



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



2023-2306

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Ave., Alliance, OH 44601, Stark County

**Investigative Activity:** Receipt and Review of Incident Report  
**Activity Date:** January 16, 2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Armstrong #146

**Narrative:**

On November 8, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) received a copy of the Alliance Police Department (APD) incident report related to the September 3, 2023, officer-involved shooting. The document was provided by APD Lt. Don Wensel and has been attached to this report for further review.

SA Armstrong reviewed the report and noted the following:

Incident/Offense Report 23-02125

The report included narratives completed by the following APD officers:

- Detective William Johnson
- Detective Mark Welsh
- Patrolman Lee Rose
- Sargeant Stephen Minich
- Patrolman Chad Caughey
- Detective Robert Toussant

In reviewing the report, SA Armstrong learned Sgt. Minich interviewed a witness on September 6, 2023. She was identified as Naomi Bracken (Bracken) and resided at 840 S. Linden Ave. Bracken reported she observed George Appleby cut [REDACTED]'s throat before retreating into the apartment on September 3, 2023. Bracken reported Appleby had previously made comments stating he would not go back to jail and the police would have to take him out.

SA Armstrong did not identify any other relevant information which had not previously been discovered throughout the investigation.

**Attachments:**

2023-11-08 APD Incident Report 23-02125

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# ALLIANCE POLICE

Incident Number

**23-02125**

## Incident / Offense Report

Offense	Method Received <b>E</b>	Time Received <b>09/03/2023 13:39:57</b>	Time Dispatched <b>09/03/2023 13:40:41</b>	Time Arrived <b>09/03/2023 13:41:59</b>	Time Cleared: <b>10/24/2023 18:46:00</b>
	Report Date / Time Date Time	Incident Occurred From Date Time		Incident Occured To Date Time	
	<b>Tuesday 10/24/2023 06:48:00</b>	<b>Sunday 09/03/2023 13:39:57</b>		<b>Sunday 09/03/2023 18:46:00</b>	
Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip)					Zone
<b>██████████ ALLIANCE OH 44601</b>					<b>105</b>
Persons Involved:	<b>KEVIN MICHAEL LAUX - OIV</b> <b>JOSEPH MICHAEL LOOBY - OIV</b> <b>NOAH FREDERICK RASTETTER - OIV</b> <b>BRIAN GEOFFREY LAMM - OIV</b> <b>BRIAN HENDERSHOOT - OIV</b> <b>GEORGE WILLIAM APPLEBY - SUS</b>			Property:	<b>CRIME SCENE ENTRY &amp; EXIT LOG</b> <b>CRIME SCENE ENTRY &amp; EXIT LOG (PART 2)</b>
				Amount:	<b>USB DRIVE- CRIME SCENE VIDEO AND IMAGES</b> <b>DVD</b>
				Type:	<b>CUTTING</b>
Units:	Officers:				
1st: <b>0040</b>	<b>MATTHEW A SHATZER</b>				
2nd: <b>0041</b>	<b>ROBERT A TOUSSANT</b>				
3rd: <b>0045</b>	<b>SHANE D TALLMAN</b>				
4th: <b>0047</b>	<b>STEPHEN J MINICH</b>				
5th: <b>0048</b>	<b>LEE A ROSE</b>				
				<b>CHAD D CAUGHEY</b>	
				<b>DONALD H WENSEL</b>	
				<b>MICHAEL D JONES</b>	
				Photos: <b>0</b>	
Codes:	Descriptions:	OFFENSES			
<b>1366</b>	<b>FEL. ASSAULT-NONFAMILY-KNIFE(CUT INSTRUMENT)</b>	<b>2903.11A2</b>			
Weapons Used:	Trade Marks:			Hate Bias	
Entry:	Location Type:				
	<b>Other Residential Facility</b>				
Refer to Arrest:	Incident #:	Tow#:	Dispatcher: <b>D461</b>	Officer in Charge: <b>0273</b>	Entry Id: <b>D461</b>
Case Status: <b>DEATH OF OFFENDER</b>	Cleared Date: <b>09/03/2023</b>		Cleared By: <b>0273</b>		
<b>Narrative: 23-02125 Page: 1</b>					
On 09-03-23 at approximately 1341hrs. officers responded to ██████████ Alliance, OH as a result of a 911 call in reference to a domestic violence.					
Reviewing Supervisor: _____			Bureau Supervisor: _____		Officer: _____
			SGT STEPHEN J MINICH		

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Persons Involved with Incident

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** OIV      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:** 2338351      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**First Name:** KEVIN      **Middle:** MICHAEL      **Last Name:** LAUX      **Til:**      **DOB:** 03/31/2000      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 63      **Street Name:** E BROADWAY ST      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 508      **Wgt:** 160      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** GRN      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Other      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** OIV      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**First Name:** JOSEPH      **Middle:** MICHAEL      **Last Name:** LOOBY      **Til:**      **DOB:** 03/25/1992      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 63      **Street Name:** E BROADWAY ST      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 508      **Wgt:** 210      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** BLU      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

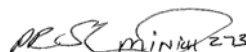
**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** OIV      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**First Name:** NOAH      **Middle:** FREDERICK      **Last Name:** RASTETTER      **Til:**      **DOB:** 07/29/1994      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 63      **Street Name:** E BROADWAY ST      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 508      **Wgt:** 194      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** GRN      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

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**Reviewing Supervisor:**

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**Bureau Supervisor:**

  
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**Officer:**

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**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** OIV      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**First Name:** BRIAN      **Middle:** GEOFFREY      **Last Name:** LAMM      **Til:**      **DOB:** 03/25/1986      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 63      **Street Name:** E BROADWAY ST      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 510      **Wgt:** 210      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** BRO      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** OIV      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**First Name:** BRIAN      **Middle:**      **Last Name:** HENDERSHOOT      **Til:**      **DOB:** 06/06/2001      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 63      **Street Name:** E BROADWAY ST      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 508      **Wgt:** 185      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** BLU      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** SUS      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:**  
**First Name:** GEORGE      **Middle:** WILLIAM      **Last Name:** APPLEBY      **Til:**      **DOB:** 05/12/1964      **SSN:** [REDACTED]      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 842      **Street Name:** S LINDEN AVE      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 600      **Wgt:** 150      **Hair:** GRY      **Eyes:** BRO      **Race:** W      **Sex:** M      **Physical Marks:**

**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

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Persons Involved with Incident

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** VIC      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:**  
**First Name:**      **Middle:**      **Last Name:**      **Til:**      **DOB:** 03/11/1955      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:**      **Street Name:**      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 505      **Wgt:** 140      **Hair:** GRA      **Eyes:** BRO      **Race:** W      **Sex:** F      **Physical Marks:**  
**Offenses:** 1366      FEL. ASSAULT-NONFAMILY-KNIFE(CUT INSTRUMENT)

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:** Individual

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** WIT      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:** - -  
**First Name:** NAOMI      **Middle:**      **Last Name:** BRACKEN      **Til:**      **DOB:** 02/02/1949      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 840      **Street Name:** S LINDEN AVE      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 506      **Wgt:** 175      **Hair:** GRY      **Eyes:** BRO      **Race:** W      **Sex:** F      **Physical Marks:**  
**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

**Incident #:** 2302125      **Relation:** WIT      **Arrest #:**      **CAD #:**      **Date of Contact:** 09/03/2023      **Phone:**  
**First Name:** CARLA      **Middle:** JEAN      **Last Name:** WEST-CAMERON      **Til:**      **DOB:** 09/07/1975      **SSN:**      **Pager:**  
**Street #:** 846      **Street Name:** S LINDEN AVE      **Apt:**      **City:** ALLIANCE      **St:** OH      **Zip:** 44601      **Cell Phone:**      **Employer Phone:**  
**Hgt:** 410      **Wgt:** 115      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** BRO      **Race:**      **Sex:** F      **Physical Marks:**  
**Offenses:**

**Resident Class:** Resident      **Suspected of using:** /      **Victim Type:**

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Officer:

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Property Involved with Incident

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**Item #: Iten :** NCIC# **Property Tag #**  
001 CRIME SCENE ENTRY & EXIT LOG \*2204507\*  
**Make: Model: Serial #:** **Quantity: Unit Messure:**  
1.00  
**Value: Owner Applied Number: Type:** **UCR Property Code:**  
**NCIC Entry: NCIC Removed: Call Number: Insurance Co.**

**Notes:**  
Log sheet of names who made entry and exit's w/ times while at crime scene

**Item #: Iten :** NCIC# **Property Tag #**  
002 CRIME SCENE ENTRY & EXIT LOG (PART 2) \*2204510\*  
**Make: Model: Serial #:** **Quantity: Unit Messure:**  
1.00  
**Value: Owner Applied Number: Type:** **UCR Property Code:**  
**NCIC Entry: NCIC Removed: Call Number: Insurance Co.**


**Notes:**  
log continuation from Item 001

**Item #: Iten :** NCIC# **Property Tag #**  
003 USB DRIVE- CRIME SCENE VIDEO AND IMAGES \*2204511\*  
**Make: Model: Serial #:** **Quantity: Unit Messure:**  
1.00  
**Value: Owner Applied Number: Type:** **UCR Property Code:**  
**NCIC Entry: NCIC Removed: Call Number: Insurance Co.**

**Notes:**

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**Reviewing Supervisor:**

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**Bureau Supervisor:**

  
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**Officer:**

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Property Involved with Incident

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**Item #: Iten :**  
004 DVD

**NCIC#**

**Property Tag #**  
\*2204550\*

**Make: Model: Serial #:**

**Quantity: Unit Messure:**

1.00

**Value: Owner Applied Number: Type:**  
Recovered / Found

**UCR Property Code:**  
Miscellaneous

**NCIC Entry: NCIC Removed:**

**Call Number: Insurance Co.**

**Notes:**  
DVD- Interview with Anita Tucker



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**Reviewing Supervisor:**

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**Bureau Supervisor:**

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**Officer:**

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Investigative Report

Title / Subject: SCENE PROCESSING

23-02125

On 9.3.23 I was ordered by Capt. Hilles to respond to our station from home regarding a serious incident that had just occurred. After acquiring crime scene processing equipment, I was advised by dispatch to respond to [REDACTED] (it was later discovered that the true address was [REDACTED] Alliance, Stark, Ohio.)

When I arrived, I met with Sgt. Minich who briefed me on what had occurred. This conversation was captured on his POV.

I used a digital, mirrorless camera to capture images and video of the scene both inside and out. I also used the APD drone to capture aerial images and video of the scene. These files were transferred to a flash drive and entered into property.

Sgt. Minich was the on-scene supervisor. He advised me that Ohio BCI was responding to process the scene and would handle the investigation.

In order to permit Officer Caughey the ability to leave the scene, I took over his role of recording all persons entering and exiting the scene. These hand-written notes were added to the case file and logged into property as well.

To avoid confusion with other accounts of the scene, I affirm that the scene was as I photographed and filmed it. I did not interview any of the participants or collect any evidence but the afore mentioned images.

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By: DET WILLIAM T JOHNSON Badge# 0300 Date: 09/04/2023 Time: 14:05:2 No. 001 Page #: 7

Reviewing Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Investigative Report

Title / Subject:

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On 09-06-23 I, along with Detectives Johnson and Jones, went to [REDACTED], to speak with [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] was still very upset and had difficulty talking about the incident. She stated that on 09-03-23, she and Appleby woke up some time in the morning, and Appleby began smoking methamphetamine. She said the he became very agitated and angry and would not allow her to leave the bedroom for at least two hours.

According to Ms. [REDACTED] Appleby then retrieved a large knife that he kept inside the bedroom and placed it to her throat. He also placed his hand over her mouth and told her that he was going to kill her and then himself. He drug her outside to the railing and then cut her throat on the balcony. He then drug her back into the apartment while police were responding.

[REDACTED] does not remember much of the incident as she is still suffering from the emotional stress associated with the trauma she endured. During the incident, she did not even recall being in the bedroom or knowing that Appleby had been shot.

I also spoke with Naomi Bracken who resides at 840 S. Linden. She was present when the assault occurred and observed Appleby cut [REDACTED]'s throat, before retreating inside. Bracken also said that Appleby stated on previous occasions that he " was never going back to jail, the cops will have to take me out."

[REDACTED] is currently staying with Bracken, I obtained [REDACTED]'s phone number and placed it into the report. The interview with [REDACTED] was recorded and burned to DVD and placed into evidence.

By: DET MARK E WELSH

Badge# 0299

Date: 09/06/2023 Time: 12:33:4 No. 002 Page #: 1

Reviewing Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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On 09/03/23 at approximately 1339hrs, I responded to 844 S. Linden Ave. for a live 911 call. I was in the area of Milner St. and S. Webb Ave. when I started responding. On the 911 call, it was reported that a female subject had been cut by a male subject. It was also reported it was the upstairs apartment.

When I arrived on scene, I recognized the house and from prior knowledge knew the stairs were in the back of the residence. There was also a female standing in the driveway pointing towards the back of the house. When I arrived around back, I saw two male subjects and a female subject. I recognized one of the male subjects as Christopher White and the female subject as Carla West. They said that a female subject was being held against her will and that I was going to have to "shoot him." I drew my duty pistol and walked up the stairs.

When I got to the top, I looked through the window in the door and saw George Appleby standing behind [REDACTED] in the kitchen. Appleby had his arms wrapped around [REDACTED] and had a knife in his right hand that was being pressed against her throat. He appeared to be using her as a human shield. I announced myself as the police and told him to drop the knife. He then began walking backwards with [REDACTED] keeping her between us. They disappeared into another area in the house. I advised other units of what was transpiring.

The door was locked so I began kicking it, attempting to gain entry. When I was not able to, I asked on the radio for a unit to bring a ram. One of the male subjects handed me a brick. I used it to break the glass in the door and unlock it from the inside.

Once it was open, I redrew my handgun and called out to Appleby. Hearing no response, I started to quietly work my way through the house. I turned the corner where I had last seen Appleby and saw several closed doors. I was able to hear talking coming from the room at the end of the hall. I could not hear what was being said but was able to pinpoint the room they were in. The door was locked.

Sgt. Minich then arrived on scene. He attempted to kick the door open but was unsuccessful as it was a pull door (it opened towards us). I then radioed out that we needed a halligan tool.

Appleby then started yelling out that he would come out if we went away. I told him we couldn't leave and that he needed to come out with his hands up.

Ptl. Tallman, Det. Toussant, and Ptl. Caughey arrived on scene as well. I asked Det. Toussant if he had his rifle and he replied he did. I let him take my spot, as he was going to be first in the room. I was in a position to enter second behind him. Ptl. Tallman attempted to breach the door with the halligan tool but had trouble due to the small space we were in. Appleby kept telling us to leave. I ordered him to come out multiple times but he refused. Ptl. Tallman passed the halligan tool to Sgt. Minich who was able to successfully breach the door.

From the threshold of the door, I could see [REDACTED] and Appleby in the room from over Det. Toussant's shoulder. Appleby was still using [REDACTED] as a human shield, similar to the position I witnessed them in originally. He appeared to have the knife at her upper chest level.

Det. Toussant gave Appleby multiple commands to put his hands up. When he didn't, he fired two rounds. Appleby and [REDACTED] both fell to the ground and Det. Toussant took a step into the room, enough for me to make entry. I started to cover Appleby so he could be placed into handcuffs but realized that he had been shot

By: PTL LEE A ROSE

Badge# 0307

Date: 10/21/2023

Time: 18:48:3

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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in the head and appeared to be dead. I then grabbed [REDACTED] and escorted her out of the apartment. She had a laceration on the left side of her neck that was bleeding.

Once we got her outside and down the steps, I passed her to EMS. I was then told by Sgt. Minich to assist Det. Toussant in securing his weapon in the back of his cruiser. After doing so, we were told to sit in a cruiser before we were told to return to station to speak to investigators.

By: PTL LEE A ROSE

Badge# 0307

Date: 10/21/2023 Time: 18:48:3 No. 003 Page #: 2

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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On 09-03-23 at approximately 1339hrs. The Alliance police Dept. received a 911 call from a female, later identified as Carla West-Cameron. Cameron stated that George Appleby and [REDACTED] had been fighting for some time. Cameron continued, stating that Appleby had a knife to [REDACTED]'s throat while they were outside, but they went back into the residence, [REDACTED] Alliance, Oh. It must be noted that [REDACTED] is an upstairs apartment located on the east of a brown sided residence that has been converted into several apartments.

Upon hearing the 911 call I headed to the above mentioned residence from the area of W. Ely St and Keiter's Crossing. Listening to the radio traffic I heard Ptl. Rose arrive on scene first. Rose stated he saw Appleby, who had [REDACTED] in front of him, with a knife to her throat, inside of the residence. Rose continued by stating, they (Appleby and [REDACTED]) were retreating back into the residence. Rose stated that he was going to make entry into the residence.

As I arrived on scene, I observed Rose entering the residence after he smashed out the window in the door. I then made entry into the residence (kitchen area) and called for Rose. Rose stated, "I'm back here". I located Rose in a narrow hallway that led to a bathroom on the right side and a bedroom at the end of the hallway. The bedroom door at the end of the hallway was closed and Rose stated the door was locked.

Ptl. Rose and I ordered Appleby to unlock the door, drop the knife and come out of the bedroom with his hands up. Rose and I repeated this numerous times while I attempted to kick in the door and Rose tried to pry open the door with a knife. As we continued to talk with Appleby, through the locked door, Appleby replied to us telling officers if we left the residence he would come out of the room. Appleby also stated to officers, "If you walk away, I'll quit." Appleby was advised that we weren't leaving, he needed to unlock the door, drop the knife and come out of the room with his hands up. Rose and I continued to talk with Appleby, trying to get him to come out the room, but he continued to refuse our commands. Rose and I heard nothing from [REDACTED] during this time.

Ptl. Toussant arrived on scene and made contact with Rose and I in the hallway. Toussant, having a rifle, took point and was closest to the door, then Rose and myself. Rose continued to talk with Appleby, trying to get him to exit the room, while officers waited for a ram and/or a halligan tool to arrive on scene. A short time passed before Ptl. Caughey and Ptl. Tallman arrived on scene with a halligan tool.

Ptl. Rose continued to talk with Appleby, asking him to open the door and come out of the room with his hands up. Appleby replied to Rose numerous times but wouldn't unlock the door and exit the room. It must also be noted that officers never heard [REDACTED]'s voice during this incident, which caused me to think the worst had happened, that Appleby killed her. Having that thought in mind, I ordered Tallman to open the locked door, using the halligan tool. Tallman made several attempts to open the door but was unsuccessful. I took the halligan tool from Tallman, smashed the locking mechanism in the door and got the door open.

Once the door was open, I saw [REDACTED] alive and standing in front of Appleby, who was using her as a shield to hide himself. As Toussant, Rose and Tallman entered the small bedroom they ordered Appleby to drop the knife, that he was holding in his right hand. Appleby failed to comply with the officers's orders, continued to use [REDACTED] as a shield, while holding the knife in his right hand and against her body. Toussant, who was close to [REDACTED] and Appleby, was able to get an opportunity to save [REDACTED]'s life at which time Toussant fired two (2) rounds at Appleby. Toussant's rounds were observed striking Appleby in the head causing him to

By: SGT STEPHEN J MINICH

Badge# 0273

Date: 10/24/2023 Time: 10:02:4 No. 004 Page #: 1

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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immediately release [REDACTED] drop the knife and fall to the ground.

I immediately called from medical services to arrive on scene to care for Appleby and [REDACTED] as they were staged nearby. [REDACTED] was immediately removed from the scene. [REDACTED] had blood on her neck and shirt as a result of the injuries (lacerations) caused by Appleby when he cut her neck with the knife. [REDACTED] was transported to Alliance Community hospital by EMT Ambulance Service. Alliance Firefighters/Medics arrived on scene to provide medical care to Appleby, but advised Appleby was deceased as a result of the gunshot wounds.

I ordered Tallman and Caughey to secure the apartment and to document everyone that entered the apartment. I ordered Toussant to secure his weapon in the back of his police vehicle. I ordered Toussant and Rose to stay in Toussant's vehicle and to speak to no one in reference to this incident. I had dispatch notify Chief Griffith, Capt. Hilles and Capt. X of the situation and to also advise one of them to contact me.

I was able to speak with Capt. Hilles, via cellphone, advise him of the incident and the steps I had taken to that point. Capt. Hilles requested I contact BCI and have them respond to the scene to conduct an investigation. I placed caution tape around the residence and the entrance area to [REDACTED]'s apartment to secure the scene. I then called BCI, advised them of the situation and they stated they would have a team respond.

Some time had passed and BCI's investigative team arrived on scene. After BCI completed their investigation the Stark County Coroner's Office sent over an investigator. Once the coroner's investigator completed their investigation, they had a transport service arrive on scene to transport Appleby to the coroner's office. Once all investigative teams completed their investigations and cleared, I cleared the scene, completing this incident.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SGT STEPHEN J MINICH

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# ALLIANCE POLICE

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23-02125

On 09/03/23 at approx. 1339rs. Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] for a disturbance between George Appleby and [REDACTED]. The neighbor Carla West-Cameron, told dispatch Appleby had a knife to [REDACTED]'s throat while they were outside of the residence fighting. Cameron stated, Appleby took [REDACTED] back inside the residence (upstairs apartment).

When the call was coming in through dispatch and Live 911, I was at Oxford St and S Rockhill Ave, clearing a motor vehicle accident. When I returned to my patrol vehicle (cruiser #51), I heard Sgt. Minich asking Ptl. Tallman for a Halligan tool. The suspect (Appleby) locked himself along with the victim ([REDACTED]) inside a room within the residence.

I arrived on scene moments after Ptl. Tallman arrived with the Halligan tool. I observed Sgt. Minich attempting to hammer and pry at the door of the room Appleby had locked himself and [REDACTED]. In the hallway, I observed Ptl. Tallman who was standing in front of me with his taser ready at hand. Ptl. Toussant was in the bathroom on the right side of the hallway, while Sgt. Minich was working on the door so that officers could make entry into the bedroom.

Sgt. Minich was able to force open the door, at which point Ptl. Toussant and Rose were able to occupy the doorway. Looking into the bedroom, I observed Appleby holding a knife against [REDACTED]'s body. Seconds later two shots were heard, and Appleby fell to the floor. Officers made entry into the room and assisted [REDACTED] away from Appleby and the scene.

Ptl. Toussant, Rose and Sgt. Minich escorted [REDACTED] out of the residence, to be treated for her injuries by EMT and Alliance First Responders. Ptl. Tallman and I secured the room and allowed the Alliance First Responders to enter and attempt to render aid to Appleby.

They made phone calls to the Alliance Community Hospital and spoke with Dr. Lindenmeyer. Lindenmeyer provided a time of death to the Alliance First Responders at 1357hrs.

Fire personnel exited the residence and Sgt. Minich gave Ptl. Tallman and I a directive to stay within the residence for security until Detectives, BCI, and the coroner arrived on scene. I was tasked with documenting all individuals who entered and exited the crime scene. That document was later logged into evidence.

At approx. 1652hrs, both officers were released from the scene. BCI and the Stark County Coroner's Office were on scene to continue the investigation. Det. Johnson took over documenting all individuals entering and exiting the crime scene and logged it into evidence.

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23-02125

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On 09/03/23 at approx. 1339hrs. officers were dispatched to 840 1/2 S Linden Ave. for a disturbance between George Appleby and [REDACTED]. The neighbor Carla West-Cameron, told dispatch Appleby had a knife to [REDACTED]'s throat while they were outside of the residence fighting. Cameron stated, Appleby took [REDACTED] back inside the residence (upstairs apartment). Cameron also said that Appleby had cut Tucker's throat.

While responded to the scene, Ptl. Rose made contact with Appleby and transmitted over the radio that Appleby was armed with a knife to [REDACTED]'s throat and was retreating into the house. Ptl. Rose also transmitted that he was forcing entry into the home.

Due to the suspect being armed and barricaded inside the house, now with a hostage who had already sustained injuries, I elected to retrieve my patrol carbine as I arrived on scene. Being familiar with the residence, I ran to the back of the building where the stairs are that lead to the upstairs apartment.

While at the back of the building, bystanders told me that I would have to "shoot him" referencing Appleby. The bystanders also told me that two other officers were already in the upstairs apartment. Once upstairs, I was met by Sgt. Minich and Ptl. Rose.

The hallway was very narrow, and I moved past Sgt. Minich to replace Ptl. Rose, who had been standing in the edge of the bathroom, near the bedroom, where [REDACTED] was being held hostage by Appleby. I stood in a position where I could have the most view into the bedroom if the door began to open.

Ptl. Rose continued giving verbal commands for Appleby to come out of the room with his hands up and to drop the knife. Appleby could be heard telling Ptl. Rose that if police left, he would come out. Ptl. Rose, again, told Appleby that we could not leave and to come out with his hands up. Appleby continued to refuse his non-compliance with Ptl. Rose's orders. [REDACTED] was not heard during this time.

Not knowing the state of Ms. [REDACTED]'s wellbeing, or the seriousness of her injuries, the only option available was to make entry into the bedroom. Ptl. Tallman arrived with a halligan tool and began his attempt to open the door. Ptl. Rose continued his commands while Ptl. Tallman attempted to force open the locked door. Due the small size of the hallway and length of the halligan tool, Ptl. Tallman passed the halligan to Sgt. Minich, who was able to successfully force open the door.

As the door opened, I entered the bedroom and could see Appleby to the right with a large knife to the upper chest of Ms. [REDACTED]. Appleby appeared to be pulling [REDACTED] backwards as he kept the knife to her body. I could see blood running from Ms. [REDACTED]'s neck to her chest where it had begun to soak into her shirt. I could see that her hand was also on the knife as she tried to keep Appleby from cutting her again.

I gave multiple loud, clear verbal commands for Appleby to put his hands up and he refused to comply. I could see the knife was still pressed against Ms. [REDACTED]'s abdomen as I stepped forward. At that time, I knew that Appleby was going to kill Ms. [REDACTED] if I did not intervene with deadly force. I then fired two rounds from my patrol carbine into to the head of Appleby. Appleby was immediately incapacitated, causing him to drop the knife as he and Ms. [REDACTED] fell to the ground.

Ptl. Rose then entered the room and went to Appleby first before helping Ms. [REDACTED] up to her feet. Ptl. Tallman and Ptl. Caughey also made entry into the room to assist. Ptl. Rose, Sgt. Minich and I escorted Ms.

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██████ out of the residence. ██████ was still bleeding from her neck and needed immediate medical attention. She was passed into the care of EMS and the Alliance Fire Department.

Sgt. Minich then told Ptl. Rose to escort me to my patrol vehicle where I secured my carbine in the back of the car. Ptl. Rose and I then sat in the front of my patrol vehicle until we were told to return to the police station to speak with investigators.

Det. Toussant #310

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