview

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### Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

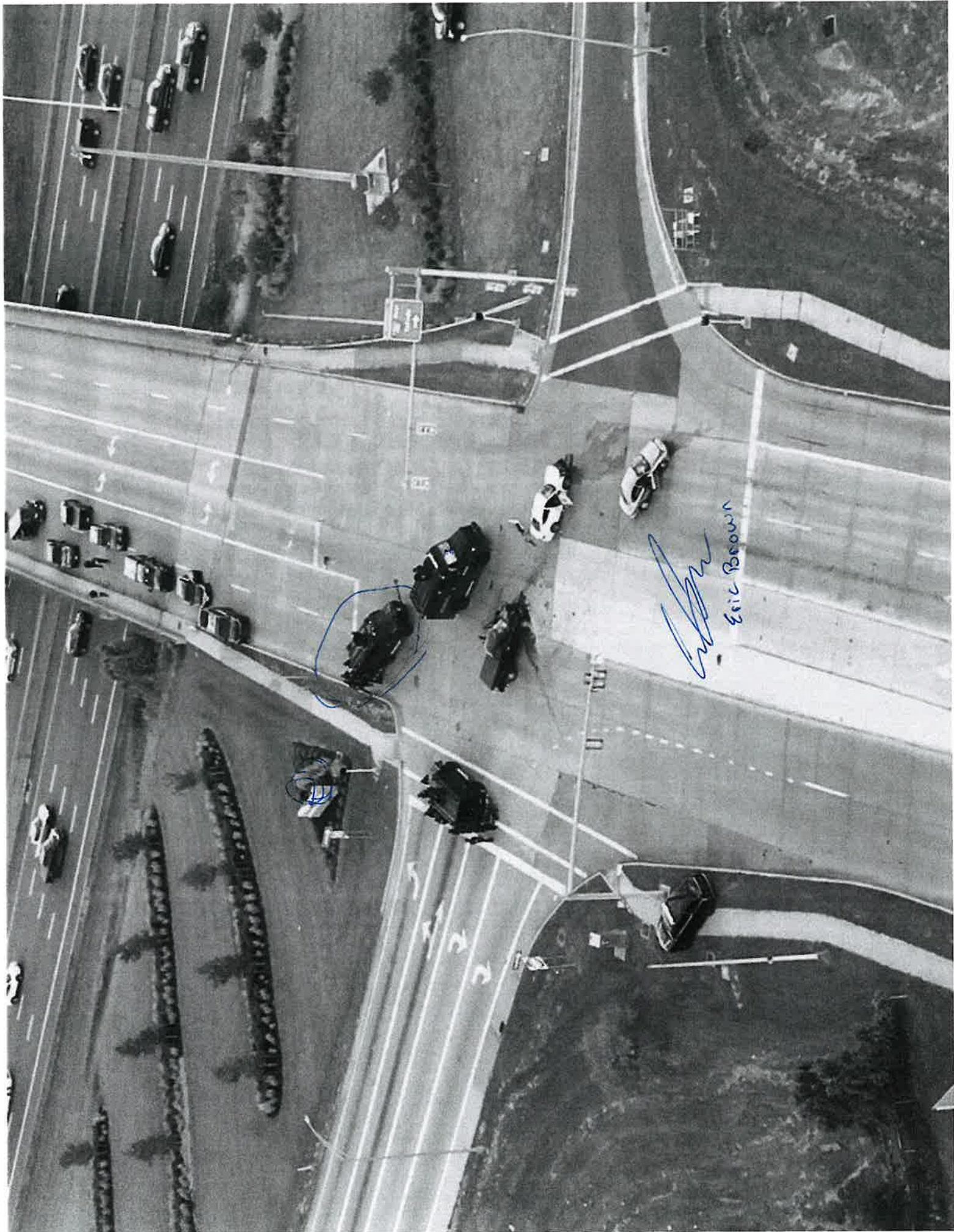
Eric Brown  
Printed Name of Interviewee

8-15-25  
Date / Time

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BCI Agent (Printed)

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