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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical Incident - 33635 Haning Road, Albany, Ohio, 45710 (L)

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Involves: Patrick McDaniel
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 33635 Haning Road, Albany, Ohio, 45710
BCI Case Numbers: Force Investigations Unit (FIU): 2025-2193
BCI Laboratory: 25-120528

Investigative Request

On Tuesday, July 08, 2025, Sheriff Scott Fitch of the Meigs County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on July 8, 2025 in the area of 33635 Haning Road in Albany, Ohio, and resulted in the death of Patrick McDaniel (McDaniel).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the July 8, 2025 officer-involved critical incident (OICI) in Meigs County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail are not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Douglass received assistance in the investigation from SA Brady Curry (SA Curry), and SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb). BCI Special Agent Brittney VanBibber (SA VanBibber) of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau). Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interviews of MCSO deputies who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and others subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special agent attendance to post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Review of all available body cameras (BWC) involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Bloodstain pattern analysis
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident

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- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
 3. Chemistry (drug identification)
 4. Fingerprint analysis
 5. DNA
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the deputies involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the deputies involved
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review

Incident Summary/Overview

On Tuesday, July 8, 2025, MCSO deputies with the Southeastern Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force (SOHTTF) were executing a search warrant at the residence located at 33635 Haning Road in Albany, Ohio. The warrant was being executed based on information concerning allegations of possession of child pornography and/or child sexual abuse material, with Patrick McDaniel (McDaniel) and his brother Christopher McDaniel (Christopher) as the primary suspects.

McDaniel confessed to MCSO deputies he was in possession of child pornography on his electronic devices. MCSO deputies attempted to take McDaniel into custody when a struggle ensued, with McDaniel actively resisting MCSO deputies attempting to place him in handcuffs. McDaniel was able to disarm MCSO [REDACTED] and gained possession of [REDACTED] firearm. McDaniel did not respond to MCSO deputies' verbal commands to drop the gun. McDaniel pointed the gun at his own head numerous times and eventually fired one shot at himself. Meigs County EMS medics responded to the location of the incident, and McDaniel was pronounced deceased.

[REDACTED] was transported to O'Bleness Hospital in Athens for medical treatment and was later released later that day. No other MCSO deputies or first responders were injured during the incident.

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Decedent

The subject involved in the incident was identified as Patrick McDaniel, whose date of birth (DOB) is March 3, 1987. McDaniel's last known address is 33635 Haning Road, Albany, Ohio 45710.

Per a subject search on the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG), McDaniel had [REDACTED]. It was reported that MCSO deputies had identified McDaniel as a potential suspect of possession of child pornography offenses prior to the execution of a search warrant at his home address and an attempt to take McDaniel into police custody.

Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent (Patrick McDaniel) was obtained from the Gallia County Coroner's Office. The autopsy was performed by forensic pathologist Dr. Sean Swiatkowski at the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for McDaniel was determined to be [REDACTED]. The manner/immediate cause of death was ruled "[REDACTED]". The toxicology report indicated that McDaniel [REDACTED].

Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. BCI agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation of, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

All firearms believed to have been discharged during an OICI are collected by BCI's CSU. One firearm was recovered during the incident which reportedly belonged to [REDACTED] which was collected by CSU. This firearm was believed to be related to the OICI and was subsequently submitted to the BCI Firearms Laboratory for analysis. While processing the scene, CSU attempted to locate cartridge cases and fired projectiles in the vicinity of the OICI. No cartridge cases or fired bullet projectiles were discovered on scene. Suspected blood was observed on the pistol, and several hairs were collected by

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CSU from the pistol near the end of the barrel/slide and on the trigger guard. No projectiles were recovered from McDaniel's body during his autopsy.

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

SA VanBibber from BCI's CSU collected and documented the firearm with serial # [REDACTED] a Sig Sauer P320 9mm semiautomatic pistol, which was issued to MCSO [REDACTED]. This firearm was believed to have been in McDaniel's possession and fired by McDaniel during the incident. SA VanBibber collected this firearm at the scene with one (1) live cartridge which had been ejected from the chamber by an MCSO deputy after the incident, and fifteen (15) additional cartridges in the magazine, for a total of sixteen (16) cartridges.

The BCI Firearms Section lab results are currently pending and can be provided upon receipt. By performing an analysis of the involved firearms, as well as any firearm-related evidence collected from the scene (casings and bullets), and by comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications can be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm.

Witnesses

Civilian family members of the decedent provided statements to MCSO deputies as witnesses to the incident. Please refer to correlating reports for complete details obtained from witnesses of the incident.

Janet McDaniel/Christopher McDaniel

Janet McDaniel (Janet) and Christopher McDaniel (Christopher) spoke to MCSO deputies after the incident had concluded. Janet indicated she had seen her son Patrick (McDaniel) outside of the residence "wrestling" over a gun with MCSO deputies. Janet said she was told to stay inside the house during what she described as a "scuffle" involving McDaniel. Janet confirmed hearing a single gunshot.

Christopher stated he had observed his brother (McDaniel) take a gun from an MCSO deputy's holster. Christopher described McDaniel pointing the gun at himself while MCSO deputies gave McDaniel verbal commands to drop the weapon. Christopher himself also told McDaniel to put the gun down. Christopher estimated McDaniel was in possession of the gun for 20 to 30 seconds before shooting himself in the head. In BWC video footage received from MCSO which was recorded after the conclusion of the

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shooting incident, Christopher can be seen making motions with his hand demonstrating how he had witnessed McDaniel pointing the gun at himself.

Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

██████████

In his verbal statement to BCI, MCSO ██████████ reported he was requested to assist with a search warrant related to internet crimes against children (ICAC) at 33635 Haning Road. Upon arrival, McDaniel and his brother Christopher were removed from the residence. ██████████ explained to McDaniel that he was going to be placed under arrest. During the arrest attempt, ██████████ said McDaniel "lunged" for his firearm, and then for ██████████ firearm. ██████████ recalled McDaniel was able to remove ██████████ firearm from its holster. ██████████ struggled to gain control of the firearm from McDaniel, who was pointing the firearm at his own head. ██████████ released McDaniel and backed away from him. ██████████ then drew his firearm and instructed McDaniel to drop the weapon. McDaniel raised the gun from his side to his head and eventually discharged the firearm to his own right temple.

██████████ was asked if he feared for his life during the incident. ██████████ stated that he feared more for ██████████ safety. "When he [McDaniel] got his ██████████ gun, I thought he was going to kill him."

Detective Samantha Wiedmer

In her verbal statement to BCI, MCSO Detective Samantha Wiedmer (Det. Wiedmer) reported she and several other deputies responded to 33635 Haning Road to execute a search warrant related to child sexual abuse material (CSAM) cyber tips involving the IP address at McDaniel's residence. Det. Wiedmer participated in an interview of McDaniel, who eventually confessed to the allegations to MCSO Lieutenant Tylun Campbell (Lt. Campbell). Det. Wiedmer was standing in a doorway with McDaniel's mother, Janet. When MCSO deputies attempted to arrest McDaniel, he began to resist. An altercation ensued, and Det. Wiedmer observed McDaniel had gained possession of a firearm. Det. Wiedmer observed McDaniel with the gun to his side and pointing it at his own head multiple times. Det. Wiedmer witnessed McDaniel eventually pointing the firearm at his head and firing one shot.

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After the incident had concluded, Christopher told Det. Wiedmer that he [Christopher] "had a feeling that he [Patrick] was going to do something like this," and Janet stated McDaniel had multiple undiagnosed mental health conditions.

Lieutenant Tylun Campbell

In his verbal statement to BCI, Lt. Campbell reported conducting an interview with McDaniel pursuant to the search warrant being executed at McDaniel's residence at 33635 Haning Road. During the interview, McDaniel confessed to being in possession of CSAM. Lt. Campbell tasked [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with detaining McDaniel. Lt. Campbell said he heard a struggle outside, exited the residence and observed McDaniel with a gun in his hand. Lt. Campbell advised that during the struggle, the gun was being pointed at [REDACTED]. Lt. Campbell and others were giving verbal commands to McDaniel to put the gun down. Lt. Campbell said McDaniel then raised the gun up to his own head and pulled the trigger, firing one shot before falling to the ground.

After the incident had occurred, Lt. Campbell observed [REDACTED] having some type of medical emergency. Lt. Campbell rendered medical aid to [REDACTED] until EMS medics arrived and transported [REDACTED] to O'Bleness Hospital in Athens.

[REDACTED]

In his verbal statement to BCI, [REDACTED] reported he was requested to assist with a residential search warrant at 33635 Haning Road related to allegations of possession of child pornography.

After being notified McDaniel had confessed to the allegations, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attempted to take McDaniel into custody. [REDACTED] observed McDaniel attempt to grab [REDACTED] firearm. [REDACTED] believed McDaniel may have stated, "Just shoot me." [REDACTED] recalled McDaniel then grabbed [REDACTED] firearm and was able to remove it from the holster. "I thought he's gonna shoot me," [REDACTED] stated. [REDACTED] observed other deputies shouting verbal commands to McDaniel to drop the gun, who then pointed the gun at his own head and shot himself one time.

[REDACTED] believed the gun was in contact with McDaniel's head in the right temple area when McDaniel shot himself, and McDaniel had the gun in his right hand when he fired it. [REDACTED] believed someone else moved the gun away from McDaniel, who was motionless on the ground. [REDACTED] estimated the time between [REDACTED] attempting to handcuff and detain McDaniel and McDaniel taking [REDACTED] gun and shooting himself occurred within a matter of seconds.

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██████████ confirmed having a medical emergency after the incident had concluded. ██████████ believed his biological response to the situation may have been ██████████. ██████████ was transported to O'Bleness Hospital in Athens to be examined and was released later that day.

Dispatch-Related Information

BCI requested all MCSO dispatch records, audio recordings (radio, 911, and phone), mobile data terminal (MDT) communications, and any other dispatch/communications-related information pertaining to the incident.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records:

According to the notes from MCSO's computer-aided dispatch (CAD) report, the following was noted:

- Incident Description: Shooting/Gun Shot
- 07/08/25 14:46:14 | Smith, Chloe | ██████████ | On Scene - Adv to send a 29 male with a gun shot wound to the head
- 07/08/25 14:46:17 | White, Heather | ██████████ NEED 29 AT LOCATION MALE GUN SHOT TO HEAD
- 07/08/25 14:48:24 | Smith, Chloe | 7-MEDIC | Enroute
- 07/08/25 15:09:57 | Johnson, Teresa | 7-MEDIC | On Scene
- 07/08/25 15:13:52 | Johnson, Teresa | M7 CONFIRMED CODE 16

Radio Traffic Recordings:

Dispatch recordings of radio traffic related to this incident were provided to BCI in individual audio file format. Please refer to these audio files for additional details. Upon review of dispatch audio files recorded during the incident, the following was noted:

- July 8, 2025 @ 1443 hours: "I'm gonna need a 29 [emergency squad] if you can find the location of my car."
- July 8, 2025 @ 1443 hours: "Adult male, single gunshot wound to the head."
- July 8, 2025 @ 1447 hours: "Is this gonna be a code 16 [death]?"
- July 8, 2025 @ 1450 hours: "Is all of our units okay?"
- July 8, 2025 @ 1452 hours: "Have any of our units been struck?"
- July 8, 2025 @ 1452 hours: "Negative."

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Video Recordings

BCI was advised that MCSO does not record BWC video footage during enforcement actions performed as part of a task force operation. The officer-involved critical incident (OICI) on July 8, 2025, at 33635 Haning Road in Albany, Ohio, occurred during a search warrant being executed by MCSO deputies and detectives assigned to the Southeastern Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force. No video evidence of the actual incident was recorded by MCSO deputies on scene during the warrant execution.

Conclusion

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this investigation have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigative assistance into any newly identified witnesses or information related to this criminal investigation. BCI's investigation into this officer-involved critical incident (OICI) is concluded unless such new information/witnesses is/are identified through grand jury or other means.

Agents remain available for consultation and/or to perform any additional investigation, analysis, processing and/or other assistance/involvement which might be deemed to be necessary to the investigation.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the OICI. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Kyle Douglass. SA Douglass can be reached via email at Kyle.Douglass@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone, at 614-949-6278.

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