



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



2025-0513  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104  
 Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Involved Deputy Statement  
**Involves:** [REDACTED]  
**Activity Date:** 03/20/2025  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Aja Chung, #86

**Narrative:**

On February 17, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) to conduct an independent investigation regarding an officer-involved critical incident that occurred at approximately 1700 hours. The shooting resulted in the death of Daniel Long. BCI Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung was assigned as the lead Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigator.

This report was generated from the information provided in [REDACTED] written statement about this event. The statement was received from Mark Collins, [REDACTED] attorney, who told SA Chung that no in-person interview would be conducted regarding the incident.

**Foundational Information:**

<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Rank:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Badge Number:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> Cruiser [REDACTED]
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Sgt. Jacob Riege
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Main Marc	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> Marked	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> Solo cruiser
<b>Assignment:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Present	<b>Spotlight:</b> Not Present
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> ~ [REDACTED]	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> Rotating days off	<b>Prior OT within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> None
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> ~ [REDACTED]	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Physical Disabilities:</b> None	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Black jacket and black shirt with Sheriff Office insignia on the	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> No Corrective Lenses

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shoulders, gray pants and black boots.	
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours?</b> None	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Taser
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> External Armor	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Not Present
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> None	<b>Partner:</b> [REDACTED] (not utilized)
<b>Injuries:</b> None	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> None
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> <a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> [REDACTED] from Hocking College
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> 10/2022, 11/2023, 11/2024 - This does not include any RCSO internal training
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> None	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> One verbal disciplinary action. See [REDACTED] personnel file report.
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> None	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> None

**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Sig Sauer	<b>Model:</b> P 320
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Side holster
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 18
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> Not documented - per [REDACTED] attorney
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 16	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 2
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Unknown	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> 04/15/2024	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Side/hip

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**Narrative:**

██████████ authored a five (5) page written statement, which he signed and dated on the last page. His statement provided general information which was specifically detailed in the tables above. ██████████ is a ██████████ assigned to ██████████ and was on his way to a substation to retrieve equipment, specifically body-worn camera (BWC). ██████████ indicated that while he was enroute to the substation, a burglary in progress was aired over the radio.

██████████ indicated that he was approximately two (2) miles from the burglary victim's address. ██████████ also indicated that dispatch aired that the subject was in possession of a firearm.

In reference to the shooting and the events immediately surrounding the shooting, ██████████ wrote the following:

*"If there is an active, high priority call as we are headed into the station, protocol and training dictates that you respond to the high priority call. I turned my cruiser lights on but did not turn my sirens on because there was no traffic which is also protocol. I aired that I would be enroute to the call, and also aired that I did not have my body cam yet. Again, this is not uncommon.*

*I was on Pleasant Valley Road, and there is a fork in it where you can stay straight to go to 104 or go right to stay on Pleasant Valley Road when dispatch came over the radio and informed us that the subject left the house and was walking towards 104 so I made the decision to stay straight onto 104. Dispatch then informed us that he crossed 104 and was walking toward the church. I knew the location of the church dispatch was talking about and knew that I was about a quarter mile away from that location, so I headed there. Dispatch gave a description of a camo jacket and dark pants. I would estimate that the call went out at or around 4:50 pm, so it was still light enough to see outside.*

*While driving on 104, I drove around a corner and saw a man with a camo jacket and dark pants headed up the driveway toward the church. I pulled up the drive and stopped maybe 50 feet from him. I believe I radioed that I was out with him, meaning I am in the process of making contact with the subject.*

*The subject approaches me with his left hand in his camo coat pocket. I got out of my vehicle with my gun drawn because of the admonition I received earlier about the subject having a weapon on his person. I identified myself as a Ross County Deputy,*

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*and I yelled at him to get his hand out of his pocket immediately. He complied. I continued to yell commands telling him to get on the ground and to show me his hands. He did not get on the ground. He tried to divert my attention and kept telling me something happened at the house "over there." He was behaving erratically and not making sense as he continued to mumble about something about a guy just running past him who burglarized the house. I suspected he was on drugs, as he was talking a million miles a minute, sweating, and not making sense. I could see the house as it was an open field and had a clear view, and could tell he was telling me this as a distraction because I knew it not to be true. There was nobody else out there near the church and the home. I wanted him to get on the ground for everyone's safety, but he refused to get on the ground despite my shouting repeated commands. After some more rambling and ignoring my commands for him to get on the ground, he said, out loud "flick it, I'm not getting on the ground."*

*At this point, the suspect turned to walk away from me, and as I was trying to make sure my decision on my use of force continuum was commensurate with the suspect's actions — I thought how a taser would be ineffective due to the thick clothing he was wearing and ultimately decided on a physical takedown of the suspect. I took two steps towards him, and I was still screaming for him to get on the ground. As I was screaming, the suspect then turned toward me, realized I was approaching him, he put his left hand in his left pocket at which point I saw a gun in his left hand. I yelled, "DON'T DO IT, DROP IT" but he started to turn clockwise towards me to which the gun was then pointed at me at which point I fired two rounds while stationary because I thought he was going to shoot me.*

*I could see the gun at his left side. Deputy Ramsey, my back up, then arrived. I explained he is down, but he has a gun lying right next to him. He pulled his cruiser behind mine and approached the subject with his firearm out. Deputy Ramsey approached head-on while I approached from the side. Deputy Ramsey put his firearm away because he was going to handcuff the subject. I was going to assist so I put my firearm away. The subject was rolled over to his stomach to look for blood, and then he was handcuffed and returned him to his original position. He was not talking, and I checked for a pulse, but did not feel one. When I did not see blood, I began chest compressions, and Deputy Ramsey pulled me away and said he would do it and for me to leave the area."*

█ wrote the following about his reasonings for discharging his pistol:

*"I fired the two rounds because I thought I was going to die when I saw the gun being barreled in my direction. I fired two rounds because right after I fired two rounds, the*

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*suspect went down to the ground on his back, and he dropped the gun. At this point, he was no longer an immediate threat, and I reacted as my training mandates- I shot until the threat was over, which took two rounds. I aimed at center mass. I immediately aired that shots were fired, and the subject was down. I aired for an ambulance. I relocated myself because he knew where I was standing when I fired the shots, and I did not know where or if I hit him. I still had him at gun point as I did not know if the subject was ambulatory or not.*

*When I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life, as I saw the gun be pointed at me, so I fired two shots. I had no other alternative to protect my life. The suspect took away my other alternatives and took away my ability to physically take him down when he turned and pointed the firearm at me."*

The reader is encouraged to read [REDACTED] written statement in its entirety for contextual question(s) that may have arisen from this report.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. [REDACTED] signed statement

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**STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] – BADGE NO [REDACTED]**

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Monday, February 17, 2025, in Ross County, when I was on my way to the substation at about 4:40PM. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire as a full time Ross County Sherriff's Deputy is [REDACTED]. Prior to that, I had been a [REDACTED]. My regular assignment is [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED], and I am currently a [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] which means my hours were [REDACTED]. My days off vary, as normally we work two days, then we are off two days. Then, we work three days and are off two days. I earned my Ohio Peace Officer Training certification from Hocking College in [REDACTED]. I do not have any uses of force that have been found outside policy.

I served in the [REDACTED]. I obtained [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. I received an [REDACTED].

On the day of this incident, I was wearing my standard Ross County uniform consisting of a black shirt, black vest, gray pants, and black boots. I had deputy sheriff badges on each side of my Ross county uniform. I wore a dark coat underneath my vest. I was carrying my division issued service weapon with Ross county ammunition. My service weapon is a Sig P. 320 9 mm. I am current in my range qualifications with this weapon. I was not carrying a back up firearm. I did not have a partner, but I was with [REDACTED] in cruiser [REDACTED].

I do not wear glasses or contacts and my uncorrected vision is good. I do not wear hearing aids, and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from disabilities. I was not taking any medication,

prescription or over the counter that could impact the performance of my duties. I had not consumed any alcohol in the 24-hours before this incident. I had not worked any special duty or overtime in the 24-hours prior to this incident. I was on my way to begin my shift when this incident happened, and I was well-rested.

When I first got in the cruiser, there was a call for a fire. I was headed to the substation because my sergeant had aired that he was responding to the fire, so I was going to the substation so that I could retrieve his body worn camera for him and get to the fire, and obtain my BWC. This is not uncommon. However, as I was on my way to the substation, another call came over the dispatch radio as a "12," which is code for a burglary in progress. The address was aired over the dispatch, and I was about 2 miles from the address that was provided. It was also aired that the subject had a firearm on his person. If there is an active, high priority call as we are headed into the station, protocol and training dictates that you respond to the high priority call. I turned my cruiser lights on but did not turn my sirens on because there was no traffic which is also protocol. I aired that I would be en route to the call, and also aired that I did not have my body cam yet. Again, this is not uncommon.

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I asked if I could check on [REDACTED] first. Everything happened so fast, and it was still happening so fast that I patted myself down because I did not know I had been hit. I was not hit, and I was able to check on [REDACTED]. He was fine.

When I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life, as I saw the gun be pointed at me, so I fired two shots. I had no other alternative to protect my life. The suspect took away my other alternatives and took away my ability to physically take him down when he turned and pointed the firearm at me. I now know the suspect's name is Daniel Long. I have never had contact with Mr. Long before.

This concludes my statement, and I will answer any additional questions you have in writing.

3 March 2025  
DATE

[REDACTED]