



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



2025-3709
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,
Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview w/ Witness Officer
Involves: Chief Donald Edgington
Activity Date: 11/15/2025
Activity Location: 4175 Brush Creek Rd, Manchester, OH 45144
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 0009 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and SA David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Winchester Police Department (WPD) Chief Donald Edgington (Chief Edgington). The interview took place near the scene of an officer-involved critical incident which occurred on Friday, November 14, 2025. The interview was audio recorded.

Chief Edgington was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 14, 2025 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 4175 Brush Creek Road in Manchester, Ohio. Reportedly, Chief Edgington 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.

Chief Edgington stated his radio call sign on November 14, 2025, was Unit 971. He has been the WPD Chief of Police since 2018. Prior to working for WPD, Chief Edgington was with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) for 29 years, from 1989 to 2017.

During the incident, Chief Edgington wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a ballistic vest and duty belt and was armed with a Sig Sauer .40 S&W pistol. He drove a WPD cruiser, a Ford Expedition, marked with WPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He does wear corrective lenses. Chief Edgington typically works dayshift hours Monday through Friday.

Chief Edgington explained that WPD has a mutual aid agreement with the Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and shares a police radio channel with ACSO and other jurisdictions within Adams County. On the date of the incident, Chief Edgington was off duty in the Winchester area around 1530 hours when he heard police radio traffic

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indicating there was a police pursuit in the area. "I heard that it was Lindner," Chief Edgington stated, and explained he was familiar with the Lindner family. Chief Edgington had heard earlier that day there was reportedly an incident between Christopher Lindner (Lindner) and a construction worker involving a knife. Chief Edgington believed Lindner's brother had called the police and reported Lindner was coming to his brother's house and may have a gun.

Chief Edgington initially thought he was too far away from where the pursuit was occurring to get involved or assist. Chief Edgington explained the pursuit seemed to be coming towards his location and positioned himself to potentially join the pursuit. Chief Edgington reported the officers in pursuit had lost the vehicle at one point, which was described as a black Range Rover or Land Rover SUV, believed to be driven by Lindner. Chief Edgington explained he "met him" (Lindner) on Hoop Ridge Road and began pursuit. Chief Edgington announced his location via radio. Chief Edgington estimated the black SUV was traveling at speeds of 110 to 115 miles per hour (mph).

Chief Edgington explained the black SUV hit "spike strips" as the pursuit traveled through West Union, which did not appear to slow the vehicle down. Chief Edgington, surmising that the driver was Lindner, believed the vehicle was on its way to "Seraphim Ranch" at 4175 Brush Creek Road, which was known to belong to the Lindner family. Chief Edgington announced via radio that he and other police responders should attempt to prevent Lindner from getting inside the house because Chief Edgington was confident there would be numerous firearms inside the house.

Chief Edgington pursued the black SUV to 4175 Brush Creek Road, and as they arrived Chief Edgington observed the driveway gate to be closed. Chief Edgington watched the black SUV use another driveway with no gate to gain access to the property and drove up the house. Chief Edgington heard OSP Trooper [REDACTED] announce via radio that Lindner had driven up to the house and was able to get inside. Chief Edgington used his cruiser to push the driveway gate open, which damaged the vehicle's side panels as he was driving through.

Chief Edgington explained he got out of his cruiser as he and other responders waited for additional officers to arrive for support. ACSO Sergeant Randy Walters (Sgt. Walters) gave Chief Edgington a rifle. Chief Edgington reported an aerial drone had been deployed, and the drone pilot reported locating Lindner in an upstairs window. Chief Edgington later stated he believed the presence of the drone may have agitated Lindner. Chief Edgington said he knew there were several officers in the "woodline" north of the residence; Chief Edgington was in cover behind a cruiser.

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Chief Edgington recalled hearing a voice outside the house saying, "This is God's land," or something similar. Chief Edgington was unsure where the voice was coming from. "The very next thing I heard was what I thought at the time was a very high-powered rifle or a shotgun," Chief Edgington stated, and described hearing one single gunshot. "Then immediately, a lot of rounds being fired," Chief Edgington continued, and indicated he heard numerous gunshots which sounded distinctly different from the initial single shot he had heard. Chief Edgington believed the shots came from, "Down to my right and I believe lower than I was." Chief Edgington estimated hearing approximately 30 additional shots after the initial single gunshot. "It was a few seconds of rapid fire, and I could tell it was multiple weapons," Chief Edgington stated. Chief Edgington confirmed he perceived those shots to come from the officers in the woodline north of the house.

Chief Edgington indicated the drone found Lindner on an upstairs exterior balcony, lying on his back and did not appear to be moving. Chief Edgington, Sgt. Walters, and OSP Captain Robert Hayslip (Cpt. Hayslip) moved up the driveway towards the residence to clear and secure the interior of the house. Chief Edgington recalled OSP Trooper [REDACTED] broke a window and cut himself on broken glass as he tried to unlock the door. Chief Edgington described a security alarm blaring after the window was broken in order to make entry into the house.

Chief Edgington and other responders cleared the rest of the house and moved upstairs towards the bedroom attached to the exterior balcony where Lindner was reported to be, per the drone operator. Chief Edgington did not go to Lindner's location, but heard other officers announce that Lindner was down and not moving and appeared to no longer be a threat. Chief Edgington and other officers finished securing the remainder of the structure before returning to the driveway area.

Chief Edgington confirmed he was looking at the house when he heard the first gunshot but could not see where Lindner was or where the initial shot had been fired from. Chief Edgington had a general idea of where the officers in the woodline were but could not see them directly, and estimated they were approximately 50 to 80 yards to his right (west). Chief Edgington estimated he was positioned about 80 to 100 yards away from the house when the shooting incident occurred.

Chief Edgington did not recall having any previous encounters with Lindner prior to the date of the incident on November 14, 2025.

The interview concluded at approximately 0046 hours.

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The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

No references

Attachments:

1. Audio Interview with Chief Donald Edgington (11.15.2025)

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