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

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Investigation Regarding:

Officer Involved Critical Incident (Shooting)
Involved Subject – Patrick Kerr

Involved Officer – Strongsville Police Department [REDACTED]

Investigating Agency:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Case Numbers:

2025-2000	BCI Force Investigation Unit BCI Crime Scene Unit BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit
25-35267	BCI Laboratory
IN2025-00981	Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office

Date of Incident:

June 24, 2025

Date of Report:

August 19, 2025

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Investigative Request

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at approximately 1511 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Brooklyn Police Department (BPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred on Tiedeman Road at the I-480 entrance/exit ramps in Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. The shooting incident involved a subject identified as Patrick Kerr (Kerr) and Strongsville Police Department (SPD) [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was also a member of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT team who had responded to the incident location. Prior to the incident, Kerr was involved in a vehicle pursuit with officers from the Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD). Kerr then became involved in a traffic crash, striking two vehicles at the intersection of Tiedeman Road and I-480 entrance/exit ramps. After the vehicle crash, Kerr held a gun to his head for numerous hours failing to comply with commands given by officers and negotiation attempts. After exiting the vehicle with his firearm, Kerr was shot one time. Kerr was later pronounced deceased at the hospital. The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) and Force Investigations Unit (FIU) were requested to investigate the incident.

Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) from the Force Investigations Unit (FIU) was assigned as lead investigator. She received assistance from BCI FIU SA Dan Boerner, SA Joseph Lamping, SA Joseph Goudy, and SA John Tingley. SA Eric Lehnhart from the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) also provided assistance.

BCI CSU SA Lurna McClintock and SA Chad Doran documented and collected pertinent evidence at the scene.

BCI Criminal Intelligence Analyst Jamie Papesh obtained records and background information utilized in the investigation.

The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran.

Various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

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Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the June 24, 2025 officer-involved shooting in Cuyahoga 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 is 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.

Note from author:

In addition to the investigation into the officer-involved shooting, Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) was conducting a parallel investigation into Kerr for Vehicular Homicide and various other crimes. Due to this, some information was shared between PHPD and BCI where both investigations needed the information. PHPD provided BCI with numerous video recordings that had been collected for their investigations. The intention was to streamline the acquisition of videos for later review. Where necessary, it will be noted throughout this report that the information was obtained from PHPD rather than the recordings originating agency or location.

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:

- Responded to and processed the crime scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, 3D scanning, measuring, documenting, and collecting)

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- Neighborhood canvass with no witnesses identified
- Video recorded interviews of the one officer who was involved in the use of force
- Video recorded interviews of six witness officers who were on scene during the incident
 - 1 officer was assigned as the negotiator
 - 3 officers deployed less lethal munitions
 - 2 officers were identified as witnesses
- Audio recorded interviews of the involved subject's ex-wife, sisters, friend, and former employer
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to the care of the involved subject and subjects who were occupants of the vehicles involved in the traffic crash
- Obtained and reviewed records of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subject, including criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Reviewed relevant dispatch/CAD reports generated by Parma Heights Police Department, Parma Police Department, Brooklyn Police Department, Rocky River Police Department, and the Southwest Enforcement Bureau
- Reviewed incident reports and investigative materials pertaining to the incident (excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement) from the following police departments:
 - Brooklyn Police Department
 - Parma Heights Police Department
 - Southwest Enforcement Bureau
- Review of all available body cameras and dash cameras involved in the incident from multiple agencies
- Review of drone footage captured during the incident
- Review of cellphone video footage
- Review of all available surveillance videos which captured any portion of the incident – ODOT traffic cam
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officer involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC)

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- certification status of the officer involved in the incident
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding Use of Force
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations, to include:
 - Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 - Firearm operability testing
 - DNA

Incident Summary/Overview

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at approximately 1018 hours, Todd Esterburg, who was the therapist of Patrick Kerr contacted the Rocky River Police Department (RRPD) stating that Kerr had recently left his therapy appointment very upset. Kerr then proceeded to send Esterburg photos of a firearm and statements that he wanted to kill himself. Esterburg mentioned that Kerr had previously made statements of suicide and "suicide by cop." According to Esterburg, Kerr was last seen leaving his appointment in a black, older model Ford F-150. Kerr was subsequently entered into NCIC with a caution to law enforcement (COP Alert).

A short time later, at approximately 1038 hours, a Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) officer located Kerr driving his vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Kerr did not comply with the lawful order, and a pursuit was initiated.

Kerr led PHPD in a pursuit that resulted in a crash at Tiedeman Road and the I-480 entrance/exit ramps. Kerr's vehicle struck a white Nissan Altima and a blue Ford Taurus.

The occupants of the Nissan Altima were identified as Ronald Liszka (Liszka) and Toni Jackson (Jackson). Liszka was critically injured during the crash and died as a result of his injuries. Jackson was injured during the crash and transported to the hospital by emergency medical personnel.

The occupants of the blue Ford Taurus were identified as John Welsh (Welsh) and Joseph Marek (Marek). Both Welsh and Marek were injured during the crash and transported to the hospital by emergency medical personnel.

After the crash occurred, Kerr was observed by officers sitting in the front seat of his vehicle with a pistol in his hand and the gun was pointed towards his head. Officers gave Kerr numerous commands to drop the firearm. Kerr would not comply and began conversing with officers, stating he wanted to die and that he was "sorry for making them do this."

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Additional officers responded from Parma Police Department (PPD) and Brooklyn Police Department (BPD). Eventually, the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT Team was requested to respond.

Members of the SEB SWAT Team arrived on scene and staged in the area of The Plain Dealer, located at 4800 Tiedeman Road in Brooklyn, Ohio. Two SEB armored vehicles were utilized by team members to provide containment of Kerr. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Special Response Team (SRT) also arrived on scene with an armored vehicle to assist.

Members of the SWAT team operated from behind and inside the armored vehicles. A line of communication was established with Kerr by SEB negotiators. A SEB marksman observer [REDACTED] positioned himself near the Brooklyn, Ohio sign on the east side of Tiedeman Road.

Over a period of approximately 4-hours, SWAT team members provided Kerr with numerous commands to drop his gun and surrender safely.

Kerr continuously made statements regarding suicide. He also ingested numerous pills and appeared to smoke an unknown substance through a glass pipe. Throughout that time, Kerr requested officers to get in touch with his ex-wife Shanna, who would not answer any of his phone calls. Kerr also called and texted numerous other individuals throughout the incident.

As negotiations continued, officers prepared less lethal munition options to attempt to gain compliance with Kerr. Officers prepared pepper ball rounds and impact sponge rounds.

Eventually, Kerr exited his vehicle with the firearm in his right hand and pointed at his head. Kerr began walking west towards the front of his vehicle and the entrance ramp to I-480 West. As he walked, Kerr was struck by impact rounds deployed by officers. Moments later, [REDACTED] fired his gun and struck Kerr one time in the back. Kerr then fired one round in the area towards the OSHP armored vehicle. Kerr proceeded to move towards the front of his vehicle where he was struck by another impact round. Kerr then dropped the firearm and fell to the ground. While on the ground, Kerr grabbed the firearm, racked the slide and pointed the gun at his head. Seconds later Kerr slumped back and became unresponsive on the ground.

Medical personnel, who were already staged at the scene, rendered aid to Kerr and transported him to the hospital. Kerr was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

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Crime Scene Processing

The BCI CSU responded to the scene to document, process, and preserve items of potential evidence. The process included the search for, documentation, and collection of potential evidence. Detailed photographs and crime scene reports were completed.

BCI CSU SA Laurna McClintock and SA Chad Doran processed the scene that included the black Ford F-150 that was driven by Kerr during the vehicle pursuit. The scene was also mapped using a Leica Scanner. Below is a summary of the significant findings during crime scene processing.

Scene - Tiedeman Road at I-480 West

The primary scene consisted of Tiedeman Road at the intersection of the I-480 west exit and entrance ramps. In the grass, to the southeast of the intersection, is a sign for the city of Brooklyn. Two armored police vehicles were parked on Tiedeman Road on the south side of the intersection, and a third was parked on the I-480 westbound exit ramp. A black Ford F-150 with damage to the engine compartment and front quarter panels was in the middle of the intersection facing west. A white Nissan Altima with damage on all sides of the vehicle was facing west in the southbound lanes of Tiedeman Road. A light blue Ford Taurus with damage to the driver's side from the headlight to the rear quarter panel was facing west in the southbound lanes of Tiedeman Road in the northwest corner of the intersection.



Figure 1: Overall Photograph

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Figure 2: Overall Photograph



Figure 3: Overall Photograph

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Figure 4: Overall Photograph

SA McClintock photographed the scene as it was found. The crime scene was searched for items of suspected evidence, and several items were located, photographed and collected (*Table 1: Items of Evidence*). On the southeast corner, near the city of Brooklyn sign, a sniper rifle was located on a tripod to the south of the sign. The sniper rifle was fired during the incident. The rifle was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #1**. One fired FC .308 WIN cartridge case was located to the east of the rifles tripod in the mulch. The fired cartridge case was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #2**.

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Figure 5: Evidence Items #1-2

The Ford F-150 had both driver's side doors open. On the seat was a cell phone in a black case. The cellphone was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #3**. A second phone was located on the ground between the OSHP armored vehicle and the F-150. The second phone was in a black pelican case. The phone was collected as **Evidence Item #9**. Evidence Item #9 appeared to be overheated. Evidence Item #9 was initially released to Cleveland Metroparks Police Department personnel, as it was believed to have been the property of CMPD. Evidence Item #9 was quickly returned to SA Doran when CMPD recognized it was not their phone. Evidence Item #3 was reported to have been given to Kerr during the negotiation process to speak with officers via an unrecorded voice call. Evidence Item #3 was turned over to Cleveland Metroparks Police department personnel after it was confirmed to be their property. On the ground near the F-150 Driver's side door was an unfired WIN 9mm Luger cartridge case. The cartridge case was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #4**. Two prescription medication bottles were located near the driver's side front tire. The medication bottles were both listed as [REDACTED] prescribed to Patrick Kerr. The medications bottles were photographed and collected as **Evidence Items #5-6**.

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Figure 6: Evidence Items #3-6

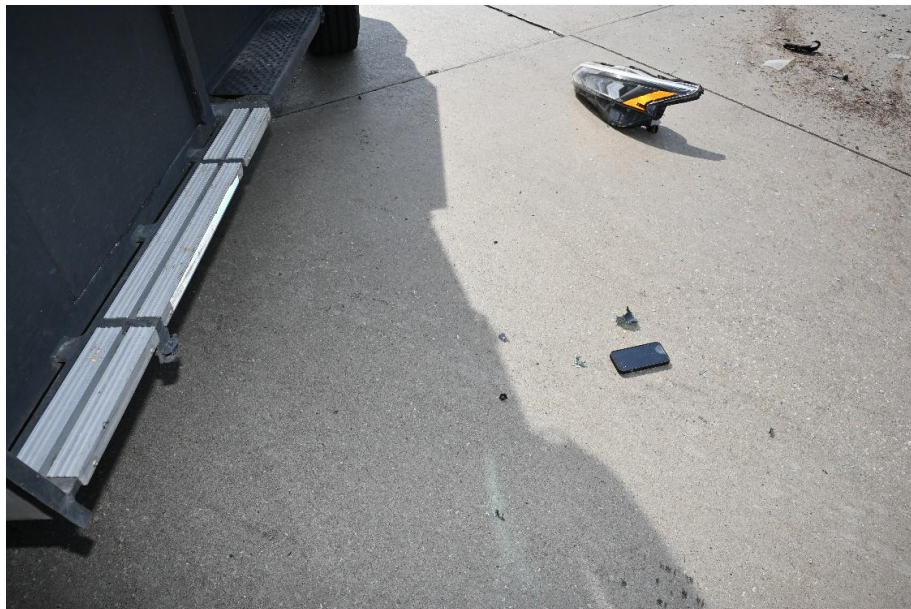


Figure 7: Evidence Item #9

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A wallet had been placed on the hood of the F-150. The wallet was photographed, along with the contents of the wallet. The wallet and contents were collected as **Evidence Item #7**. A Glock 45 9mm handgun was located on the hood of the F-150. The Glock had been cleared, made safe and placed on the hood prior to SA McClintock's arrival. The Glock was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #8**. It was reported that the Glock had a fired cartridge case stuck in the slide. The fired cartridge casing was located near the passenger side front tire. The fired cartridge case was photographed and collected as **Evidence Item #10**.

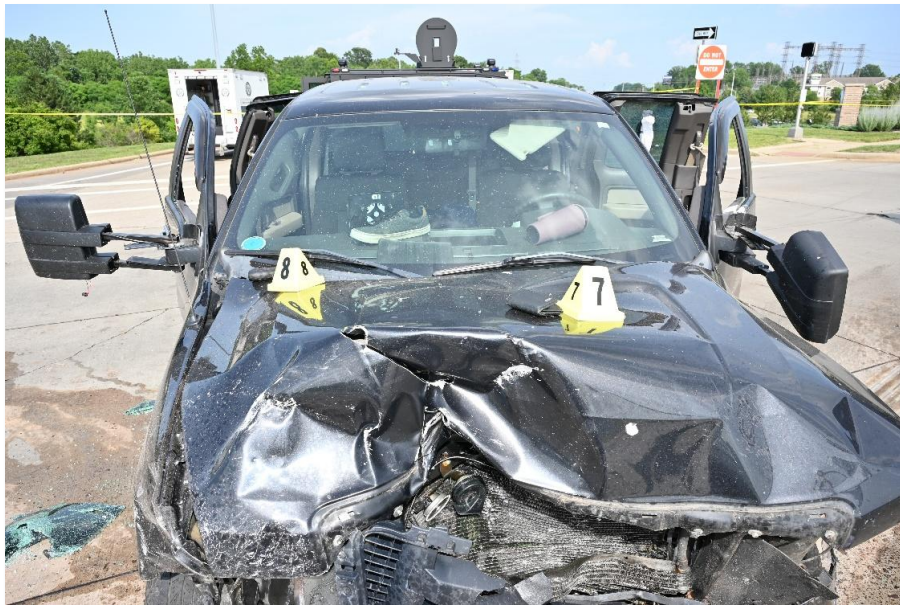


Figure 8: Evidence Items #7-8

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Figure 9: Evidence Item #10

Evidence #	Item Description	Location
1	Rifle -- Quantity: 1; Serial Number: ██████████ Accuracy International - Surgeon; 7.62x51 mm NATO; Brown Bolt-action .308 rifle with optic, shooting rest, and magazine with four FC .308 unfired rifle cartridges	Near Brooklyn Sign
2	Fired Cartridge Casing -- Fired FC .308 WIN cartridge casing	Near Brooklyn Sign
3	Cell phone (used for negotiations)	On front driver seat of F-150
4	Fired Cartridge Casing --Unfired WIN 9mm Luger cartridge	Near F-150
5	Pill Bottle -- Prescription pill bottle for Patrick H Kerr	Near F-150
6	Pill Bottle -- Prescription pill bottle for Patrick H Kerr	Near F-150
7	Wallet -- with ID for Patrick Hugh Kerr and misc. cards	On hood of F-150
8	Handgun (Pistol) -- Serial Number: BXCS766; Glock - 45; 9x19 mm; Glock Model 45 9mm Handgun S/N BXCS766 with loaded magazine	On hood of F-150
9	Cell phone	Near OSHP SRT

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		Armored vehicle
10	Fired Cartridge Casing -- Fired 9mm cartridge casing	Near F-150

Table 1: Items of Evidence

For additional information refer to the investigative report titled *2025-06-24: Initial Scene Processing*, the Leica Scan data, and crime scene photographs.

Vehicle Processing (Ford F-150)

On June 26, 2025, BCI Special Agent Laurna McClintock assisted SA Allison Fletcher and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Force Investigations Unit with the processing of a Ford F-150 located at Brooklyn Police Department (8000 Memphis Ave, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144) in regard to an Officer Involved Critical Incident. The vehicle was photographed as it was found, and evidence was collected. The vehicle was processed with the authority of a search warrant issued by the Parma Municipal Court.

MAKE	FORD
MODEL	F-150
YEAR	2010
COLOR	BLACK
VIN	1FTEX1E83AFC34783
LICENSE STATE/NUMBER	OHIO/KNM1437
OWNER	PATRICK KERR

Table 2: Vehicle Data

The vehicle was stored in a secure garage bay at the Brooklyn Police Department. The vehicle was photographed by SA McClintock as it was found.

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Figure 10: Overall Photographs



Figure 11: Overall Photographs

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Figure 12: Overall Photographs

The vehicle was examined for items of suspected evidence, and several items were located, photographed, and collected (*Table 2: Items of Evidence*).

Items of Evidence	Description	Location
1	Live Bullet 9 mm Blazer	Front Passenger Floorboard
2	Prescription Medication - [REDACTED]	In Black Bag on Front Driver Floorboard
3	Prescription Medication	In Black Bag on Front Driver Floorboard
4	Prescription Medication - [REDACTED]	In Black Bag on Front Driver Floorboard
5	HP Laptop	In Backpack on Rear Pass. Floorboard
6	Gun Case	Rear Driver Side Seat
7	White Towel	Rear Driver Side Floorboard
8	White Towel	Rear Driver Side Seat
9	Green Leafy Material in Plastic Baggie	Center Console

Table 3: Items of Evidence

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Figure 13: Evidence Item #1

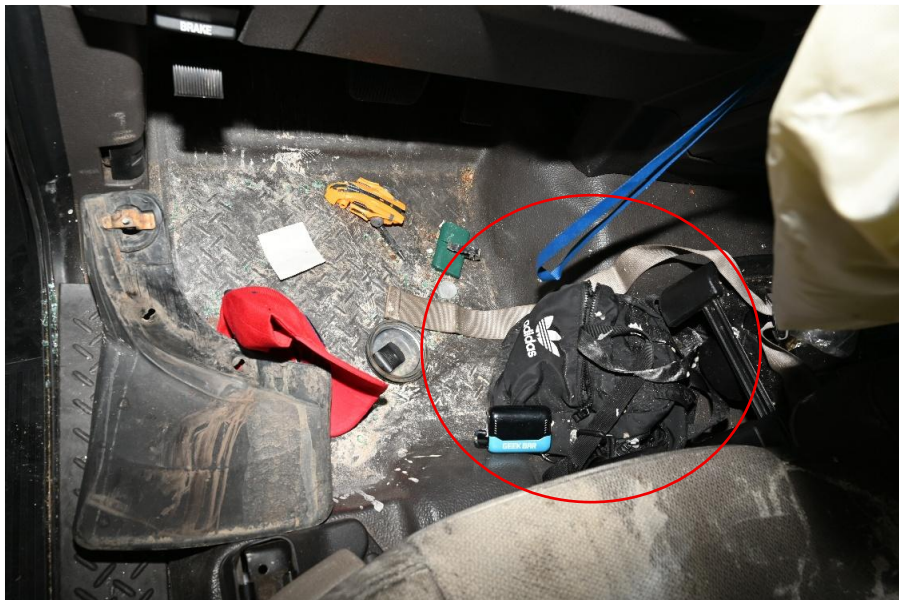


Figure 14: Location of Black Bag containing Evidence Items #2-4

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Figure 15: Evidence Items #2-4

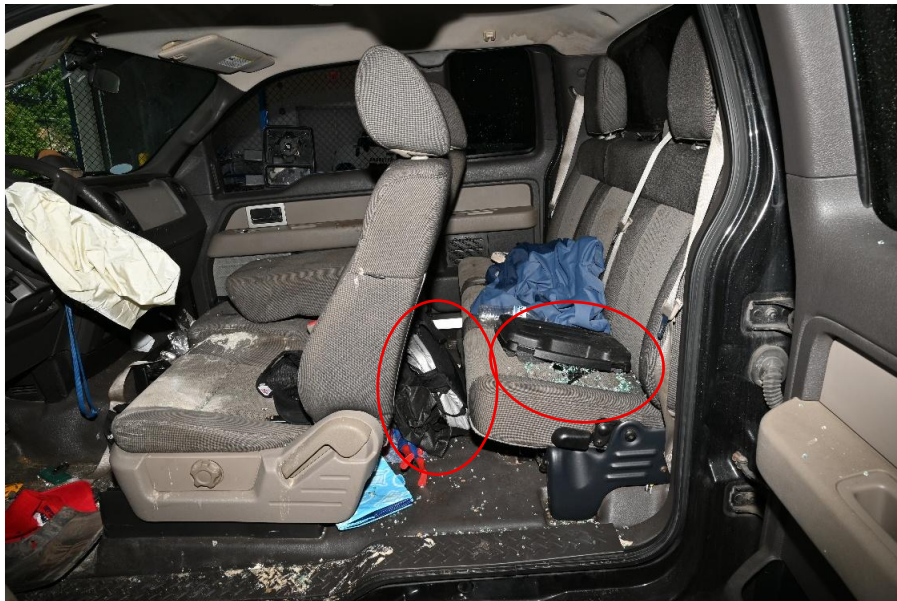


Figure 16: Location of Backpack containing Evidence Item #5 and location of Evidence Item #6

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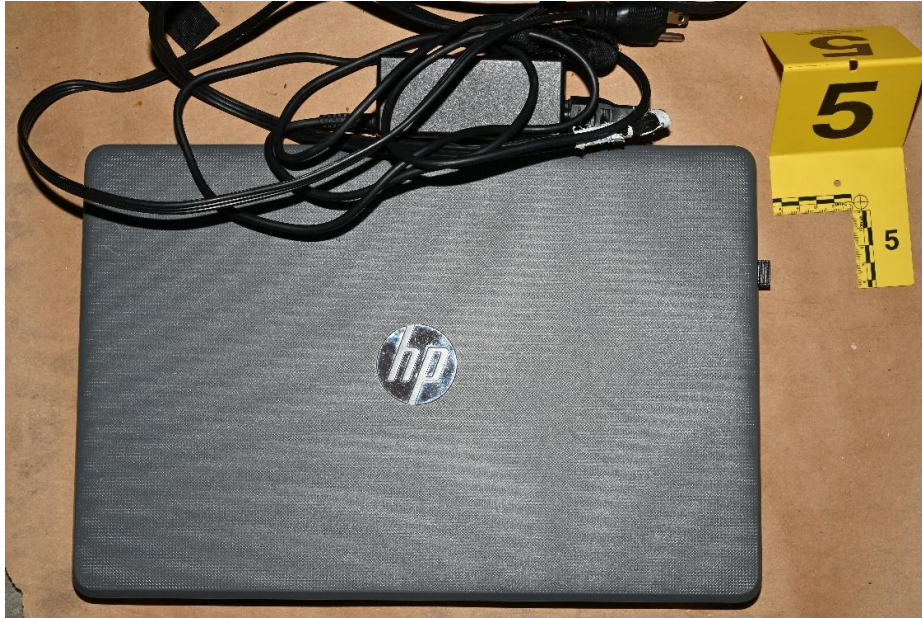


Figure 17: Evidence Item #5



Figure 18: Evidence Item #6

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Figure 19: Evidence Item #7

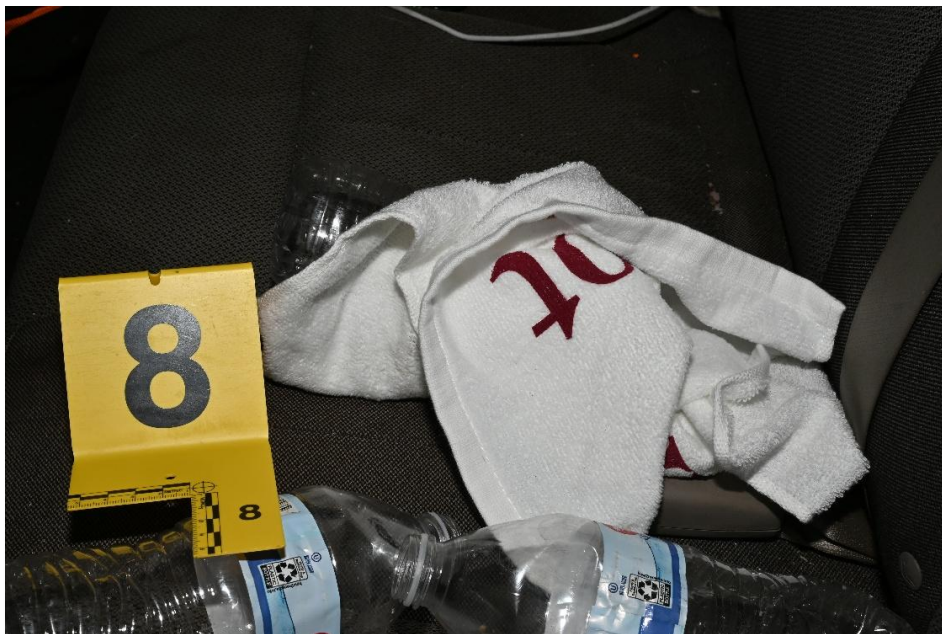


Figure 20: Evidence Item #8

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Figure 21: Evidence Item #9

For additional information refer to the investigative report titled *2025-06-26: Vehicle Processing (Ford F-150)*.

Vehicle Data Analysis

Vehicle data was received that related to the 2022 Nissan Altima (driven by Ronald Lyszka) and the Ford F-150 (driven by Kerr). The information was obtained after Cleveland Police Department Officer Hyrn conducted imaging of both vehicles using a crash data recovery tool that reads information stored in modules related to a crash.

A search warrant was obtained by the Brooklyn Police Department for the extraction and search of the Sensing Data Module (SDM) and the Event Data Recorder (EDR) for the Ford F-150 and Nissan Altima.

Nissan Altima

The vehicle driven by Lyszka experienced a high-energy, lateral-impact collision triggering comprehensive deployment of frontal and side restraint systems. The combination of elevated Delta-V, clipped acceleration values, and multiple airbag deployments is consistent with a crash capable of causing serious injury or fatality. The data further indicated that the vehicle was not braking and may have been engaged in evasive steering immediately prior to the crash. This report should be evaluated in conjunction with physical evidence, occupant injury reports, and scene documentation to support reconstruction and investigative findings.

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Ford F-150

In conclusion, the 2010 Ford F-150 experienced a deployment-level frontal collision involving substantial forward deceleration and activation of critical safety restraint systems. The data indicates the driver attempted to avoid the collision through braking and steering adjustments. The vehicle's systems responded as designed, and all safety data appears complete and valid. This report should be evaluated in conjunction with physical crash evidence and other investigative materials to support accident reconstruction efforts.

For additional information, refer to the investigative report titled *2025-07-23: Vehicle Data Analysis*.

Leica Scan Data Review

Using scan data and Leica TruView (software used to view the scan data), four (4) distance measurements were collected (*Table 1, Distance Measurements*) (*Figures 1-5, Distance Measurements*).

Points	Distance between points
██████████ position to dr side front door of the black Ford F-150	91'8"
Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the I-480 on ramp	45'7"
Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the rear of the white Nissan	24'1"
Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the rear of the blue Ford 4s	51'6"

Table 1, Distance Measurements

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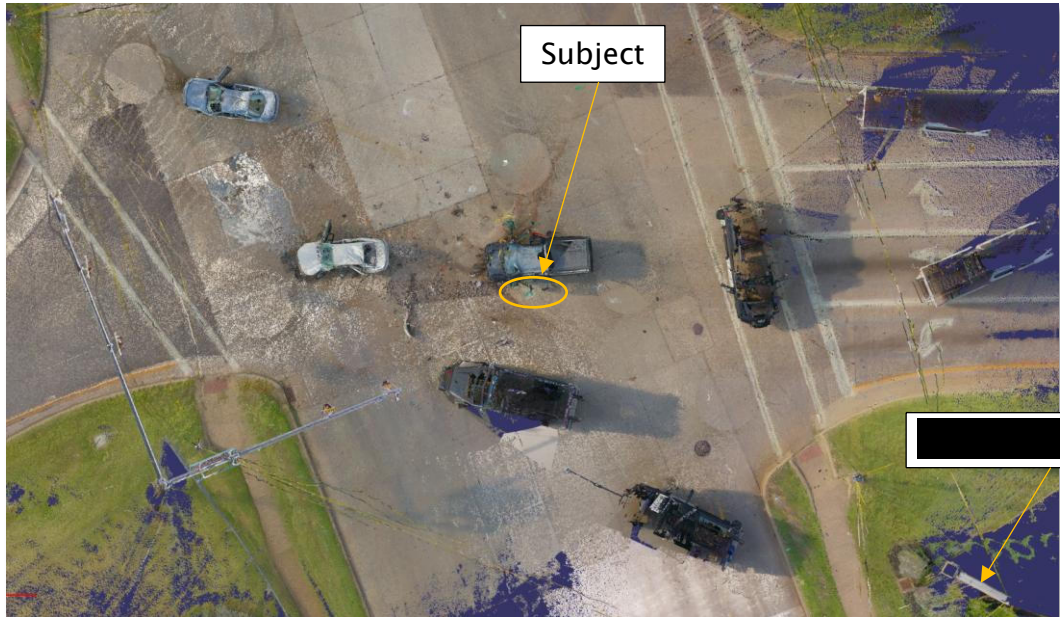


Figure 1, Overhead w/o measurements

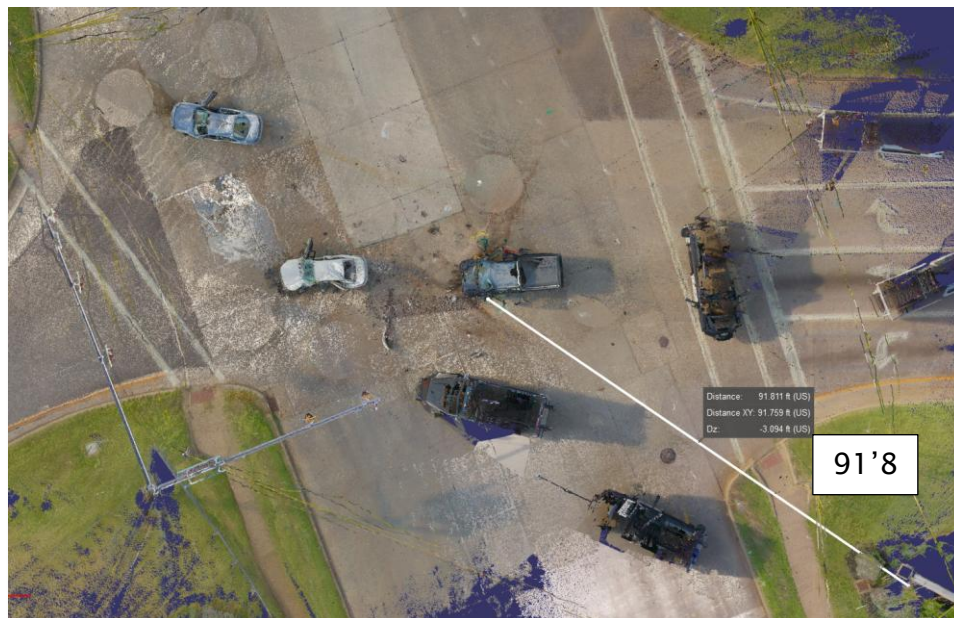


Figure 2, [Redacted] driver side of the black Ford F-150

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Figure 3, Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the I-480 on ramp



Figure 4, Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the rear of the white Nissan

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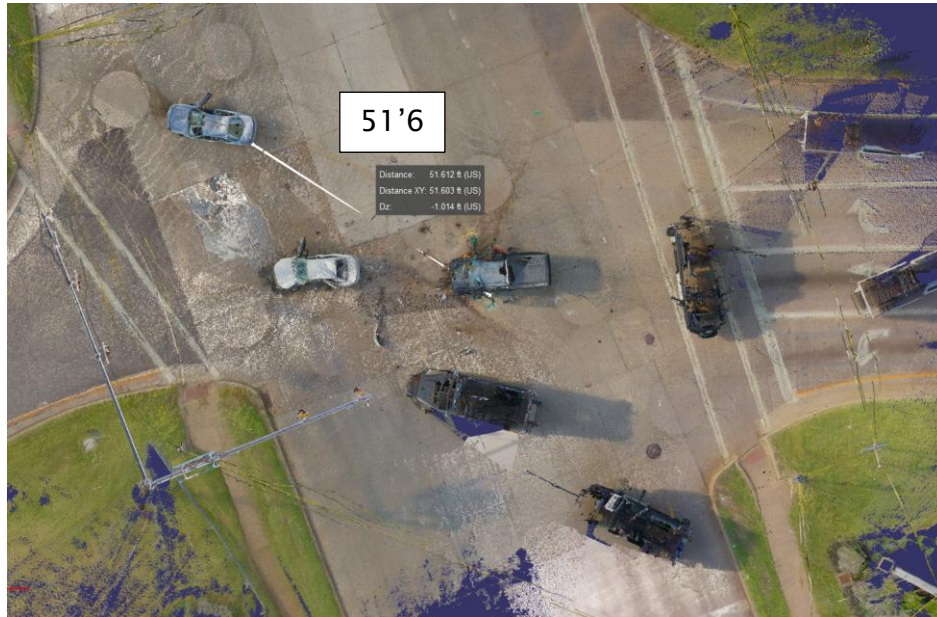


Figure 5, Dr side front door of the black Ford F-150 to the rear of the blue Ford 4s
For additional information refer to the Investigative Report titled *2025-07-17: Scan Data Review* and the Leica Scan data.

Response to Hospital

Agents responded to Metro Health Hospital where they attempted to locate the occupants of the vehicles involved in the traffic crash that preceded the officer-involved shooting incident.

Agents located the driver of the blue Ford Taurus who was identified as John Welsh (Welsh). Welsh was undergoing care at the time of the agents' arrival and indicated he would be requiring additional care in the ICU. Welsh provided agents with the name of the passenger in his vehicle, Joseph Merrick (Merrick). Merrick was also the grandson of Welsh. Welsh indicated that Merrick had special needs and would likely not be able to provide agents with an interview. The information provided by Welsh indicated he could not provide any information relevant to the officer-involved shooting.

Agents also learned the name of the passenger of the Nissan Altima, which was driven by Ronald Liszka (Liszka). Liszka was pronounced deceased on scene. The passenger was identified as Toni Jackson, who was a resident of Michigan. Agents attempted to contact Jackson. However, they were unsuccessful in their attempts.

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It was later learned that Jackson spoke with a detective from Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) and indicated he was not on scene at the time of the officer-involved shooting incident.

For additional information refer to the Investigative Report titled *2025-06-24: Response to Hospital and Follow-up*.

Initial Contact with Involved Officer

Agents met with [REDACTED], who was located at the Incident Command Post at the intersection of Tiedeman Road and Southwood Drive in Brooklyn, Ohio.

[REDACTED] indicated that his rifle and helmet used during the incident were located the scene near the Brooklyn, Ohio sign. [REDACTED] firearm was photographed and collected by CSU SA McClintock. One (1) fired cartridge casing was located near [REDACTED] rifle. The fired cartridge casing was also collected (CSU Item #2). The magazine was also collected and contained four (4) unfired FC .308 cartridges (CSU Item #1).

Photographs of [REDACTED] were taken in the uniform he was wearing at the time of the incident.

For additional information, refer to the Investigative Report titled *2025-06-26: Initial Contact with Involved Officer*.

Neighborhood Canvass

While the crime scene was being processed, agents conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of the shooting incident. The purpose of the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved shooting. It was also conducted to identify any potential sources of video surveillance.

Due to the location of the shooting incident, none of the residential homes in the area were in close enough proximity to produce any potential witnesses to the shooting incident.

Agents did identify one source of video surveillance. The camera angle was positioned on a light pole at the intersection of the shooting incident. The video recording was operated and owned by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Video footage was requested and later received.

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A review of the ODOT video footage has been included in the Video Review section of this report.

Law Enforcement Witnesses

During the course of the investigation, six law enforcement officers were identified as being a witness or having some level of involvement during the shooting incident. Some of the officers did not observe Kerr at the moment he was shot, but were able to provide contextual information for the duration of the approximately 4-hour standoff between officers and Kerr. Three of the officers deployed less-lethal munitions.

Officer Thomas Desmarteau – Parma Police Department

Officer Desmarteau did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. He has been employed by the Parma Police Department (PPD) for approximately twenty-five years. Officer Desmarteau believed he was well represented as a police officer during the incident.

On the morning of the incident, Officer Desmarteau was completing numerous tasks related to his duties as range master and Assistant SWAT Commander. During that time, he heard radio traffic about a traffic crash that occurred after the vehicle pursuit that had taken place between the Parma Heights Police Department and the involved subject, Patrick Kerr (Kerr). Officer Desmarteau recalled hearing additional traffic that Kerr had a gun to his head. It should be noted that Officer Desmarteau was unaware of Kerr's identity during the duration of the interview and did not refer to him by name.

After a period of time, Officer Desmarteau was requested to respond to the incident location to assist with command staffing.

At approximately 1402 hours, Officer Desmarteau arrived on scene and parked his unmarked police vehicle on the bridge just south of the incident location. He observed three armored SWAT vehicles and three tactical teams positioned within and behind the vehicles. Officer Desmarteau described all officers as being behind or within "hard cover."

When Officer Desmarteau arrived, the weather conditions were very hot, daylight, and overcast.

Officer Desmarteau took a position on the left side of a "Brooklyn, Ohio" sign that was located on the east side of Tiedeman Road near the I-480 West exit ramp to Tiedeman Road. Also positioned there was SEB SWAT marksman observer, [REDACTED]. Officer Desmarteau stood behind [REDACTED].

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From his position behind the Brooklyn, Ohio sign, Officer Desmarteau could hear officers on scene providing several dozen commands to Kerr. When asked what some of the commands included, Officer Desmarteau stated, "Don't do it. Put the gun down. Uh, we want to help you. Um, gosh, they ran the whole gamut of, um, we're here to help. Uh, um, you need water, we'll get you water. Um, and at one point we did" [5:45].

Officer Desmarteau described Kerr as being very irate. Kerr's behavior was apparent to Officer Desmarteau, based upon the yelling and the tone and inflection of his voice. Officer Desmarteau heard Kerr make numerous statements, such as "He was sorry, um, sorry that you have to do this, and that's when we kept tell him, we don't want to do this. It's not worth it. Um, I'm sorry to make you do this. I heard him say, sorry, you have to do this. Um, he did say sorry, he was, he, he was sorry several times. And, uh, in, in some combination of form of that, we were gonna have to do something" [05:46].

Eventually, Officer Desmarteau heard the SWAT Commander give authorization to utilize less lethal munitions, which he believed to be chemical munitions. At that time, Officer Desmarteau moved further back behind the sign and began "peeking" out from the right side of the sign.

At this time, Officer Desmarteau began taking photos and video recordings of the incident. For additional information, refer to the Investigative Report titled *2025-07-08: Cellphone Video Review - Officer Desmarteau*.

Officer Desmarteau observed Kerr exiting his vehicle with a gun pointed at his (Kerr's) head.

Officer Desmarteau then heard multiple rounds of less-lethal munitions being fired and ducked behind cover. He did not observe Kerr being struck. Moments later, Officer Desmarteau looked out from behind the sign and observed Kerr "sitting" in front of his truck. Officer Desmarteau could only see Kerr's legs and believed he was likely in a seated position.

Officer Desmarteau then heard radio traffic from officer stating they needed to check the "status" of Kerr. Officers then approached Kerr's location and began rendering aid. EMS was requested and Kerr was transported.

Officer Desmarteau was unaware that Kerr had been shot by an officer until he moved to the left side of the Brooklyn, Ohio sign and observed a spent cartridge casing lying on the ground near [REDACTED]. Officer Desmarteau did not hear any gunfire during the incident, he only recalled the distinct sound of less lethal munitions being fired.

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For additional information refer to the audio recorded interview, the photographs and video provided by Officer Desmarteau, and the investigative report titled *2025-06-24: Witness Officer Interview – Officer Desmarteau Parma PD.*

Officer Tim Rhoden – Cleveland Metroparks Police Department

Officer Rhoden did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. Officer Rhoden was identified as the negotiator for the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team during the standoff with police.

Officer Rhoden prepared a written statement for his interview. Officer Rhoden read his statement out loud during the interview. Follow-up questions were then asked at the conclusion of his written statement. Below is a summary of Officer Rhoden's written statement, direct quotes of portions of the written statement, and a summary of the follow-up questions. For additional information, refer to the audio/video recordings and the written statement.

Officer Rhoden has been employed by the CMPD for about 18 years and has been employed with CMPD for the entirety of his law enforcement career. During the incident, Officer wore his standard police uniform with a police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove CMPD Unit 261, an SUV, marked with CMPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated that 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. He does wear corrective lenses.

Officer Rhoden was identified as a negotiator during the shooting incident. After receiving an alert via the Active Alert app on his phone at 1128 hours, Officer Rhoden responded to the incident location arriving approximately seven minutes later. The alert received by Officer Rhoden indicated there was a suicidal male in a vehicle with a gun to his head. The incident began after a traffic crash occurred in the same location.

The following is an excerpt from Officer Rhoden's written statement describing what he participated in and observed during the incident:

"The situation was fluid and required tactical teams, command staff, and negotiators to react to the scenario as it unfolded. As I recall, there was not a specific plan in place (that I was told) for managing the incident. The incident was very fluid, and tactics changed as the subject's demeanor changed, as the needs of the scene changed (i.e. removal of the injured/deceased driver that had been struck by Mr. Kerr's vehicle), and as additional equipment and personnel came on scene. My support members were in contact with scene command and relayed information to me as necessary. My tactics and engagement with Mr.

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Kerr were based upon my training and experience as a law enforcement officer and Crisis Negotiator.

Initially when I arrived on the scene, I gathered information from the sisters of the subject. Mr. Kerr was engaged in communication with the responding patrol officer, Parma Heights Police Department Officer Molnar. Mr. Kerr was holding the gun to his head and appeared agitated. When the OSP armored vehicle (bearcat) arrived, the Negotiator Team of Lt. Cindy Eschweiler (Brooklyn Police Department), Lt. Stephen Howard (Cleveland Metroparks Police Department), and myself transitioned into the bearcat and began communicating from there. Brooklyn Lt. Cindy Eschweiler attempted communication when we transitioned to the OSP bearcat.

The OSP bearcat was stationed approximately 10-15 feet away from Mr. Kerr. I had direct line of sight with the Mr. Kerr and he could see me through the window of the bearcat. Though the bearcat windows were tinted, due to the open roof hatch, the sunlight shining on me allowed Mr. Kerr to see the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department patch on my ballcap. He commented on the patch to clarify which department I worked for.

I became the primary negotiator at this time after providing my Cleveland Metroparks Police Department issued cell phone to Mr. Kerr (The specific time of this action should be in the after-action report drafted by Lt. Cindy Eschweiler, Brooklyn Police Department). I made contact with Mr. Kerr via a separate cell phone, which was issued to Lt. Cindy Eschweiler by Brooklyn Police Department, and then I remained Mr. Kerr's point of contact for the remainder of the incident.

Mr. Kerr had lost the use of his personal cellphone because it was on the ground outside of his vehicle. I am unaware of the circumstances that caused his phone to end up away from his physical control. Initial communication by the responding patrol officer (I am unfamiliar with which officer this was) attempted direct person-to-person contact with the subject with both parties attempting to shout over the environmental noise.

Due to the noise from the highway, the influx of patrol vehicles arriving on scene with lights and sirens, the engine noise from the bearcat, etc. communication was difficult. Mr. Kerr struggled to understand the patrol officer's instructions and the patrol officer had difficulty understanding Mr. Kerr. Communication over the LRAD (Long Range Acoustical Device) system was utilized but proved ineffective because we could not hear what the subject was saying back to us. I provided my assigned department cell phone as an

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alternative to establish direct communication with the subject. This was not a recorded conversation. A recorded line was not used because it was not available to us in the OSP bearcat.

Mr. Kerr initially was uncooperative and not willing to discuss the circumstances any further other than stating that he wanted to die that day. He did not appear to be in any physical distress. His initial communication was aggressive and direct. As I made connections with Mr. Kerr through a variety of subjects, he began to be more responsive and communicative with me. The topics he was willing to discuss with me were as follows:

- His children and the impact this event would have on their future lives
- The perceived failures of the people he reached out to for help (family, friends, pastor, & local police department)
- The recent dismissal by his therapist and the ending of their services
- His ex-wife and their issues as a couple
- His ex-wife and her manipulation of his children, his employment, and the terms of their separation/divorce
- His previous stints in drug rehab and the failures post-rehab
- His love/hate of police
- Our roles as fathers
- Dealing with mental illness

We talked about each of these subjects, and more, over the course of the negotiations- approximately 3 hours. Mr. Kerr would "ride" a roller coaster of emotions throughout the negotiations. Some of the topics (i.e. His ex-wife and his children) were more sensitive topics and could either ramp up his emotions or cause him to become somewhat reflective and share positive aspects of those relationships.

My personal methods of interacting with Mr. Kerr included connecting with him on a personal level, using subjects or topics that were similar in both of our lives. I also kept my voice non-confrontational and calm throughout negotiations. I suggested and offered many opportunities to end the situation peacefully and allow the officers to take him into custody without harm coming to him. Whenever his emotions ran high, I would revisit a topic that brought out calm positive behaviors in Mr. Kerr. I made every effort to address his personal crisis and not focus on the tactical operations that were occurring around him.

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These are some of the specific techniques that I used to connect with Mr. Kerr: positive reinforcement, addressing the crisis that triggered his actions, reminding him of the positives of remaining alive, discussing the potential psychological toll this would have on his children and family, provided him with bottled water, provided him with a means to communicate with negotiators, and discussed an exit plan that would end with him safe.

From my perspective, the tactical teams that I could observe were remaining calm and still throughout the negotiations. Officers that attempted to communicate with the subject were calm, polite, and expressed a desire to help the subject.

At no point in the negotiations did Mr. Kerr waver from his intent to kill himself or force the officers on scene to kill him. He appeared to be stalling for time throughout our communication. The subject was adamant that he was going to die there that day. Based on my training and experience, and based upon Mr. Kerr's statements, I believe that he intended to end his own life either with the pistol he possessed or by forcing the tactical operators to shoot him.

These are some of the statements that I recall Mr. Kerr making:

- "I didn't want this to happen in the middle of the intersection. I'm going to die on the pavement, and I'd rather be in nature. I was headed to the Metroparks to end this."
- "I'm sorry that my friend didn't know what I was going to use his gun for."
- "The Brimfield Police screwed up when they visited my house. They didn't try to make contact with me."
- "My priest didn't care that I was going to kill myself."
- "My therapist fired me."
- "I know that I have family that loves me."
- "I know that this is going to mess up my kids."
- "I'm sorry for forcing the officers here to do this."

Depending on the topic being discussed, Mr. Kerr displayed a variety of emotions- anger, agitation, guilt, resignation, sadness, calm, paranoia, etc. Throughout the entire duration of the incident, Mr. Kerr maintained control of his weapon. The gun was primarily held to his temple throughout the incident. There were brief moments when he would remove the gun from his temple and place it down on his leg or on the seat of the truck. He would do that in order to receive water from the tactical officers on scene and whenever he was adjusting his position to make it more difficult for the operators to deploy their weapons or pepper ball. He was very lucid and articulate throughout the

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majority of the negotiations. He did not appear to be under the influence of any drugs or alcohol, even though he stated that he had attempted to consume a bottle of prescription pills. (After his initial vehicle accident, he vomited on the pavement).

At one point he began to use what appeared to be a glass pipe (commonly used for marijuana) and smoke some unknown substance. After this action, I observed some paranoid behaviors, and his emotions were easily ramped up.

The incident concluded not much longer after his smoking of the pipe. Mr. Kerr disconnected the call and set the phone down. He stepped out of the vehicle with the pistol in his hand and walked towards officers that were positioned in front of his vehicle. When he discontinued communication via cellphone, I continued to talk to him over the LRAD system. Negotiations continued until the moment he was shot.

Due to possible auditory exclusion at that moment, I did not hear a shot fired from his pistol. I saw the moment the bullet made impact with the subject, but I do not recall hearing the shot. But I learned during our team debrief on 6/26/25 that the OSP bearcat vehicle had been struck by a pistol round and there was a spent shell casing jammed in Mr. Kerr's pistol. I did not see Mr. Kerr point the pistol at the bearcat; however, when he was struck by the tactical team's pepper ball, he jerked his arm down. I then observed him attempting to rack his weapon again, possibly for an additional follow up shot.

I have not had a direct negotiation that was like this prior to that day. I have had crisis interventions with suicidal people during the course of my duties with the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department. Those incidents ended with the subjects transported for medical or psychological evaluation. Through the SEB Crisis Negotiation Team, I have been in a support role on the previous incidents."

The following is a brief summary of the follow-up questions after the conclusion of Officer Rhoden's written statement.

When Officer Rhoden arrived on scene, he spoke with the subject's sisters. The sisters provided Officer Rhoden with the subject's cellphone number and background information on what the subject had recently been experiencing. The sisters stated that the subject had previously made suicidal statements.

Moments prior to the subject being shot, he exited his vehicle and began walking towards the highway with a firearm to his head. Officer Rhoden believed it was the subject's intention to force officers to shoot him.

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Officer Rhoden feared for the safety of officers on scene who were not inside an armored vehicle like himself. In particular, Officer Rhoden described how officers attempted to get the subject water and how this put them in a vulnerable position.

For additional information refer to the video and audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-08-08: Witness Officer Interview - Tim Rhoden*.

Officer Eric Brown – Parma Heights Police Department

Officer Brown deployed one round of less-lethal ammunition (40mm impact round) during the course of the shooting incident. Officer Brown has been employed by the Parma Heights Police Department for approximately four years and has been a police officer for a total of seven years. He believed he was well represented as an officer during the incident.

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

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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 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.

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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, 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.

For additional information, refer to the video and audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-08-15: Witness Officer Interview – Eric Brown*.

Officer Jeffery Lee – Brunswick Police Department

Officer Lee did not discharge a firearm during the shooting incident. He utilized and deployed a pepper ball gun during the incident. Officer Lee has been employed by the Brunswick Police Department for thirteen years.

Officer Lee stated that he was notified of the incident via an Active 911 (an app used by the SWAT team to notify members of a call-out) page. Officer Lee stated that he responded to the BPD from his residence. Officer Lee reported that he grabbed his SWAT kit (comprising of a tactical helmet, a marked tactical SWAT vest, a navy-blue t-shirt, and a pair of navy-blue tactical pants) and responded to the staging area (4800 Tiedeman Rd. Brooklyn, Ohio 44144, The Plain Dealer) with two other SWAT officers.

Officer Lee reported that once they arrived at the staging area, Officer Lee realized that the rear gate latch on the unmarked BPD response vehicle (a black Ford pick-up truck) had failed and that some of his SWAT gear had fallen out of the truck. Officer Lee reported that he and another SWAT officer retraced their steps, located their gear, and returned to the staging area.

Officer Lee then responded to the rear of the SEB SWAT Bearcat closest to him. Once at the rear of the SWAT Bearcat, Officer Lee was directed to rotate in and out with officers located at the passenger side rear rifle port. At this time, Officer Lee was carrying his rifle. During one of his rotations at the rifle port, Officer Lee stated that he observed the subject holding a firearm to his head. Officer Lee stated that the subject was holding the firearm in his right hand.

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Eventually, Officer Lee was directed to put down his rifle and pick up a pepper ball gun. Officer Lee reported that the initial plan was to deploy pepper balls into the subject's truck, but only if the subject left the truck without the firearm. Officer Lee reported that the thought process was to deploy the pepper balls into the truck to deter the subject from going back inside the truck. Officer Lee stated that throughout the incident, the subject continued to put the firearm to his head. Officer Lee stated that he heard the subject state, "I'm sorry for making you guys do this." (16:36 mark). When asked what he thought that meant, Officer Lee stated that he believed that the subject was going to do something to make officers shoot him (25:40 mark).

Officer Lee then heard "popping sounds" and then watched as the subject fell to the ground near the front of the truck (16:51 mark). Officer Lee could not see the subject until he observed the subject flailing on the ground near the passenger-side front tire. The subject continued to hold a firearm in his right hand. At that moment, Officer Lee deployed two (2) to three (3) pepper ball rounds at the subject.

Officer Lee stated that he did not know that the subject had been shot until the subject fell over, and the firearm fell from his hand. Officer Lee held his position for a moment and then moved up to clear the subject's truck. After officers cleared the truck and secured the subject's firearm, first aid was rendered to the subject.

Officer Lee told agents that he feared for his safety and for the safety of others on scene. He added that he considered the situation to be dangerous. Officer Lee said that he felt "a little on edge because at this point, just based on everything that I had witnessed, I had come to the conclusion myself that, uh, he was not going to surrender peacefully. You know, I just didn't know, you know, was he going to take his own life? Was he going to do, you know, something to make us do it for him? You know? And then when he literally said, 'I'm sorry for making you guys do this,' uh, you know, I was kind of like, okay, here we go." (25:04 mark).

Officer Lee was shown a screen shot of drone footage from the incident and was asked to indicate where both he and the subject were at when he fired the pepper balls (*Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Diagram.jpg*).

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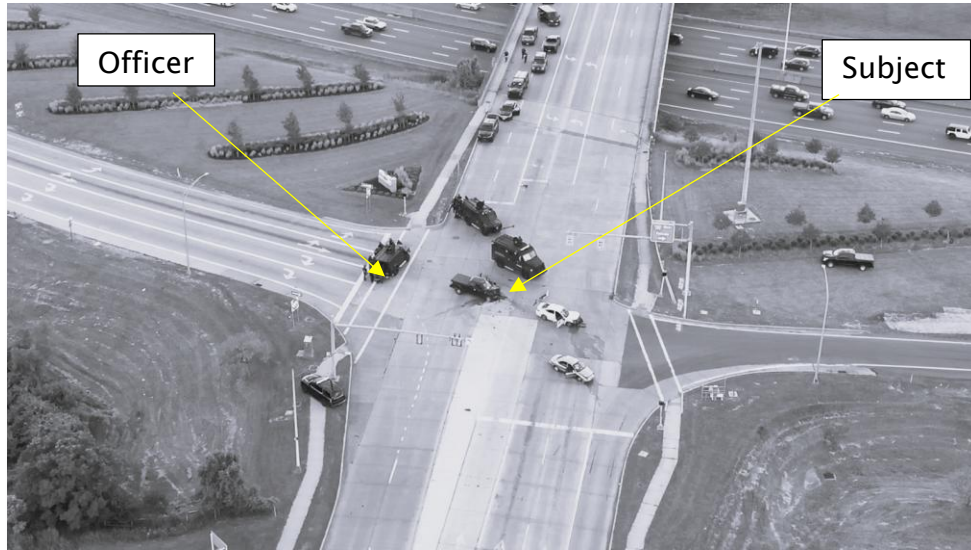


Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Digram.jpg

For additional information, refer to the audio and video recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-07-03: Officer Interview - Ofc. Jeffery Lee*.

Officer Kyle Chintella – Brook Park Police Department

Officer Chintella did not discharge a firearm during the course of the shooting incident. He did utilize and deploy a 40mm “sponge round” during the incident.

Officer Chintella has been employed by the Brook Park Police Department for approximately six and a half years, and he has been a police officer for a total of nine years. He believed he was well represented as a law enforcement officer during the incident.

Officer Chintella was notified of the incident via Active 911 (an app used by the SWAT team to notify members of a call-out) page. Officer Chintella responded to the staging area (4800 Tiedeman Rd. Brooklyn, Ohio 44144, The Plain Dealer) in his personal vehicle. During the incident, he was assigned to the front of a Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) armored vehicle (Bearcat). The armored vehicle was marked with SEB SWAT emblems and emergency lights. Officer Chintella was not wearing a body-worn camera (BWC), and he did not have any other recording devices on his person. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated that he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgement during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

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Officer Chintella reported that when he arrived at the staging area, the SEB SWAT team was still in the process of getting their equipment (armored vehicles) to the scene. Once the first armored vehicle arrived on scene, Officer Chintella said that they moved to the west side of the intersection and replaced the patrol officers in that area. Once in position, he stated that they began to form a perimeter. As additional armored vehicles arrived on scene, Officer Chintella remained in position while negotiators attempted to speak with the subject. Officer Chintella indicated that, based upon radio traffic, negotiators were not making progress with the subject.

Due to the location consisting of residential, business, and other commercial properties, the overall concern was containment of the subject. Officer Chintella reported that vehicle traffic and vehicles driving through the perimeter created additional concerns if containment was broken. He stated, "So yeah, the concern was if he were to escape from where we are, we had no idea what he is gonna do. And then if we were to try to engage him and he had the firearm and they started shooting or something would've happened, there's just so many people around, you know, the concern is that all these other people, a stray bullet or something hit somebody" (13:55 mark).

Towards the end of the incident Officer Chintella stated that "he was pointing at specific officers and yelling, are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready? And then he's like, apologized, said, "I'm sorry for what I'm about to make you do" (15:58 mark). At this point, radio traffic indicated negotiations had ended. Chintella continued, "And I saw him stepping out. He had the gun in his hand, and he was waving like a white rag in the air, and he put that rag down. He stepped outta the truck a little bit further, and that's when I took aim at his leg. And then he turned and started running back towards the front of the truck right here (pointing to the subject's truck on the diagram" (18:04 mark). Officer Chintella said that he fired a 40mm sponge round at the subject and believed that he hit the subject in the leg. He heard another 40mm less lethal round being fired, but that he did not hear gunfire. Officer Chintella reported having auditory exclusion¹.

Officer Chintella said that after the subject went down, SWAT medics rendered aid until Fire and EMS arrived on scene.

Officer Chintella said that at the moment when he fired the 40mm sponge round he feared for the safety of others. He stated, "he was running, in my mind, he's trying to escape or get behind his truck to then fight with us. I didn't know what his intentions

¹ Auditory exclusion is a form of temporary loss of hearing occurring under high stress. As such it is related to tunnel vision and "the slowing of time in the mind".

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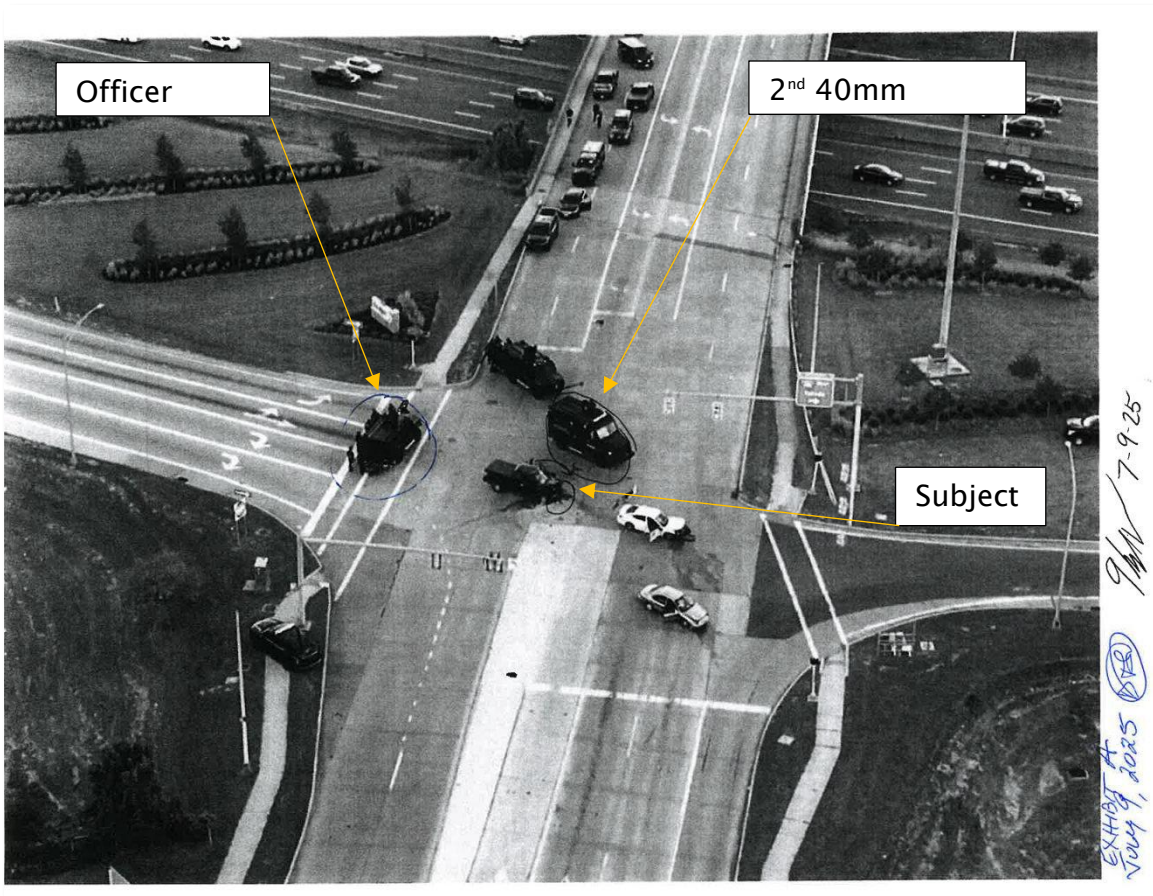
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were, but given everything that happened during the incident, there was nothing. I couldn't imagine anything good that he was going to do" (18:59 mark).

Officer Chintella was shown a photograph of drone footage from the incident and was asked to indicate where both he and the subject were at when he fired the 40mm sponge round (*Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Diagram.jpg*).



(*Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Diagram.jpg*)

For additional information refer to the video and audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-07-09 Officer Interview - Ofc. Kyle Chintella*.

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Trooper Austin Skipper – Ohio State Highway Patrol

Trooper Skipper did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. He has been employed with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and he considered himself to be well represented as a law enforcement officer during the incident.

Trooper Skipper was the operator of the OSHP armored vehicle during the incident. Also occupying the armored vehicle were three negotiators and a SEB SWAT lieutenant.

According to Trooper Skipper, negotiations with the subject were “sporadic” as he would take long breaks between engagements. Several times, the subject would “cross himself”, place the gun to his head like he was going to shoot himself and then start talking with negotiators again. The subject was seen multiple times by Trooper Skipper grinding his teeth and placing a towel over the bottom part of his face. The reason for this behavior was unknown to Trooper Skipper.

Trooper Skipper observed the subject with a black semi-automatic handgun which he was holding a good portion of the time to his head with his right hand. Conversations between the negotiators and the subject were difficult for Trooper Skipper to hear as the OSHP Bearcat was still running to keep those inside cool and for mobility should the subject become mobile.

Trooper Skipper stated that the subject exited his truck and moved to the front of it. At that time, Trooper Skipper heard a “pop” and saw a less lethal munition bounce near the OSHP Bearcat. He witnessed the subject fall to the ground and began to bleed heavily from his chest. Trooper Skipper was not aware that the sniper who was positioned to the rear of the OSHP Bearcat had fired on the subject.

Involved Law Enforcement Officer

BCI conducted a video-recorded interview with the involved officer and reviewed his personnel file and training records. Included in this section are abbreviated versions of the involved officer’s account of his actions pertaining to this incident and the discharging of his weapon.

██████████ – Strongsville Police Department

██████████ has been employed as an officer with the Strongsville Police Department (SPD) for ██████████. On June 24, 2025, he was wearing his external vest, helmet and duty belt issued by SPD and utilized during his operations with the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team. He considered himself to be well represented as a police officer.

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Interview

██████████ was at training on the day of the shooting incident. He has been assigned as a fulltime ██████████ for the Strongsville Police Department (SPD) and the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT team. ██████████ participates in weekly training for his assigned position.

While at training, ██████████ received a page via the 911 app utilized by the SEB SWAT team for callouts and deployments. The page he received included information about a suicidal male in Brooklyn, Ohio and notified the user of the best route to the location.

While en route to the incident, ██████████ contacted his Assistant Commander from the SWAT team to speak about "potential vantage points" where ██████████ could position himself. ██████████ was familiar with the area where the incident was located and was formulating a plan for his arrival.

██████████ arrived on the scene at approximately 1150 hours. When he arrived, he parked his vehicle on the bridge that was south of the incident location. After parking his vehicle, ██████████ observed a crash scene surrounded by a SWAT armored vehicle parked on the east side of the roadway near the I-480 exit ramp to Tiedeman Road and numerous marked patrol vehicles surrounding a black pickup truck.

After taking a position behind the Bearcat, ██████████ learned that the involved subject was inside the black pickup truck located in the center of the intersection. ██████████ then positioned himself on top of the Bearcat in order to get a better position to observe the subject. From his position, he could see the subject sitting in the front seat of the vehicle moving around. He also observed a firearm in the subject's hand.

The weather at the time of the incident was sunny with high temperatures. Due to this, ██████████ had to move from his position on top of the Bearcat, due to the heat causing the vehicle to become extremely hot. ██████████ then positioned himself behind the wheel well of the Bearcat.

A drone was deployed and the officers on scene learned that a victim was still trapped in the driver's seat of the white Nissan that was involved in the vehicle crash. Command staff then ordered the Bearcat to move and position itself between the subject's vehicle and the Nissan. The tactical positioning would allow officers and EMS personnel to safely remove the driver of the white Nissan.

██████████ then moved his position again and found cover behind a marked police cruiser that was parked on the bridge near the incident location. From his position on

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the ground behind the police cruiser, [REDACTED] had a clear view of the passenger side of the pickup truck.

Additional Bearcats arrived on scene (three in total) and replaced the positions of the marked patrol vehicles. [REDACTED] had to move his position again, due to his point of view now being obstructed. [REDACTED] described the positioning of the armored vehicles as forming an "L" (tactical L). The purpose of the positioning was to reduce any chances of crossfire from officers on scene while still providing containment of the subject.

[REDACTED] took his final position behind the Brooklyn, Ohio welcome sign where he positioned his rifle on a tripod on the south side of the sign.

Through the optic lens on his firearm, [REDACTED] was able to observe the subject moving in and out of his vehicle for approximately four hours. [REDACTED] described the subject's movements, stating the subject was "moving from inside the car, from the driver's seat to the passenger seat. At one point he picked up a bunch of mirrors that were inside the car and started setting them up so he could watch where the team was, and he slumped back into the seat" [37:14]. The subject appeared to be a white male with a beard and silver hair. The male was approximately 40-50 years in age.

[REDACTED] also observed the subject ejecting the magazine from the pistol and checking the magazine. The subject then inserted the magazine and charged the weapon to put a round in the chamber.

[REDACTED] further described the subject's actions and stated the following:

He, uh, was agitated multiple times. Kept putting the gun to his head. He'd get out of the car, put the gun on the seat, put the gun back up. This went on for about four hours. Uh, eventually he said that, uh, he positioned the door so they were protecting him, uh, so that they were closed. And, uh, he got out with the gun to his head and said, sorry guys, I'm gonna have to make you do this. He said that, repeated that twice at least, and then broke free from those doors and started moving towards the highway [27:39].

When the subject began walking towards the highway, he had a firearm in his hand that was pointed at his head. At that time, two officers deployed less lethal rounds from their positions behind the bearcats. The subject continued to move towards the highway with the firearm in his hand. Seconds later, the subject moved the firearm from his head and [REDACTED] fired his rifle one time, striking the subject in his center mass.

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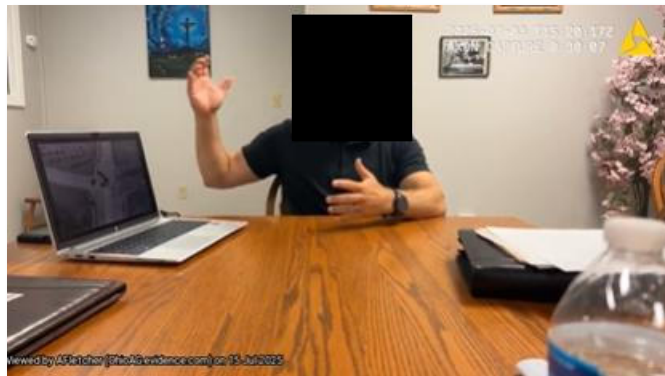
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The subject then fell to the ground in front of the black pickup truck. [REDACTED] moved his rifle and himself to a position adjacent to the sign in order to better observe the subject's actions. [REDACTED] observed the subject in a seated position, but he was unable to observe the firearm.

When the subject moved/fell in front of the pickup truck, [REDACTED] was unsure if the subject was attempting to hide from officers and/or get a tactical advantage by hiding behind the vehicle. The subject did not make any statements that [REDACTED] could hear after he was struck by gunfire.

After [REDACTED] fired, multiple officers began providing medical aid to the subject.

At the time [REDACTED] fired his gun, the subject was walking towards the entrance ramp to I-480 West with the firearm pointed in the direction of the entrance ramp (see figure - [REDACTED] *Interview 1*). The entrance ramp was being blocked by multiple vehicles manned by civilians. [REDACTED] made the decision to fire because "he (the subject) was walking towards civilians with a firearm" [29:41].



[REDACTED] *Interview 1*

[REDACTED] could not say definitively who or what the subject was pointing his firearm at after moving it from his head. [REDACTED] believed the level of danger to civilians on scene gave him no other option than to use lethal force to prevent the subject from fleeing. [REDACTED] stated, "That innocent lives were imminently at risk" [30:33]. [REDACTED] also was concerned that the subject intended to point his firearm and/or shoot at officers.

[REDACTED] also observed the actions of other officers and scene, and believed officers utilized numerous resources in an effort to deescalate the situation. This included negotiators providing water to the subject during the extremely hot weather.

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He believed all the officers on scene exhausted all methods to resolve the “mobile hostage situation.”

Based upon the position [REDACTED] was at, he did not fear for his own safety. He did, however, fear for the safety of all the civilians who were exposed on scene and all of the innocent vehicles traveling on the highway.

The subject was approximately 34 yards away from [REDACTED] at the time he fired. He fired his gun in a northwest direction. [REDACTED] took extreme care to ensure the “backdrop” to where he aimed did not pose a hazard to others on scene or in the surrounding area.

Numerous verbal commands had previously been given to the subject prior to [REDACTED] engaging. [REDACTED] could not provide an exact number of how many commands were given but stated, “the entire four hours were pleading and talking for him to put the weapon down” [33:10].

[REDACTED] was unable to hear the communication that took place between the subject and negotiators. However, he did recall the subject making statements that he did not want to hurt officers during the first hour of negotiation. During that time, the subject was unaware that someone had died as a result of the traffic crash. The subject then began changing his statements, including something to the effect that he didn’t want to make officers “do this.”

Also, during negotiations, the subject appeared to throw a phone on the ground. Negotiators then provided the subject with a new phone in order to continue their line of communication.

At some point during negotiations, the subject “began preparing himself for gas” by putting a cloth over his face. That led [REDACTED] to believe that other officers on scene had announced they would deploy chemical munitions.

[REDACTED] was unaware if the subject had fired his gun. [REDACTED] based his decision to shoot on the level of threat the subject was posing to others on scene and in the surrounding area.

SEB SWAT Command Staff did provide rules of engagement to officers on scene. This included plans to resolve the incident through negotiations and the use of less-lethal force should the subject fail to comply with orders. It was also determined if the subject stepped away from his vehicle at a distance of approximately five feet or more, the subject would be considered a “fleeing felon” and pose an imminent threat to the public [40:27].

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Overall, [REDACTED] had the ability to use his discretion during the incident, and he made his own decision to fire his gun. [REDACTED] even went on to say that a fleeing felon does not automatically give someone the right to shoot. However, his assessment of the situation provided no other option.

[REDACTED] believed the subject's ultimate goal during the incident was to get officers to kill him.

For additional information refer to the audio and video recorded interview and the Investigative Report titled *2025-07-03: Involved Officer Interview - [REDACTED]*

Employment and Training Records

Records regarding [REDACTED] employment as a police officer were received from the RPD. The records included performance evaluations, commendations, training records, employment records, and miscellaneous documents. No discipline related to the use of force was located within the personnel file.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission records indicated [REDACTED] attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy as part of [REDACTED] took the state certification on [REDACTED]

On January 30, 2022, [REDACTED] was promoted from Patrol Officer Step E to [REDACTED] with the Strongsville Police Department.

Range Qualification Records

On June 10, 2025, [REDACTED] completed firearm certification and training with an Accuracy International Surgeon 7.62 x 51mm NATO .308 precision rifle, serial # [REDACTED]

On June 24, 2025, [REDACTED] completed firearm training with an Accuracy International Surgeon 7.62 x 51mm NATO .308 precision rifle, serial # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] completed the following courses:

- Precision Rifle Instructor, 08/18/23
- BCI Lethal use of Force and OIS Investigations, 08/16/22
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines, 07/14/22
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations, 06/24/22
- Crisis Intervention, 05/30/22
- SWAT Team Leader, 06/07/18
- Basic Police Sniper Course, 07/22/13

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- De-escalating Mental Health Crises, 03/28/11
- Tactical Rifle/Carbine Instructor, 05/08/09
- Planning for Tactical Operations, 06/09/06
- First Responder's Role in a Barricade/Hostage/Suicide Situation, 04/28/05
- Advanced SWAT Training, 09/22/03
- Basic SWAT School, 08/04/03

Based on the records received, it is noted that [REDACTED] was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of this incident.

For additional details refer to the actual records and the investigative report titled *2025-07-10: Review of Personnel and Training File - [REDACTED] (SPD)*.

Subject information – Patrick Kerr

Patrick Kerr was identified as the involved subject in the officer-involved shooting that occurred on June 24, 2025. Kerr was shot one time and was pronounced dead on scene.

Patrick Kerr – Background, Computerized Criminal History

Background information for Kerr was compiled and reviewed. It included researching past police reports involving Kerr, criminal history records, court records, open/closed source database inquiries and social media posts.

Database Searches

A LexisNexis report was obtained and reviewed. Nothing relevant to the investigation was noted.

Computerized Criminal History

Kerr had a CCH with [REDACTED] and has been detailed in the table below.

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Prior Law Enforcement Encounters

It was learned that Kerr had multiple prior contacts with law enforcement, most of which appeared to be mental health related. The prior contacts that were identified have been detailed below.

July 29, 1999

Strongsville Police Department – STPD-L-9919984

Call Type: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

Officers were dispatched to 14916 Sherwood Dr. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle complaint. Kerr reportedly took a vehicle not owned by him out of state without permission. Kerr and the vehicle were located by US Customs.

May 13, 2013

Strongsville Police Department – STPD-L-1312022

Call Type: Welfare Check / Falsification

Officers were dispatched to the Kings Inn Motel #154 for a report of a welfare check. Kerr called the police on his ex-girlfriend, stating that she was going to kill herself. Officers contacted the ex-girlfriend and confirmed that was not the case. Kerr was subsequently arrested for falsification.

February 5, 2024

Kent Police Department – 2024-1707

Call Type: Welfare Check

Officers were dispatched to 346 Harris St. for a reportedly distraught male, identified to be Patrick Kerr. Kerr's sister, Melissa Hurst, reported that Kerr was having suicidal thoughts. Contact was made with Kerr, who reported that he was fine and was currently an active patient with Summa Health.

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Kent Police Department – 2024-1744

Call Type: Welfare Check

Officers were dispatched to 346 Harris St. in reference to a request from Summa Health to check on the status of Patrick Kerr. Officers located Kerr, who stated that he was in the process of going to Summa Health. Officers confirmed this information with Summa Health.

June 23, 2025 (An empty firearm case was observed in Kerr's vehicle)

Brimfield Township Police Department – 2025-11008

Call Type: Welfare Check

Officers were dispatched to 1307 S. Sandelwood Oval in reference to a request from Kerr's ex-wife, Shanna Krutchnitt, to check on the welfare of Kerr. Krutchnitt reported that Kerr texted her a goodbye note. Officers were unable to make direct contact with Kerr but did physically see him. Proof of life was observed by family members later in the evening.

June 24, 2025 (This is the event that precedes the shooting)

Rocky River Police Department – 202500945

Call Type: Welfare Check

Officers were contacted by Kerr's social worker, Todd Esterburg, who reported that Kerr had just left his appointment upset. Esterburg reported that Kerr texted him with a picture of a gun and stated that he wanted to kill himself. Officers learned that Kerr had been fired that morning. Kerr was entered into NCIC with a caution to law enforcement.

Social Media

Kerr had one Facebook profile. The publicly available information was reviewed and was deemed not relevant to the investigation.

Username	User ID	Link
Patrick Kerr	100090562852127	https://www.facebook.com/patrick.kerr.253974#

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Review of Kerr's Cellphone

A Cellebrite Reader Report was utilized to review the cellphone belonging to Kerr. The report was obtained from the Parma Heights Police Department where an extraction was completed by Detective Wittasek and later provided to BCI.

The Cellebrite Reader report was determined to be in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) requiring a time adjustment of minus four hours. Screenshots taken throughout this report will be depicted in UTC, and actual timestamps will be indicated where necessary.

Photographs

Ten (10) photographs depicting a firearm were located on the device. Seven (7) of the photos depicted Kerr pointing a firearm to his head and the photos appeared to be captured on the device on June 24, 2025.

Nine (9) photographs depicting illicit substances were also located on the device.

A select few photographs have been included below.

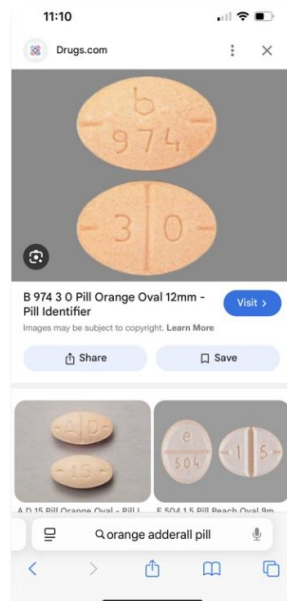
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Videos

There were 67 videos captured by Kerr on his cellphone between June 23, 2025, and June 24, 2025. The videos appeared to be a pseudo-documentary created by Kerr where he documented his thoughts, opinions, and feelings on the last days/hours of his life prior to attempting "suicide by cop."

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During the recordings, Kerr addressed specific family members and friends. He also spoke about his life and how he felt like he had no other choice than to commit suicide. Kerr mentioned suicide numerous times throughout all the videos.

Kerr stated during a number of the video recordings that he intended to go to confession and speak with a priest. He also documented the moments prior to and after his meeting with the priest.

In addition to Kerr's discussions on suicide, he could also be observed consuming drugs in some of the recordings and holding a gun to his head in others.

Three recordings were identified in the video section of the Cellebrite report to be voicemails left by negotiators on scene during the stand-off with officers on June 24, 2025.

Notes

There were eight (8) "notes" recovered from the note section of Kerr's cellphone. Two of the notes appeared to be "call recordings" that were deleted. No content relative to the investigation was identified in the call recording.

Six additional notes were observed, three of which appeared to be irrelevant to the shooting incident. The contents of these three relative notes have been included below:

May 14, 2025

This is by far the hardest year I have ever had to experience so far in my life. I know I have great support, yet I feel so alone in this entire process. Yours was what I needed. I have never been so sad, so alone in my life. You changed me for the better. I had thought I was doing the same. I never wanted this for us. I'm not sure if you did or not. I love you so much. There are thousand of texts in our thread that prove nothing but that. I am so sorry for hurting you. Causing harm. That was a side of me I've never seen before and hope to never see again. When you were still talking to my family, you never once asked any of them how I was doing. I hope your rages subside. It hurts so much that you moved onto someone else so quickly. The barrier you set up, to completely discard me from your life, like we never had a life together to begin with. Hurt to the point that I thought I was going to die by my own hand. Over the years you humiliated me to my family, to our friends, and I'm sure to strangers. I always let it go. I would be put on blast for our issues, and I always let it go. That last few months it all came flooding in after you tried to kill yourself. I begged for help and was met with resistance. You may have had fear that last night and morning, but I was

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May 17, 2025

I unconditionally loved you. I conditionally loved myself. I still don't love myself. I have been a monster. I've never felt so much hate directed towards me. And from her. Of every person in the world. The one person I trust add over anyone I've ever known. I gave her everything I could have myself. And tried harder. Every time. I completely checked out emotionally after

May 29, 2025

To my family, loved ones, and friends and those who I have pushed away. I have lived a hard life. Only hard because of my actions and reactions. I have just started to realize this at 45 1/2 years old. I've wasted so much of my life, searching for things I'd never have. I've had some great years. Most I've the past 19. But I still did horrible things in that time. I made horrible decisions. I was horrible to people. Horrible to my kids. My wife. My family. Those who I pushed away. Those who supported me the most. And mostly myself. I have made some horrible mistakes. Close the door on wonderful opportunities. Failed to care for myself, mature, and grow into the man everyone has said I can be. I am weak. I am broken. I am a coward. I have been accused of horrendous things. Things I have never been accused of. I know that what I did was consensual. I had no idea that it wasn't. That being said, I am a

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monster. Innocent or not I cannot change another person's narrative, and I feel so much hurt for her having to feel like I had intentionally harmed her. I have put that feeling onto a woman, and I cannot live with that. How can I look any of you in the eyes ever again? Especially my daughters, and sisters. My mother. The shame.

Mom and Dad. Thank you so much for never losing faith in me. After 45 years I am just grasping how much I appreciate and love you. I am sorry for all the pain and suffering I have caused you over the years. Not showing appreciation for what you have done. I'm sorry for blaming so much on you. I am at fault for every decision I have ever made.

My brother and sisters. I am so sorry for the Hell I've cause in your lives. My reactions. My resentments. My blame towards you for not helping me save my very toxic marriage. Thank you for that. Thank you for never stopping your support. No matter how emotional I have been. How unstable I have been. You never stopped helping me. Loving me. Accepting me. I love you all so much. I'm sorry it took me so long to realize it.

Shanna

I don't even know where to start. I had the best years of my life, being your husband. You as my wife. This is by far the hardest year I have ever had to experience so far in my life. I know I have great support, yet I feel so alone in this entire process. Yours was what I needed. I have never been so sad, so alone in my life. You changed me for the better. I had thought I was doing the same. I never wanted this for us. I'm not sure if you did or not. I love you so much. There are thousand of texts in our thread that prove nothing but that. I am so sorry for hurting you. Causing harm. That was a side of me I've never seen before and hope to never see again. When you were still talking to my family, you never once asked any of them how I was doing. I hope your rages subside. It hurts so much that you moved onto someone else so quickly. The barrier you set up, to completely discard me from your life, like we never had a life together to begin with. Hurt to the point that I thought I was going to die by my own hand. Over the years you humiliated me to my family, to our friends, and I'm sure to strangers. I always let it go. I would be put on blast for our issues, and I always let it go. That last few months it all came flooding in after you tried to kill yourself. I begged for help and was met with resistance. You may have had fear that last night and morning, but I was completely out of my mind. You told people I was a monster the majority of our relationship, yet you let me adopt Camilla, giving her 6 months of a completed family. I did a lot of stupid things. I did a lot of hurtful things. We got through them. I didn't want to file. I was told that it wouldn't mean anything and it isn't a divorce filing. I was under so much duress, as I am today. You were supposed to be my rock,

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Maggie

I love you so much. I am so sorry I wasn't there for everything. I'm sorry if you felt less than around Shanna and the kids. You have always had me anytime you needed me. I tell everyone I meet that you are my ride or die. Sweetie I can no longer ride. I have been so alone my entire life. Everytime I find happiness, whether it's a job, a relationship, anything, it has been ripped from me. I cannot hurt anyone anymore. I will not hurt anymore. I love you and never stopped loving you. Please know that this was so hard and I am so sorry. It has nothing to do with you. I am so sad and I just can't take it anymore. 45 years of this is too long. You are my favorite adult in the world. I am so sorry I won't be able to see you thrive, but thrive you will. Be the absolute best version of yourself that you can be. You're one of the most wonderful people I've ever known.

Love, Dad

Camilla,

Sweetie I'm so sorry I couldn't be your dad. I wanted to so badly, but I just can't. I am not stable or fit enough. I don't think I can ever get better, so I had to go away. You will always have my heart. I fell in love with you as fast as I did your mother, the first time I ever laid eyes on you. I picked you. Mommy picked me for you. I am so sorry I broke up our family. Please be good for mommy. You are such an amazing little girl. The 9 years I got to be your daddy were the best 9 years of my life. The day I adopted you was matched for the greatest day of my life. For 6 months you had a complete family. I'm so sorry for scaring mommy. It's not her fault. I am sick. I promise everything will be ok. You will be so much in your life. I know it. You are so beautiful, smart, funny, direct, compassionate, and your attitude will take you places. Never change. You're a shining star. You are my sunshine. I'm sorry I took your nose so many times. You are and always be my Milla

Love, Daddy

Jameson,

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My sweet sweet sweet sweetest boy in the world. You are the absolute greatest gift mommy and I could ever receive. You're so perfect. I am so sorry for the struggles you may endure. It's the trade off for being a perfect angle. I am going to miss watching you grow up. You're goofiness. Your drive to do everything on your own. My precious Spider-Man. I'm sorry I couldn't be better. You're such an amazing little boy. You have grown so much. The 5 years I got to be your daddy were 5 of the absolute greatest of my life. Even with all the pain I had within, you always had a hug, a smile, and a cuddle. Be strong. Be good for mommy. I love you so much.
Love, daddy.

To my friends, Thank you so much for your support. It took me too long to see it. I look back I know you were always there. You guys have been there for me so many times, and I continued to sound like a broken record. You all continued to support me. I am so grateful for that. I am so sorry for not believing you. Not hearing you. Not seeing what I have because of you. You were all there for me. Especially when I couldn't be there for myself. I love you all for this.
Love Pattycakes

To those I have pushed away. I am sorry. I am a monster. Not a single one of you deserved the treatment I gave you. I deserved none of you in my life. Most of you were closer to me than most people in my life today, and I was a monster. I hurt you. Berated you. Talked about you. Character assassinated you. All to make myself feel better, although continuing to feel miserable. I blamed you all for our bridges being burnt. I know I had a very major part in doing that. Please forgive me. And if you can't, I understand.

I am sorry for causing so much more trauma and pain through this action. The choice I am making. Life has been too hard and I'm too much of a coward to deal with it. I'm so full of fear, distrust, and anger toward myself. Things look and appear to be looking better for me, but they are not. I am truly sorry for this decision, but let's face it, I've always made bad choices.
I love you all.

[Web History/Searched Items](#)

There were 3,241 searched items contained within the Cellebrite Reader report. The information was reviewed and below are screenshots of the search terms deemed relevant to the investigation. The information below also includes the date on which they were searched and the number of times the item was searched:

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Messages

There were 603 Instant Messages extracted from the phone. Numerous messages were located that included Kerr mentioning suicide in some fashion. Messages were also located that Kerr sent while he was actively in the stand-off with officers on June 24, 2025.

Below are screenshots of some of the messages sent by Kerr in the days prior to prior to and during the stand-off with police.

I'm sorry man I lied to you. I lied to you big time. I didn't need this gun for anything but myself and now I got the cops outside. I love you, brother. I lied to you and I'm so sorry this isn't on you man and this is on me I promise you it's all on me. I love you.

From Kerr - To Marion on 06/23/25 at 08:13 AM

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He's like please call me back. Why aren't you calling me get the fuck out of here dude stupid fucking cop.

From Kerr - To Matt G on 06/24/25 at 08:04 AM

I am gonna go pick up Maggie and tell her everything I love you. I am so sorry but I just can't do this anymore and I'm gonna tell Maggie my plan I have to and I just want you guys to know this is me. This is all my choice this is all based of my past choices and I just can't live with it. I can't live with myself anymore. I'm not a good person. I've never been a good person and I've just been a monster to more and more and more people my entire life and I confess to the priest last night that I did what that girl was saying because I don't know if I did it or not but I'm starting to believe that maybe I did and I can't live with that if I kids shouldn't have to live with that, it'll be much better for them. If I'm dead then if I'm in prison for what I've done I can't take any of this back. I love.

From Kerr - To Meghann on 06/24/25 at 08:22 AM

Hey, I'm on my way man. I fucked up. I went 90 E. instead of 90 W. and now I'm getting off at downtown and turning around. I was already gonna be about five minutes late but now I'm probably gonna be about 15. I'm sorry I definitely need to talk to you man. There has been worse things that have gone down in my life over the past three weeks that have over the last year. I completely self sabotage and I don't know man I'm done. I will see you in a bit.

From Kerr - To Todd Therapist on 06/24/25 at 08:59 AM

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I'm sorry, man I just came completely honest with you for everything and just like my ex-wife you made it about money dude I was getting the CareSource into place for hopefully by next week so we could continue this. I told you I have money coming and I'm sorry I haven't been able to pay up but yeah everybody in the world band everybody just wants to help as long as there's money involved. I did lie to you again too. I have a plan. I've had a plan and I'm going to carry it out today, dude I only came here to tell you that you were the best therapist I've ever had and I'm so sorry for not listening to you because you have been there for me more than any other Therapist as you have told me the absolute truth about everything more than any other Therapist ever has but at the end it was all about money too man with you with doctors with you with everybody or anybody fucking cares about his money. I did lie to you though. I definitely have my plan.

From Kerr - To Todd Therapist on 06/24/25 at 10:04 AM

Thanks for all your help man. I'm not gonna harm anybody else, though I promise.

From Kerr - To Todd Therapist on 06/24/25 at 10:04 AM

Hey, I love you. I am overdosing right now. I'm sorry I wanted to go down at my house not in the middle of tea minute at 4:30. I'm sorry this is happening. I didn't mean for it to go down publicly like this. I'm so sorry I know the shame you guys are going to feel and I know how that it's gonna be freaking. I'm so sorry

From Kerr - To Meghann on 06/24/25 at 11:45 AM

Hey, I'm gonna be on the news tonight. I'm sorry I really did like you but man my life fucking sucks. I'm at the intersection of 480 and Teman in Cleveland surrounded by police with a gun in my head. I feel like you were something special. I'm sorry for telling you all this stuff you should've known but if you see it on the news or on the news, it was me Amanda you fucking rock I

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From Kerr - To Amanda Hinge on 06/24/25 at 11:48 AM

Phone Calls/Voicemails

Kerr received numerous phone calls and voicemails during the time period that the standoff with police took place. Multiple phone calls were identified as originating from the SWAT negotiators who were on scene. There were also five voicemails which appeared to be recorded by SEB SWAT negotiators.

Kerr also received phone calls from his sisters Meghann Preseren and Maura Susec. Kerr also appeared to make phone calls to his ex-wife Shanna Krutchnitt and his friend Christopher Slowey.

Interviews of Family Members, acquaintances, and Friends of Kerr

In the days following the shooting incident, multiple people were identified as having contact with Kerr in the days and hours preceding the shooting incident. These subjects included family members, his ex-wife, and a close friend. Audio recorded interviews were conducted with all identified subjects and a summary of the interviews has been provided below.

Shanna Krutchnitt (Kerr) - Kerr's ex-wife

After the shooting incident, it was learned that during the stand-off with police, Kerr requested his ex-wife, Shanna, be contacted. Although Kerr made multiple attempts to call and text Shanna, she appeared to never respond or answer any of the calls/texts.

Shanna was called in the days following the shooting incident and agreed to an interview that was conducted over the phone and audio-recorded. The purpose of the interview was to gather background information on Kerr and his demeanor in the days/hours prior to the shooting incident. Below is a summary of that interview.

Shanna believed she knew a different side of Patrick and could paint a much different picture than family members who had been previously interviewed. During the interview, Shanna provided a history of her relationship with Patrick and Patrick's struggles with mental health. She also described a very toxic relationship that eventually ended in divorce on June 2, 2025.

Patrick and Shanna met in 2012 at an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting. They quickly became friends and began dating in 2016. In 2019, Patrick and Shanna got married and, one year later had a son together, Jameson. Patrick also adopted Shanna's daughter, Camilla, from a previous relationship.

Shanna did not have any issues with the relationship in the early years. Problems began arising after Shanna discovered Patrick was having relationships with other females

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online. In particular, Shanna believed Patrick had a “predilection” for young females and “kinks” that involved role-playing as a dad and young female sexual relationship [13:21]. Eventually, Patrick went into therapy for “sex addiction.” The program which Patrick entered was in Tennessee. However, he was eventually kicked out of treatment. Shanna felt like Patrick returned home even more manipulative than before.

Patrick isolated Shanna from everyone, which eventually led to a severe decline in her mental health. Sometime before Shanna filed for divorce in 2022, she attempted to kill herself by hanging. Shanna felt like Patrick did not take her threats of suicide seriously and dropped her off at the hospital like “a dog at the pound” [03:25].

After her suicide attempt, Shanna began treatment of her own. As she improved, Patrick began losing control over her, which caused him to retaliate. Patrick verbally abused Shanna by yelling at her and calling her offensive names. Patrick physically assaulted Shanna one time on December 1, 2023. Most often, Shanna experienced extreme verbal abuse from Patrick.

Patrick’s pattern of abuse continued with Shanna, especially after she filed for divorce in May 2022. Shanna also received a protection order with Patrick listed as the protected party. Patrick began making suicidal statements after Shanna filed for divorce.

After numerous years of fighting in court, Patrick and Shanna’s divorce was finalized on June 2, 2025. Prior to the finalization, Patrick and Shanna continued to have issues in their relationship. Shanna also felt like the court system did little to help her during her time of need.

Shanna described multiple incidents where Patrick had an outburst. During a recent incident, Patrick had a “meltdown” at Shanna’s residence in Akron, Ohio. Patrick’s reason for coming to the residence was to retrieve personal belongings. Shanna eventually contacted the police, who had to deescalate the situation.

Shanna described Patrick’s deep hatred for the Catholic Church and thought it was ironic that Patrick’s family was giving him a Catholic funeral and “putting him in a box” [15:55]. According to Shanna, Patrick hated the Catholic Church because of his family and how he was raised. Patrick was often ridiculed by his family for not meeting their standard of what a Catholic person should be. Shanna felt like Patrick’s difficult upbringing, with a very overly critical family, led to some of his mental health struggles that happened later on in life.

Patrick also had a hatred of the police. He made prior statements about “suicide by cop” that detailed how he wanted the police to shoot him, so they (the police) had to

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“live with it for the rest of his (the officer’s) life” [21:18]. Patrick also provoked the police and watched YouTube videos on how to sue cops for constitutional violations.

In the days leading up to the shooting incident, Patrick began to spiral. Shanna was responsible for the welfare check attempt that was conducted by Brimfield Police Department at Patrick’s residence. Shanna requested a welfare check after receiving concerning messages from Patrick.

On the Monday prior to the shooting incident, Patrick attempted to contact his adopted daughter Camilla but was unable to reach her. He then proceeded to send a note detailing his suicide to Shanna.

On the day of the shooting incident, Patrick tried multiple times to contact Shanna. Shanna did not answer the phone and believed Patrick was attempting to commit suicide while on Facetime with her in order to make her suffer.

Shanna did not have communication with Patrick in the days leading to the incident. She only received messages and phone calls from him.

On Friday, August 1, 2025, Shanna provided a video recording via email. The video did not visually capture anything except for what appeared to be a ceiling. The video did audibly capture a conversation between two subjects, who appeared to be Shanna and Patrick (based upon additional review of video files depicting Patrick’s voice).

The video recording was 2 minutes and 23 seconds in length and appears to be a verbal dispute between Shanna and Patrick. At 01:01 Patrick began yelling and made a statement about running his vehicle into a police officer and/or their car so they (the police) can shoot him.

On Saturday, August 2, 2025, Shanna sent an email containing a photo of an incident report completed by the Akron Police Department. The report was dated June 12, 2025, with officers responding to 520 Gibbs Road in Akron, Ohio for a civil standby between Patrick and Shanna. Shanna was the caller and stated that Patrick was arriving at her residence to drop off their children and pick up his property.

According to the incident report, two APD officers responded to Shanna’s residence. Upon completion of the civil stand by, officers entered “notes” into the computer system. A screenshot of the narrative authored by officers has been included below:

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21:29:36 When we arrived on scene we spoke to Shanna, who stated she wanted officer presence due to her ex-husbands erratic behavior. Patrick does not live at this residence, he was there to drop off their two children and pick-up the rest of his property. Upon arrival, Patrick immediately became aggressive towards officer's. He stated he hates the police and told us to fuck off and that he has his first amendment rights and he can say what he wants. He continued yelling profanities at us and trying to get us to engage in his behavior. When Ofc. Miller was trying to talk to him; he moved aggressively toward her. He was warned what would happen if he continued with this behavior. we tried to calmly talk to him and explain why we were there. He continued yelling over us and being belligerent and erratic. He told his two small children to walk up to us and say "fuck the police". one of the children had a police sticker on and he ripped it off his shirt and told him we are the bad guys. He was continuously yelling about his ex-wife. This was all being done while waiting for his friend to arrive and help him. As Patrick was leaving, he stated 'I hope your end of watch is soon'. Shanna wanted him banned from her property.

According to the narrative, Patrick was belligerent with officers on scene. He depicted hatred towards law enforcement and encouraged his two children to make hateful statements towards officers.

For additional information refer to the audio recorded interview, documents, and video recording, and investigative report titled *2025-07-02: Phone Interview with Shanna Krutchnitt – Ex-wife of Kerr.*

Meghann Preseren and Maura Susec – Kerr's Sisters

It was learned after the shooting incident that Kerr contacted his sisters, Meghann and Maura, in the days and hours prior to the shooting incident. Kerr also contacted the sisters while he was actively in the stand-off with law enforcement officers.

Meghann and Maura responded to the incident location and offered assistance to officers on scene who were making attempts at negotiation with Kerr.

An audio recorded interview was later conducted with Meghann and Maura in person at their parents' residence in North Royalton, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to gather background information on Kerr and his demeanor in the days/hours prior to the shooting incident. Below is a summary of the interview:

For his entire life, Patrick had struggled with his mental health. He was prescribed an unknown medication and was known not to take it on a regular basis. In recent history, Patrick reported to family members that he was intentionally not taking his medication in order to save pills for future use when he lost his insurance and could no longer afford it.

In the recent weeks prior to the shooting incident, Patrick had begun to "spiral". Meghann and Maura provided details not only of past events that they believed led to Patrick's suicidal ideations, but also of recent events and messages he had sent family members.

A few days prior to the shooting incident, Patrick was texting Meghann and Maura, making statements that contained suicidal ideations. Unfortunately, Patrick had made

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similar statements in the past and Meghann and Maura believed it was more of a cry for help than an actual "plan" to die.

On the Monday prior to the shooting incident (June 23, 2025), Patrick sent \$900.00 to his eldest daughter Maggie. Meghann believed Patrick intended to meet up with Maggie but was unsure if he ever did. Meghann could not provide an explanation as to why Patrick sent the money to Maggie.

On that same day, Brimfield Police Department (BPD) was contacted by Patrick's ex-wife, Shanna Krutschnitt (Shanna), who was requesting a welfare check be conducted on Patrick at his residence. Patrick had made statements to Shanna that she believed were concerning. Shanna also contacted Meghann, who then responded to Patrick's residence.

When officers initially arrived at the residence, they observed Patrick quickly exit his vehicle and enter the house. They also observed an open firearm case on the passenger seat of his vehicle. Attempts were made by officers to speak to Patrick. However, he refused to answer the door.

Meghann arrived at Patrick's residence hours later and made numerous unsuccessful attempts to gain access to the residence. Meghann and the BPD officers eventually left, noting Patrick checked okay.

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, the morning of the shooting incident, Meghann received a phone call from the Rocky River Police Department (RRPD) requesting information about Patrick. RRPD reported that they had received a phone call and photographs from Patrick's therapist that included a "suicide note" and a photo of a gun that the therapist had received from Patrick earlier that morning. RRPD stated they were going to attempt a welfare check on Patrick, due to the statements he was making.

Not long after speaking with RRPD, Meghann received a phone call from Shanna. Patrick attempted to face time Shanna and Shanna wanted to let Meghann know she felt like something was wrong. Meghann forwarded the additional information to RRPD.

Approximately twenty minutes later, Meghann and Maura received messages from Patrick that contained apologies and statements about what was happening during the standoff with the police. Patrick made statements that he was intentionally "ODing" and that he was sorry for causing embarrassment to the family. Some of the phone calls and text messages were sent during the time period while negotiations were taking place with law enforcement.

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After learning that Patrick was in a stand-off with law enforcement on Tiedeman Road at I-480 West, Meghann and Maura responded to the location and offered their assistance to law enforcement on scene.

Meghann and Maura remained on scene during the duration of the negotiations and learned something had happened to Patrick and that he was transported to the hospital.

In addition to providing information about the days and moments leading up to the shooting incident, Meghann and Maura provided a detailed and descriptive background of the struggles Patrick experienced throughout his life.

Maura described Patrick's first encounter with law enforcement and how it possibly caused Patrick to have a fear of officers. At age fourteen, Patrick and Maura got into a verbal altercation. Patrick ended up throwing something at Maura, which prompted their mother to contact the police. Maura recalled the police responding to the house and essentially tackling Patrick to the ground to subdue him. Maura believed this set the tone for how Patrick viewed law enforcement from that point on. Patrick continued to have negative interactions with law enforcement throughout the duration of his life. Meghann and Maura felt as though Patrick feared law enforcement but would never want to hurt officers.

Another major "trigger" discussed by Meghann and Maura was the sexual assault allegation made against Patrick by an unknown woman in an unknown jurisdiction. Meghann and Maura briefly described the situation, which included a text conversation that took place between Patrick and the reporting party the morning after the sexual assault allegedly occurred. The text message thread included questions from the female asking if she and Patrick had intercourse the night before. The conversation included graphic details about what took place between Patrick and the unknown female, but Patrick insisted it was consensual intercourse.

Approximately one year after the encounter occurred, Patrick learned that he was a suspect in the investigation of the sexual assault. Patrick adamantly denied to his family that a sexual assault occurred. Eventually, Patrick made statements that if the female believed she was raped, then he wouldn't question her feelings. Patrick then went on to confess to his priest that the sexual assault occurred, even though he himself did not believe it had happened.

Meghann and Maura were not sure whether a sexual assault had occurred. However, they did believe their brother was genuine in his denial. They felt like the female was baiting him during the texting conversation the morning after. They could not definitively say what happened.

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Patrick was devastated by the sexual assault accusation and Meghann and Maura noticed a decline in Patrick's mental health thereafter. In addition to the accusation, Patrick's photo was posted to a Facebook page that asked, "Are we dating the same guy?". When Patrick found out about the Facebook posts made about him, he felt like he would never be able to date again and that his life was over.

The Saturday before the shooting incident, Patrick received a phone call from a close friend who asked if the sexual assault had occurred. This caused Patrick to become very upset because he felt like he had lost all his friends and support system. Patrick was taken aback that one of his closest friends would believe that he had sexually assaulted someone.

Meghann and Maura described Patrick as a kind and loving brother, but he could hurt you with his words. Patrick was very good at tearing the people closest to him down with words, but he never became physical. Meghann and Maura believed Patrick's actions were a cry for help, and they wished they would have been able to talk him down on the day of the shooting incident.

In addition to providing a statement, Meghann and Maura sent screenshots and text messages sent to them by Patrick in the hours prior to the shooting incident. Meghann provided two screenshots and Maura provided copies of the messages sent by Patrick and sent them via text message to SA Fletcher. Upon review, it was learned that one of the messages sent by Maura was an extended message and required the reader to click on the message "bubble" which extended the contents of the message. Screenshots were taken by SA Fletcher of the messages sent by Maura.

The messages provided have been included below:

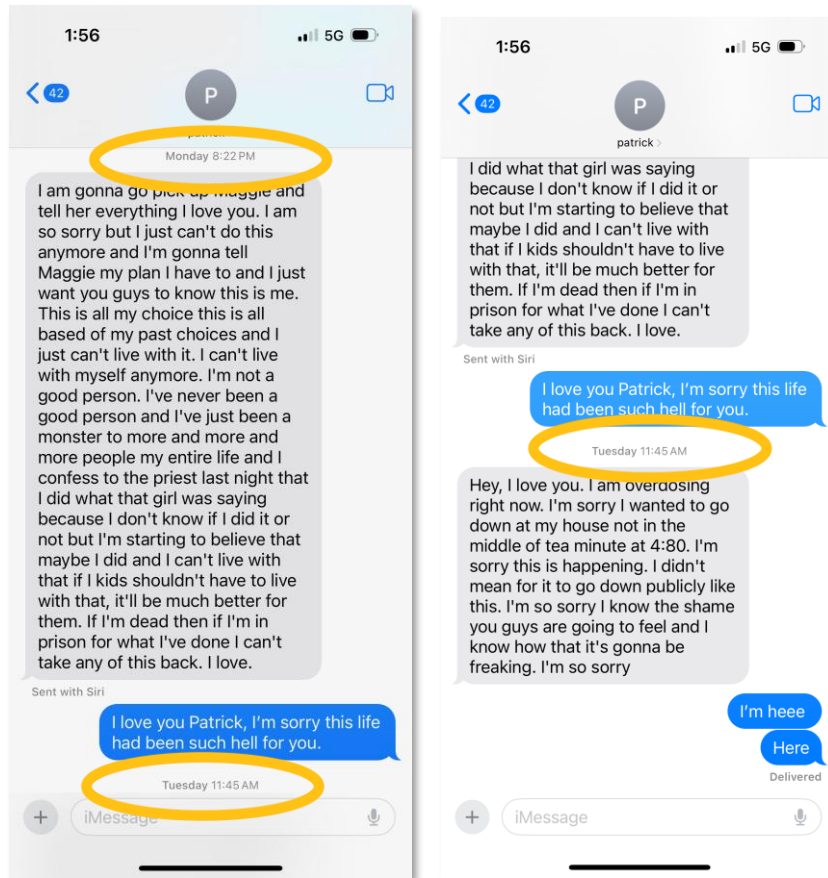
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The text messages depicted above were a conversation between Meghann and Patrick on the night prior to the shooting incident and the morning of it. Based upon time learned throughout the investigation, it appears that the text message sent by Patrick on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 1145 hours, was during the time negotiations with law enforcement were taking place.

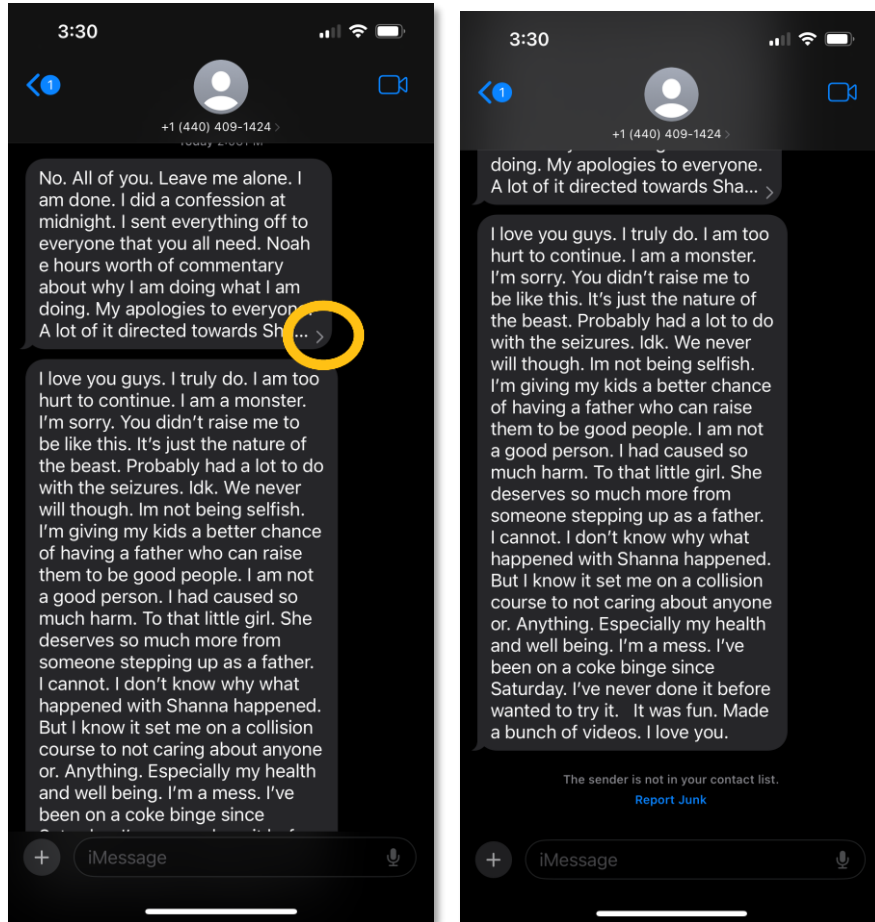
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The screenshots above depict messages sent from Patrick to Maura from an unknown time prior to the shooting incident. According to Maura, the messages would have been sent and received within the days leading up to the shooting incident.

Below are screenshots of the extended message that was accessed after clicking on the message "bubble." The message was divided up into three screenshots in order to capture the entire message.

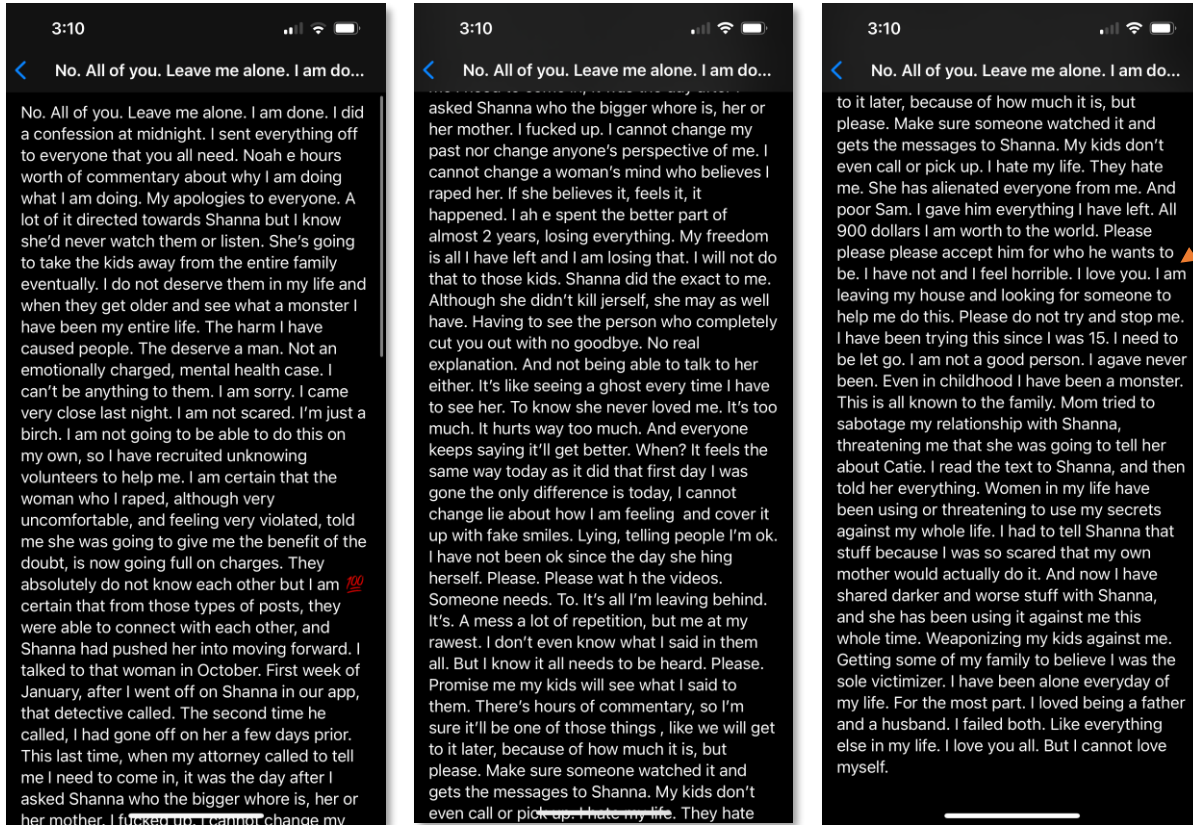
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An orange arrow was used to point out a portion of the text message sent by Patrick (Part 3). Patrick wrote "I love you. "I am leaving my house and looking for someone to help me do this...". Patrick continued in the message to state he had been trying "this" since he was fifteen. Patrick appeared to be stating his plan for suicide.

For additional information refer to the audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-06-26: Interview of Involved Subject's Sister – Meghann Preseren and Maura Susec.*

Chris Slowey – Kerr's Friend

Chris and Patrick met in 2012 at an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting. They formed a close friendship throughout the years after spending lots of time together traveling for work. Chris would later become the best man at Patrick's wedding when Patrick married Shanna, and they have remained friends ever since.

On June 24, 2025, Chris received multiple text messages and a voicemail from Patrick between 1011 hours and 1042 hours. Chris was at work and unable to answer any of the text messages or return the phone call.

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During the interview, Chris read one of the text messages sent by Patrick to him on the morning of the shooting incident. Per Chris, the message stated, "Slowey, you're one of my best friends. "You were there before the terror, during the terror, and then after the terror" [03:30]. Chris thought Patrick's use of the word "terror" was odd.

When Chris listened to the voicemail, he believed he heard background noises that would indicate Patrick was driving his vehicle. Although Chris thought the messages were concerning, he didn't believe the messages were a cry for help or that Patrick was in a "bad situation." Chris believed the shooting incident "got really out of control" [05:30].

Chris last spoke with Patrick four days prior to the shooting incident. During the conversation, Patrick discussed his divorce that was finalized two weeks prior and showed Chris photos of the new house he was living in. Chris felt as though Patrick was excited about the divorce finalization and his new home. Patrick even discussed how his new place had rooms for the kids to stay in.

Chris and Patrick often confided in one another. Chris believed Patrick had a "sick sense of humor" and "would say some crazy shit" [06:30]. Chris never felt like Patrick was suicidal, but had heard Patrick make statements in the past regarding suicide by cop. Chris chalked those statements up to Patrick's "sick sense of humor."

Chris also discussed how Patrick was a huge proponent of therapy and mental health treatment. Patrick allegedly began therapy after his marriage to Shanna when they went to marriage counseling. Patrick would continue to attend therapy on a regular basis. Chris was aware that Patrick was prescribed medication but was unsure what the medication was. Chris believed Patrick was doing well between the therapy and medication regiment.

While discussing some of Patrick's past, Chris mentioned how he felt Patrick had a difficult time growing up and then also struggled in his marriage with Shanna. Chris could not speak directly about what happened during Patrick's childhood. However, he said that Patrick hitchhiked throughout the country when he was eighteen. Chris believed this related to emotional issues Patrick was probably struggling with. Patrick came from a large Irish family and Chris believed Patrick truly loved his family and was very close with them. As for Shanna, Chris never liked Shanna and did not speak highly of her.

Chris did not know of Patrick abusing any illegal substances besides marijuana. Chris described Patrick as being very dedicated to AA and remaining sober.

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For additional information refer to the audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *2025-07-02: Phone Interview with Kerr's Friend - Chris Slowey*.

Amy Yano - Employee at Robinhood Roofing

After the shooting incident, it was learned that Kerr had been fired from his job at Robinhood Roofing on the morning of the shooting incident. Amy Yano (Yano) was contacted and agreed to participate in an audio recorded interview. Below is a summary of the interview.

Yano is an employee of Robinhood roofing and assisted in the hiring of Kerr in March of 2025. Kerr was hired by Robinhood Roofing shortly after he was fired from KC Roofing (Twinsburg, Ohio) at the beginning of March 2025. Kerr had been employed by KC roofing for approximately seven years, and Yano was familiar with him through the business. Because of this, she knew Kerr had experienced some difficulty in his life which prompted her to hire him at Robinhood Roofing.

From the time Kerr was hired by Robinhood Roofing until he was fired, Kerr had difficulty maintaining his schedule and showing up to appointments with clients. Yano explained that she had many moments when she felt it was best to fire Kerr but felt like he deserved another chance.

Yano explained some of the difficulties that Kerr was experiencing in his life. She indicated she did not know Kerr outside of work but maintained a workplace friendship with him.

Within the last year, Kerr was going through the divorce process with his now ex-wife (Yano did not know her name). Yano was a paralegal and often assisted Kerr with his divorce paperwork. When the divorce began approximately a year ago, Yano noticed Kerr's mental health significantly declining. She also mentioned that Kerr threatened suicide numerous times. Yano never took Kerr's threats seriously and described him as the "boy who cried wolf." She felt like his statements were more of a cry for help rather than a serious threat.

In addition to the divorce, Kerr had been charged with domestic violence during the process of his divorce. This information was not verified at the time of the interview and was only hearsay per Yano. Yano also mentioned a rape investigation where Kerr was the suspect. Again, this information was not confirmed at the time of the interview.

The rape investigation was a significant stressor in Kerr's life, and he would often talk about it openly. Kerr feared what might happen to him and Yano believed it affected Kerr a lot.

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Although Kerr was experiencing many hardships in his life, Yano was aware that he was seeing a therapist and noticed a change in Kerr in the last few weeks. Yano believed Kerr was improving overall, due to the finalization of his divorce.

In the days leading up to the shooting incident, Kerr failed to show up to work for five days. That prompted Yano to fire Kerr on the morning of June 24, 2025, via text message. Yano did not have any additional information about Kerr from the date of the shooting incident.

For additional information refer to the audio recorded interview and the investigative report titled *06-26-2025: Phone Interview with Amy Yano - Robinhood Roofing*.

Autopsy - Patrick Kerr

This autopsy report was authored by Thomas P. Gilson, M.D. from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO). The "CAUSE OF DEATH" for Kerr was listed as a [REDACTED] The "MANNER OF DEATH" was listed as [REDACTED]

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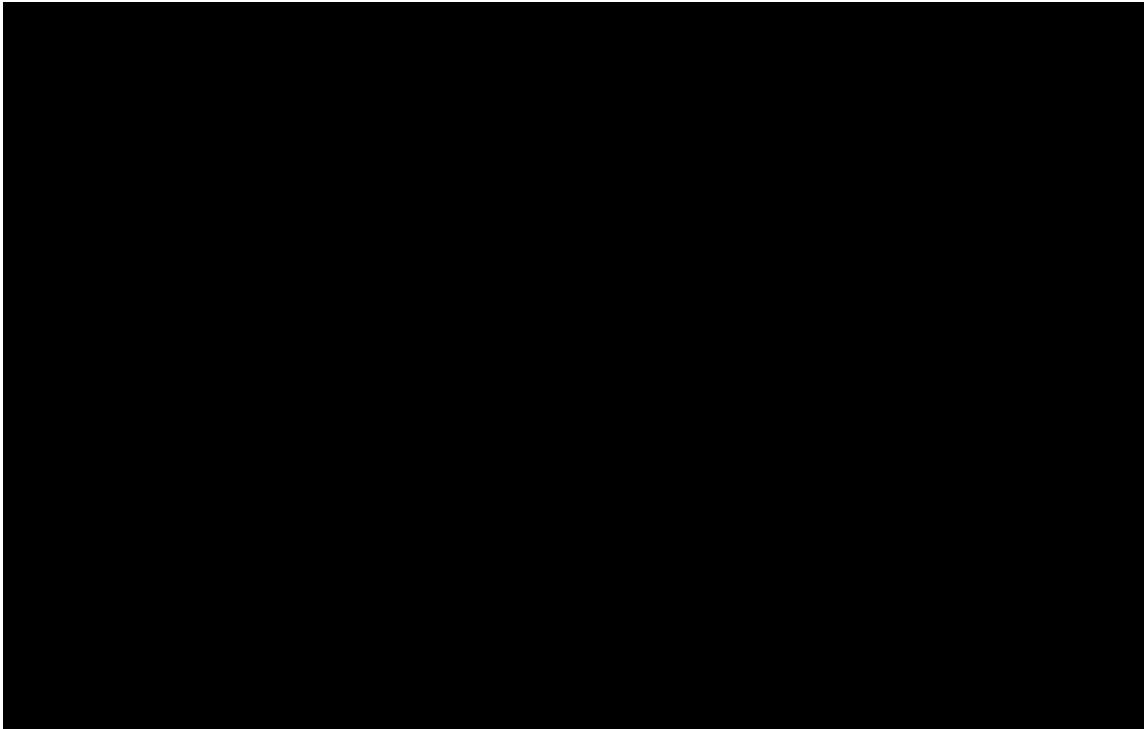
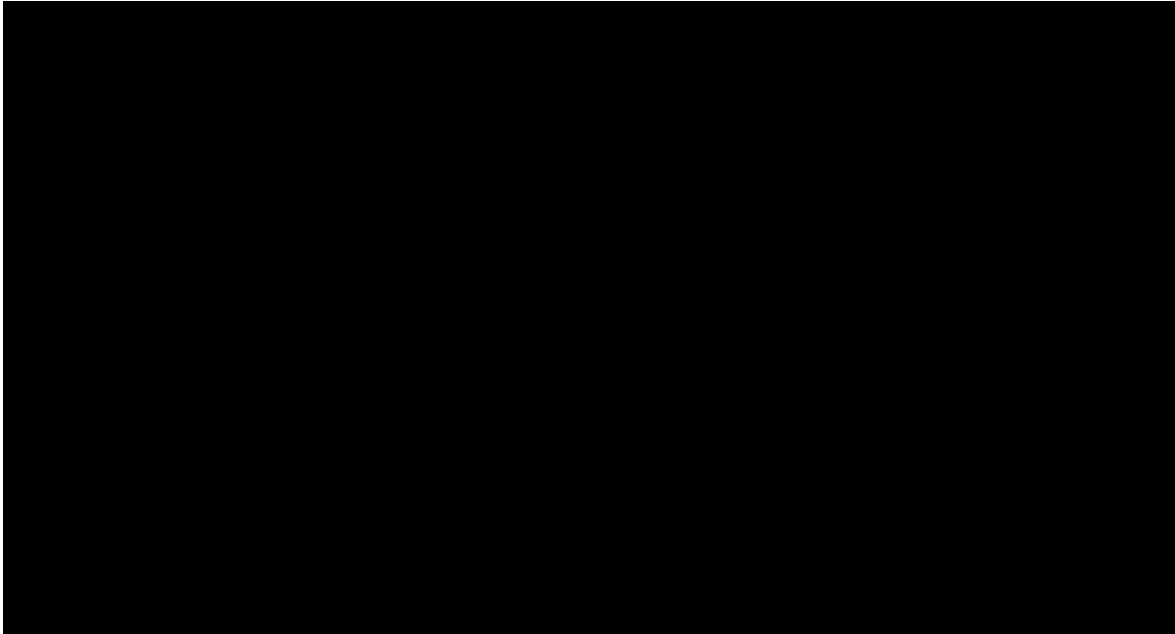
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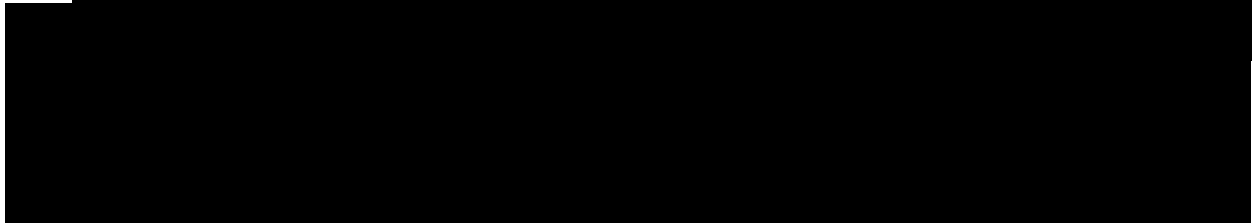
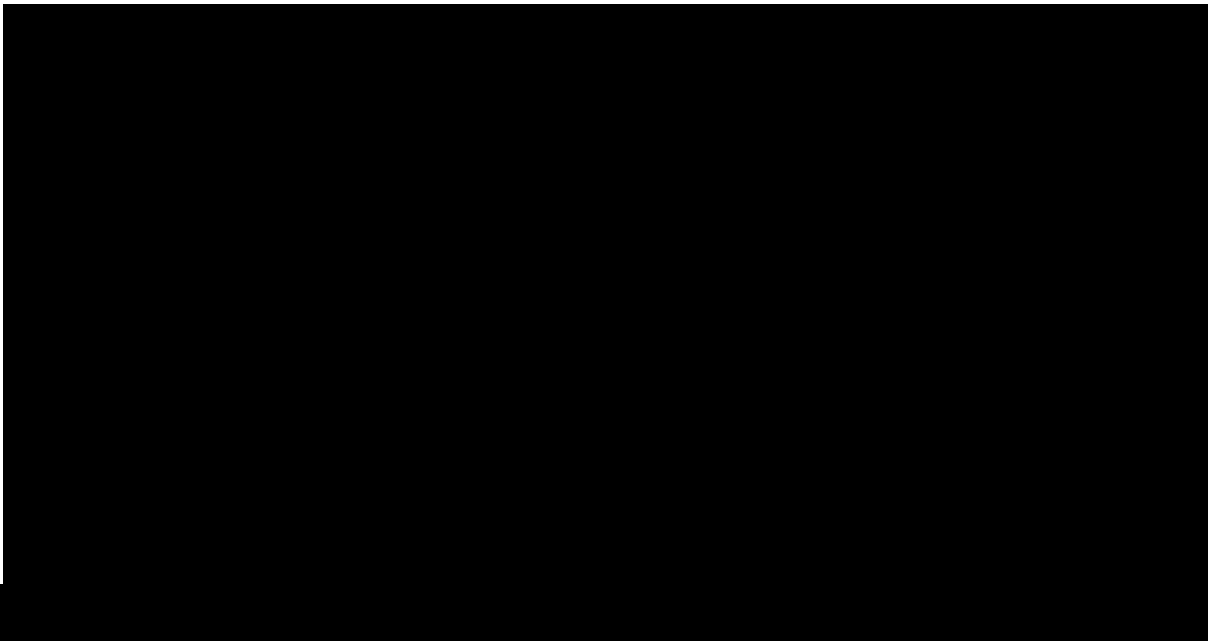
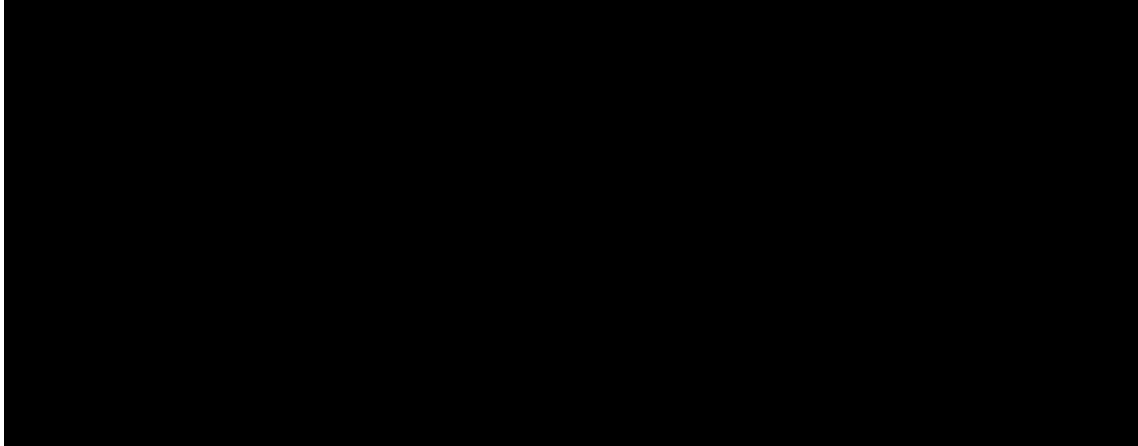
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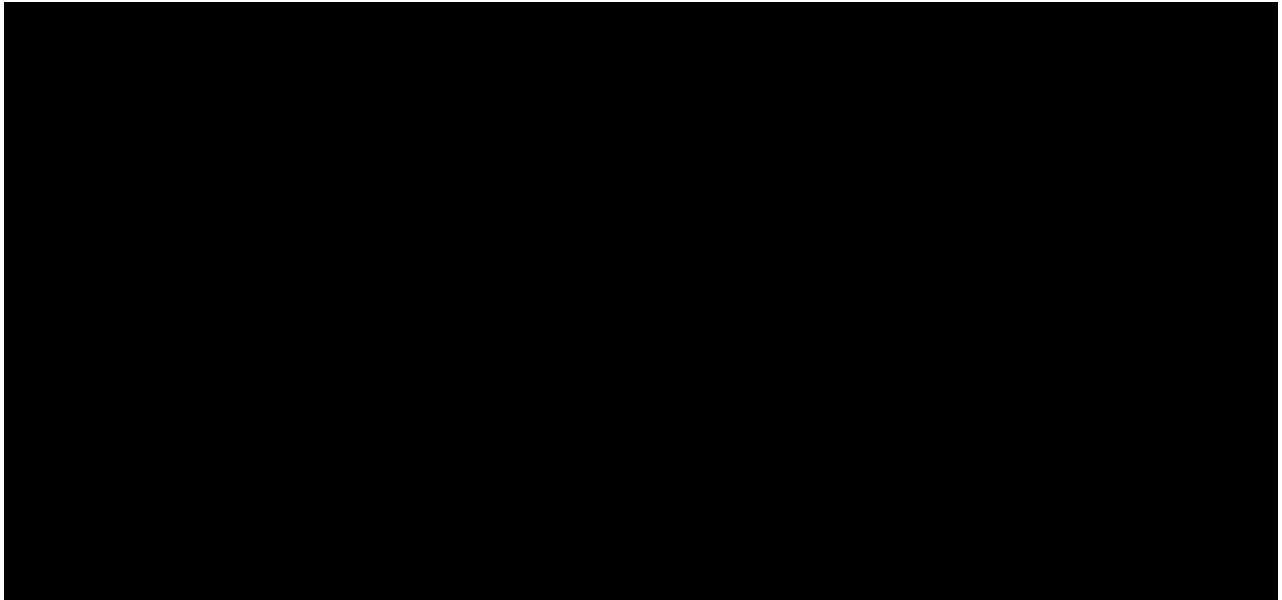
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For additional information refer to the report provided by CCMEO and the investigative report titled *2025-09-24: Review of Autopsy Report - Patrick Kerr*.

BCI Laboratory Analysis

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.

The following seven (7) items were submitted to the lab for analysis:

1. (1) Accuracy International Surgeon 7.62 x 51 mm NATO, SN: [REDACTED]
 - Lab item 1 - Matrix/CSU Item 001
2. (1) Fired cartridge casing FC 308 WIN
 - Lab item 2 - Matrix/CSU Item 002
3. (1) Cartridge with suspected bodily fluid - Winchester 9mm Luger
 - Lab item 3 - Matrix Item 003 - CSU Item 004
4. (1) Glock 45 semi-auto pistol, SN: BXCS766
 - Lab Item 4 - Matrix Item 007 - CSU Item 008
5. (1) Fired cartridge casing - 9mm
 - Lab Item 5 - Matrix Item 008 - CSU Item 010
6. (1) Envelope containing projectile fragments removed from Patrick Kerr during autopsy
 - Lab Item 6 - Matrix Item 024

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7. DNA standard for Patrick Kerr obtained by Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office
 - Lab Item 7 – Matrix Item 025

DNA Analysis

Forensic Scientist Stacy Violi completed the DNA analysis. A review of her report revealed the following:

Lab Item #4 (Matrix Item 007, CSU Item 008) was determined to be positive for blood. Further testing of the blood located on the firearm (4.1) and the body of the magazine (4.2) showed the blood was consistent with Patrick Kerr (Kerr).

Kerr's DNA profile was also found on the submitted 9mm Cartridge (3.1 – Matrix Item 003, CSU Item 004) and the submitted 9mm cartridge casing (5.1 – Matrix Item 008, CSU Item 010).

Firearms Analysis and Comparison

Forensic Scientist Regan Lambert completed the firearm analysis and firearm comparison reports. A review of her reports revealed the following:

One firearm, a Glock 45 9mm (Matrix Item 007) semi-automatic pistol, was submitted to the BCI Firearms Laboratory for operability analysis. The pistol was determined to be operable.

Two firearms, a .308 Winchester bolt action rifle (Matrix Item 001) and a Glock 45 9mm pistol (Matrix Item 007), were submitted to the laboratory for evaluation along with one fired bullet jacket fragment consisting of copper/lead (Matrix Item 024) and fired cartridge casings in 9mm Luger (Matrix Item 008) and .308 Winchester (Matrix Item 002).

The .308 Winchester bolt action rifle was determined to be operable and was found to be the source of Matrix Item 002 (fired .308 cartridge casing). The Glock 45 had previously been tested and determined operable, and it was found to be the source of Matrix Item 008 (fired 9mm cartridge casing).

ATF e-Trace Summary – Glock .45 Caliber Pistol

During the shooting incident, Kerr possessed and later fired a Glock model 45 pistol (45 caliber). The serial number on the firearm was BXCS766 and it was purchased by Brion Michael King (Canton, Ohio) on October 5, 2024.

Kerr reportedly received the firearm from his friend "Marion" to use as personal protection for his family after Kerr moved into a new residence.

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For additional information, refer to the BCI Laboratory analysis reports, the ATF e-Trace summary, and the investigative reports corresponding with laboratory analysis and ATF e-trace.

Dispatch Related Information

This section contains dispatch-related information associated with the incident. The information reviewed was obtained from the following police agencies and organizations:

- Brooklyn Police Department
- Parma Heights Police Department
- Parma Police Department
- Strongsville Police Department
- Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT Team

Tactical Timeline from Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB)

After the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team responded to the incident location, no radio traffic was recorded. It was learned SEB had “tactical dispatchers” who transcribed the ongoing radio traffic and provided the information in a timeline format. That information was obtained from SEB and a copy of the “tactical timeline” has been included below:

Time	Officer	CAD/dispatch entry (direct quotes)
1200		STILL BACK IN STILL WITH THE GUN TO HIS HEAD, AGITATED
1212		GO AHEAD, GUN IS IN HIS LEFT HAND TO HIS HEAD
1214		WEAPON IS IN HIS HAND, STEPPING OUT OF THE VEHICLE
1222		THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY ON THE BRIDGE. LITERALLY, I CAN SEE CLEAR THROUGH THE DRIVER SIDE, ALL OF HIM. IF HE GOES OUT THE PASSENGER SIDE THAT'S THE ONLY THING I DON'T HAVE COVERED
1228		HE'S GETTING OUT HIS HANDS ARE FREE. HIS HANDS ARE UP. HE'S STANDING OUTSIDE THE TRUCK, DRIVER SIDE, HE IS TAKING A STEP. WEAPON IS ON THE SEAT ON THE SIDE OF THE TRUCK
1229		GOT BACK IN, GUN TO HIS HEAD
1229	Holderbaum to Dulin	WE GOT A TEAM COMING WITH A 40 AND HE KEEPS COMING IN AND OUT OF THE VEH. IS HE GETTING ENOUGH DISTANCE IF HE STEPS OUT WITH THE VEH UNARMED THAT WE CAN HIT HIM WITH A 40?
1231	Holderbaum	JUST SO YOU GUYS ARE - WE ARE ON THE SAME

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	to Davenport	PAGE WITH THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE 40; I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH DISTANCE WITH HIM AWAY FROM THE CAR TO WHERE IF WE SHOOT HIM WITH THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO MAKE IT TO THE GUN. SO, DO NOT SHOOT HIM IN THE DOORWAY OF THE CAR, LIKE WE WANT DISTANCE SO HE CAN'T GET BACK IN
1232	[REDACTED]	ALRIGHT, THEN HE'S GOING TO GET AND WAVE THE GUN AND WE'LL SHOOT HIM. HE'S JUST SITTING BACK, RELAXING HAVING WATER WITH A GUN TO HIS HEAD
1239	Unknown	SUBJECT, PASSENGER SIDE, FINGER ON THE TRIGGER
1241	[REDACTED]	HE'S CURRENTLY SETTING UP MIRRORS INSIDE THE VEHICLE SO HE CAN KEEP EYES ON THE TEAM. I KNOW WE HAVE TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS BUT THEY ARE TYING UP RADIO TRAFFIC FOR PERTINENT INFORMATION TO COME ACROSS WHEN IT NEEDS TO COME ACROSS
1249	Davenport to Command	OSP BEAR MOVED INTO A TACTICAL L POSITION WITH THE NEGOTIATORS, THEY ARE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE
1250	OSP Bear ²	NEGOTIATORS ARE COMMUNICATING WITH HIM HOWEVER, WE CAN'T HEAR HIM. THEY'RE GOING TO TOSS HIM A CELL PHONE SO THEY CAN COMMUNICATE WITH HIM. GAVE THE THUMBS UP THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN HERE SHORTLY
1259	Negotiators to Command	HE NOW HAS THE PHONE. WE'LL BE ATTEMPTING TO CALL HIM ON THE PHONE
1302	[REDACTED]	I HAD TO ADJUST WHEN THE BEARCATS GOT IN POSITION SO I AM NOW AT THE 'CITY OF BROOKLYN MOVING FORWARD' SIGN IN BETWEEN THE TWO BEARCATS
1306	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	HERE ARE YOUR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. IF HE EXITS THE VEHICLE WITHOUT THE GUN AND HE'S 5 FEET FROM THE DOORFRAME, YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO USE PEPPERBALL FOR AIR DENIAL AND 40 AND K9 IF THAT WORKS. THAT IS 5 FEET FROM THE THRESHOLD OF THE DOOR SO HE CAN'T GET BACK IN AND DOES NOT HAVE A GUN. IF HE EXITS WITH THE GUN USE JUDGEMENT AND PROTECT YOUR GUYS SELF

² OSP Bear was the SRT vehicle used by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) during the incident.

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1309	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	JUST BE ADVISED THIS IS NOT JUST A SUICIDAL SUBJECT, WE DO HAVE CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE PASSENGER IN ONE OF THE VEHICLES IS DECEASED, ALONG WITH FLEEING AND ELUDING AND SEVERAL OTHER CHARGES
1319	Negotiators to Command	STILL ON THE PHONE; WEAPON'S IN RIGHT HAND, PHONE IN LEFT
1328	Negotiator	HE'S SAYING THE PHONE SHUT OFF BECAUSE IT GOT TOO HOT. HE'S TRYING TO LET IT COOL DOWN. HE PUT IT IN HIS LAP FOR NOW
1335	Negotiators to Command	WE'RE BACK ON THE PHONE WITH HIM
1337	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE UNTIL WE EXHAUST ALL MEANS. WE HAVE THE COMMAND POST EN ROUTE. ALSO, WITH THE CONTINGENCY OF THE THROW PHONE, IF YOU GUYS NEED WATER OR ANYTHING ELSE JUST LET US KNOW BUT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE
1339	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	ALSO, BE ADVISED IF HE COMES OUT UNARMED THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE STILL IN PLAY
1357	Command	THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE THE SAME; IF HE COMES OUT WITHOUT THE GUN, AIR DENIAL WITH PEPPERBALL, 40 AND K9 IF NEEDED. IF HE COMES OUT WITH THE GUN JUST STANDBY AND LET HIM GO BACK INTO THE CAR
1415	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	BE ADVISED NEGOTIATORS ARE SAYING WE'RE EXHAUSTING ALL MEANS THERE, IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE. GOING TO GIVE IT 20 MINUTES TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS WATER AND THEN FROM THERE THE NEXT OPTION IS GOING TO BE COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF PEPPERBALL. MAKE SURE YOU GUYS HAVE CONTINGENCIES
1433	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	JUST BE ADVISED WE HAVE NOW CHANGED NEGOTIATIONS TO LET HIM KNOW THAT THIS IS CRIMINAL. THAT HE HAS HARMED SOMEBODY AND HE IS DECEASED AND HE HAS CHARGES. BE READY FOR THIS THING TO ESCALATE
1442	Holderbaum to all SEB Units	BE PREPARED; WE'VE EXHAUSTED ALL MEANS IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE TRIED TO DO THIS FRIENDLY, WE THEN ALSO TRIED TO USE THIS CARD OF "THIS IS CRIMINAL CHARGES". WE ARE NOW PREPARING TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS, HAVE YOUR CONTINGENCIES IN PLAY. THE PLAN IS TO

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		INTRODUCE COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF PEPPERBALL INTO THE CAR AND THEN IF HE GETS OUT YOU GUYS WILL HAVE YOUR CONTINGENCIES AS IN USING 40, LESS LETHAL, K9. IF HE DOES BREAK PERIMETER AND HE IS ARMED; HE IS A FLEEING FELON YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO ENGAGE. OBVIOUSLY THAT LAST CHOICE IS NOT PREFERED. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU GUYS ARE IN POSITION AND THEN WE'LL DO THIS THROUGH OUR COMMAND "HANDS UP"
1443	Negotiator to Command	NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ENDED
1446	Unknown	SUSPECT DOWN, SUSPECT DOWN ONE SHOT FIRED
1446	Fischer	DEPLOYED, SUSPECT IS DOWN IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. STAND BY, I'LL GIVE YOU SIT REP IN A MINUTE
1446	Unknown	██████ FIRED TOO ³
1447	Holderbaum	IF THE GUN IS AWAY FROM HIM, HE'S IS NOT A THREAT YOU GUYS CAN MOVE UP AND DO MEDICAL IF NEEDED
1448	Fischer	ARE WE CLEAR FOR MEDICAL TO MOVE UP?
1449	Holderbaum to Fischer	JUST TO CONFIRM, WE HAD A ██████ ENGAGED, CORRECT?
1449	Davenport	YES, ██████ ENGAGED
1450	McCoy to Command	JUST BE ADVISED BROWN HIT HIM WITH A 40 IN THE BACK, NOBODY ELSE ENGAGED
1451	Vinkler	CHINTELLA FIRED TWO ROUNDS OF 40 AND TO CONFIRM THAT ██████ DID FIRE
1453	Holderbaum	THIS IS A CRIME SCENE NOW; CAN WE MAKE SURE YOU CAN PUT OVER THE AIR HOW MANY ROUNDS WERE DEPLOYED. JUST KIND OF GO OVER WHERE EXACTLY EACH GUY WAS OVER THE AIR SO WE CAN DOCUMENT IT
1454	Vinkler to Command	CHINTELLA FIRED ONE ROUND OF THE 40, HE WAS AT THE FRONT END OF THE STRONGSVILLE BEARCAT ON THE WEST OFF RAMP OF TIEDEMAN
1454	Vinkler	AND THEN LEE FIRE TWO ROUNDS OF PEPPERBALL, STRUCK HIM IN THE BACK FROM THE REAR OF THE STRONGSVILLE BEARCAT; THAT WOULD BE THE NORTHWEST CORNER
1455	McCoy to Command	BROWN FIRED ONE ROUND OF 40 MM LESS LETHAL FROM THE PASSENGER REAR OF THE SEB BEARCAT AND STRUCK THE LOWER BACK OF THE SUSPECT

³ "██████" was the designation given to ██████ as the ██████

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1458	McCoy to Command	IF SOMEBODY CAN COME UP AND GRAB ██████, TAKE HIM BACK TO THE COMMAND POST. HE'S ON HIS WAY DOWN WALKING RIGHT NOW
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911 Calls, Interagency Calls, and Radio Traffic Recordings

Title	Duration	Summary	Relevant Info
BPD - Phone Call - CVD2_Vesta04_2025_06_24_10_54_17.wav	34s	Brooklyn dispatch contacting Parma dispatch in re: sending a Brooklyn squad to the crash scene.	None
BPD - Phone Call - CVD2_Vesta07_2025_06_24_10_50_06.wav	1 m 16s	Parma dispatch contacting Brooklyn dispatch in re: the pursuit, traffic crash, and suicidal subject.	None
BPD Radio Traffic - BYPD_█████.wav	6h 7m	Brooklyn PD radio traffic.	The information was consistent with other radio traffic.
Dispatch to Dispatch - Phone_Calls.wav	1 h 29m	Phone calls between Brooklyn PD, OSP, Parma PD, Parma Hts. PD, and Rocky River PD.	Approx. 1.5hrs of phone calls between dispatch centers in reference to the incident. Information is consistent with other dispatch recordings.
Original Phone Call 06-24-2025_10.08.07.4_-1_-E911_Station_1_(Voice)_4855734_TS.WAV	5m 4s	Initial 911 call to Rocky River PD from clinical social worker in re: Patrick Kerr.	00:48 "He drives a black F-150." 01:27 "Um and sent me a picture of the handgun in his vehicle." 02:24 "He hasn't made homicidal threats to me, but, you know, he talks about things like suicide by cop and those things."
PHPD Radio - PH_Radio_full_length.wav	19m 55s	Parma Hts. PD COP Alert, pursuit traffic, and initial scene traffic.	02:57 Initiating traffic stop. 03:07 "And he's not gonna stop." 03:41 "He wrecked at Tiedeman and 480." "He's got a gun out to his head radio." 09:39 Request for negotiator and SEB activation. 13:17 "He says he's overdosing." 15:00 "Still has a gun to his head." 19:00 "SEB had the scene locked down. You can clear our personnel."

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PPD - Radio Traffic - Parma_Main_B and_full_length.wav	43m 42s	Parma PD main radio traffic. Pursuit and initial scene.	The information was consistent with other radio traffic.
PPD - Radio Traffic - Parma_Tac_1_full_length.wav	23m 20s	Parma PD Tac 1 radio traffic.	22:00 "All right now he's saying he's going to kill himself." The information was consistent with other radio traffic.
SEB Radio Traffic - 06.24.25 SEB.wma	3h 10m	SEB/OSP tactical units radio traffic.	The information was consistent with other radio traffic.

COP Alert and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records

The "Caution Ohio Police" (COP alert) was issued by the Rocky River Police Department and transmitted to all Ohio police agencies. The COP alert was transmitted to law enforcement agencies on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 10:53:31 hrs. The COP alert stated that the subject (Patrick H. Kerr) was suicidal and considering suicide by cop. The COP alert provides Kerr's identifying information, vehicle information, and last known location. A copy of the COP Alert / LEADS information will be kept in Matrix but is not subject to public records requests per ORC: 149.43 and OAC: 4501.2-10-06 (2025-07-14 [REDACTED] COP teletype.pdf).

Eight Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records were reviewed for relevant information to the investigation. The records were duplicative of each other and contained information consistent with the radio traffic of the event (dispatch times, location, etc.).

For additional information, refer to the audio recordings and the investigative report titled *2025-07-16: Review of Dispatch Related Information*.

Phone Call to Brimfield Police Department

During the course of the investigation, a recording was received from the Parm Heights Police Department of the welfare check conducted on Kerr on June 23, 2025. Multiple phone calls were included in the recording and a summary of those phone calls have been included below.

On June 23, 2025, Shanna Krutchnitt, who was the ex-wife of Kerr, made a phone call to the Brimfield Police Department (BPD) requesting a welfare check be conducted on Kerr at his residence in Brimfield, Ohio. Kerr had been sending Shanna messages that appeared to be suicidal in nature. Shanna was concerned for his well-being.

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Four additional phone calls were included in the recording. The additional callers included Patrick's sister, Meghan Preseran (Meghann), Patrick's friend, Marion Goodin (Marion), and Patrick's attorney, Barbara Rogachefsky (Barabara). Meghann, Marion, and Barbara all contacted BPD to check the welfare on Patrick.

Phone call #1

Shanna contacted BPD stating she needed a "well check" on Patrick at his residence after Patrick had sent her a "suicide note." Shanna received the text message containing the note at 0729 hours.

Shanna did not believe Patrick had any weapons. In the past, Patrick had made numerous threats of suicide but had never made any "attempt." She added that this was the first time receiving a suicide note from him. The call ended.

Phone call #2

The caller was Meghann who wanted to provide her contact information to the police should they need to get ahold of her. Shanna had previously contacted Meghann to inform her of the situation. The call ended.

Phone call #3

A female dispatcher answered the phone and a male began talking. The male later identified himself as Patrick's friend, Marion. Marion notified dispatch that Patrick "100% had a gun." Marion was very worried about Patrick's wellbeing and wanted the police to check on him. He also received a suicide note/text message from Patrick. Patrick stated in the note that he intended to use the gun on himself and not for his personal protection. Marion advised that he provided the gun to Patrick 2-weeks prior after Patrick asked him to borrow it to "protect his family." The call ended.

Phone call #4

The caller was Meghann, and she was asking for an update on the welfare check. The call ended.

Phone call #5

The caller was Patrick's attorney, Barbara. Barbara received a message from Patrick that appeared to be a suicide note. She called to request a welfare check. The call abruptly ended.

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Agency Incident Reports

Agency incident reports were obtained from Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) and the Brooklyn Police Department.

A review of the PHPD incident report revealed no new information that had not already been learned through additional means.

BPD completed an agency incident report and a traffic crash report (OH-1). No new information was learned from the incident report. A summary of the OH-1 crash report detailed how the traffic crash occurred and who the occupants of the vehicles were.

A snippet of the OH-1 has been included below. It provides the narrative and diagram completed by BPD.

NARRATIVE Unit 3 was being pursued by Parma Hts Police. He was N/B on Tiedeman Rd and struck unit 1 and 2 near the I-480 W/B exit ramp. This incident is still being investigated and is subject to updates. Drawing is Final Rest						Indicate the north direction with an "N" on the compass diagram.			
CRASH REPORTED DATE / TIME		DISPATCH DATE / TIME		ARRIVAL DATE / TIME		SCENE CLEARED DATE / TIME		REPORT TAKEN BY	
06/24/2025 10:51		06/24/2025 17:13		06/24/2025 17:22		06/24/2025 17:42		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICE AGENCY <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORIST	
TOTAL TIME ROADWAY CLOSED	OTHER INVESTIGATION TIME	TOTAL MINUTES	OFFICER'S NAME*		CHECKED BY OFFICER'S NAME*		SUPPLEMENT		
480	500	529	DOUG E BOYLE		DOUG E BOYLE		<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION IS SUBJECT TO AN EVENTUAL REVIEW BY BCI		
			OFFICER'S BADGE NUMBER*		CHECKED BY OFFICER'S BADGE NUMBER*				
			2227		2227				

Video Recordings

A video review was completed on all video footage collected throughout the investigation. This included a review of a drone video recording, body worn camera video recordings, dash camera video recordings, and a video recording captured on a witness officer's cellphone.

Throughout the video recordings percussive sounds can be heard. Although their origination cannot be scientifically identified, it appeared some of the sounds were the result of less-lethal munitions being deployed by members of the SEB SWAT team. To This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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the extent possible the percussive sounds believed to be gunfire have been identified as such in this report. It should be noted that those references are based on the totality of corroborating information and evidence gathered throughout this investigation.

Many of the video recordings that were reviewed were determined to not be relevant to the shooting incident or they did not provide any additional information into the incident. Only videos that were believed to be beneficial to the investigation have been included below.

SEB Drone Video

Drone footage was provided by the SEB Swat team and was recorded from an aerial position during the shooting incident. The video did not record sound therefore no audio was captured throughout the recording.

- At 00:00:00.000, the video shows an overhead view of the scene.
- At 00:01:02.636, the video shows an overhead view of the scene with the SWAT vehicles and [REDACTED] in place (*Figure 1, Overhead image*).

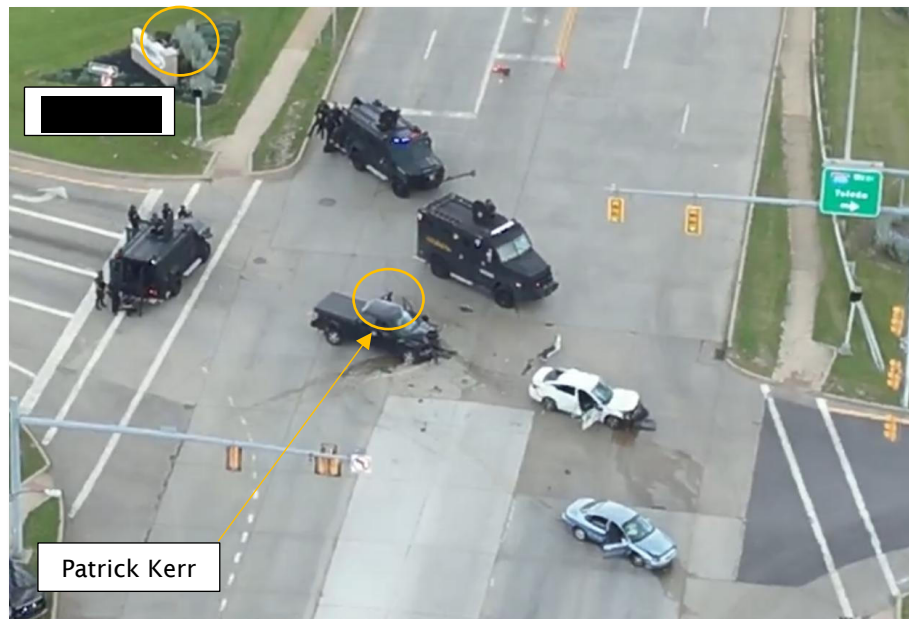


Figure 1, Overhead image

- At 00:01:07.255, the video shows the traffic conditions on I-480.

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- At 00:01:26.996, [REDACTED] could be observed standing on the examiner's right side of the "Brooklyn" sign.
- At 00:08:02.115, the video shows Patrick Kerr (Kerr) exiting the driver side front door of the black truck with a gun to his head. The gun was in Kerr's right hand (*Figure 2, Kerr with gun to head*).



Figure 2, Kerr with gun to head

- At 00:08:25.192, the video shows Kerr turning towards the inside of the black Ford truck.
- At 00:08:46.379, the video shows Kerr talking in the direction of the SWAT officers.
- At 00:10:06.286, the video shows Kerr holding a towel over his mouth, still with the gun to his head.
- At 00:10:11.263, the video shows Kerr looking towards the SWAT vehicle and walking backwards towards the front of the black Ford truck (*Figure 3, Kerr walking towards front of truck*).

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Figure 3, Kerr walking towards the front of the truck

- At 00:10:11.107, the video shows Kerr turning towards the front of the black Ford truck with towel over his mouth and the gun to his head (*Figure 4, Kerr walking towards front of truck*).

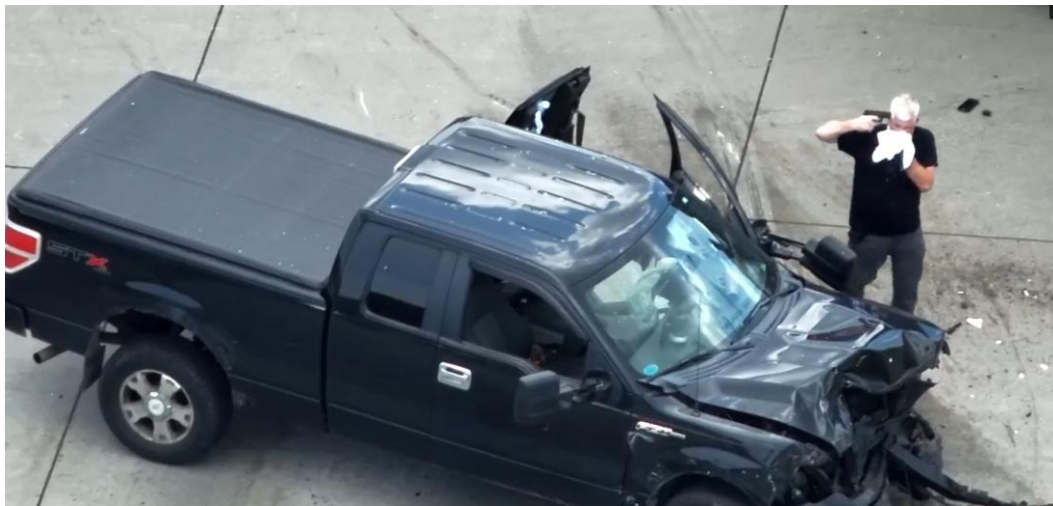


Figure 4, Kerr walking towards the front of the truck

- At 00:10:11.263, the video shows Kerr reacting to a less lethal impact (*Figure 5, Kerr reacting to less lethal impact*).

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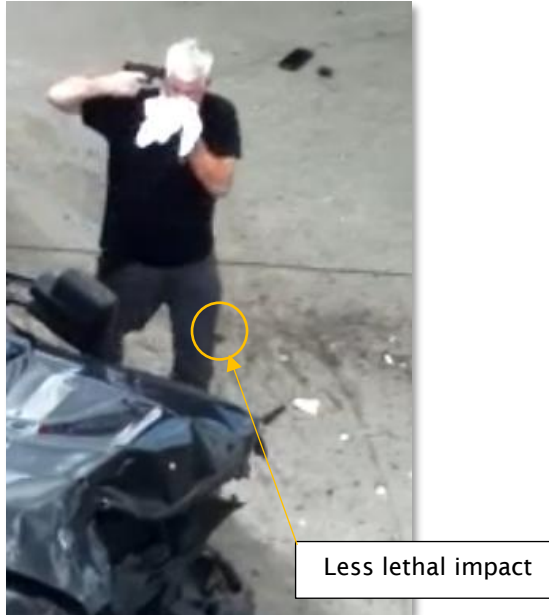


Figure 5, Kerr reacting to less lethal impact

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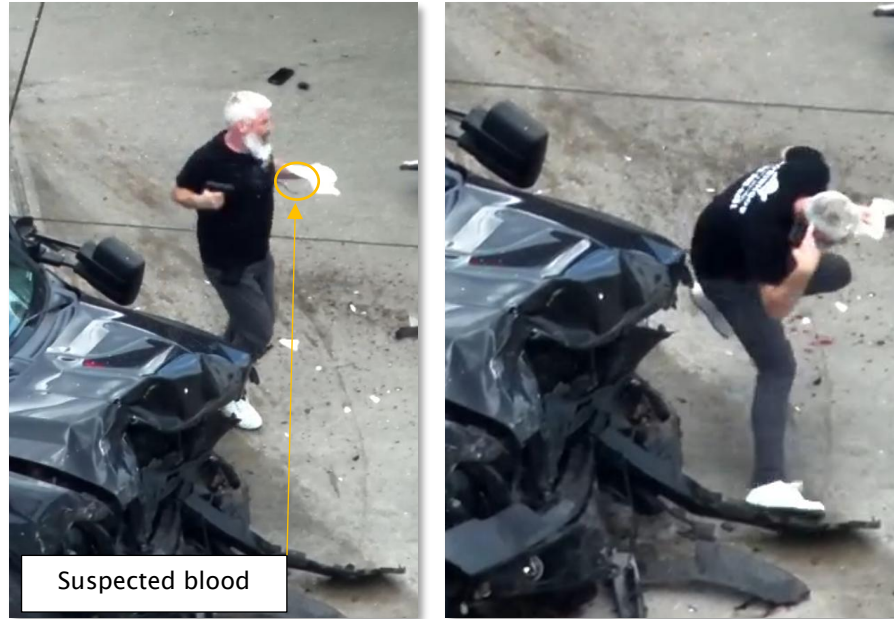


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- At 00:10:11.680, the video shows Kerr reacting to a suspected gunshot. Suspected blood is observed by Kerr's left arm (*Figures 6-7, Kerr reacting to suspected gunshot*).



Figures 6-7, Kerr reacting to suspected gunshot

- At 00:10:11.737, the video shows Kerr still reacting to the suspected gunshot.
- At 00:10:12.247, the video shows Kerr at the front of the black Ford truck. Kerr appeared to put the gun back to his head.

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- At 00:10:12.981, the video shows Kerr falling to the ground in front of the black Ford truck. Kerr dropped the gun (*Figure 8, Kerr dropping gun*).



Figure 8, Kerr dropping gun

- At 00:10:13.548, the video shows Kerr reaching for the gun (*Figure 9, Kerr reaching for gun*).



Figure 9, Kerr reaching for gun

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- At 00:10:13.748, the video shows Kerr reacting to a second less lethal impact (*Figure 10, Kerr reacting to a second less lethal impact*).



Figure 10, Kerr reacting to a second less lethal impact

- At 00:10:16.684, the video shows Kerr on the ground bringing the gun back to his head (*Figure 11, Kerr bringing the gun back to his head*).



Figure 11, Kerr bringing the gun back to his head

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- At 00:10:18.919, the video shows Kerr falling backwards on the ground and dropping the gun.
- At 00:10:19.953, the video shows Kerr in his final position on the ground (*Figure 12, Kerr final position on ground*).



Figure 12, Kerr final position on ground

- At 00:10:46.538, the video shows Kerr with suspected agonal breathing.
- At 00:11:26.278, the video shows Kerr moving his arms from his head to his waist.
- At 00:11:54.461, the video shows SWAT officers making initial contact with Kerr.
- At 00:12:07.178, the video shows a SWAT officer picking up Kerr's gun.
- At 00:12:25.178, the video shows a SWAT officer putting Kerr's gun on the passenger side hood of the black Ford truck (*Figure 13, Placement of Kerr's gun*).

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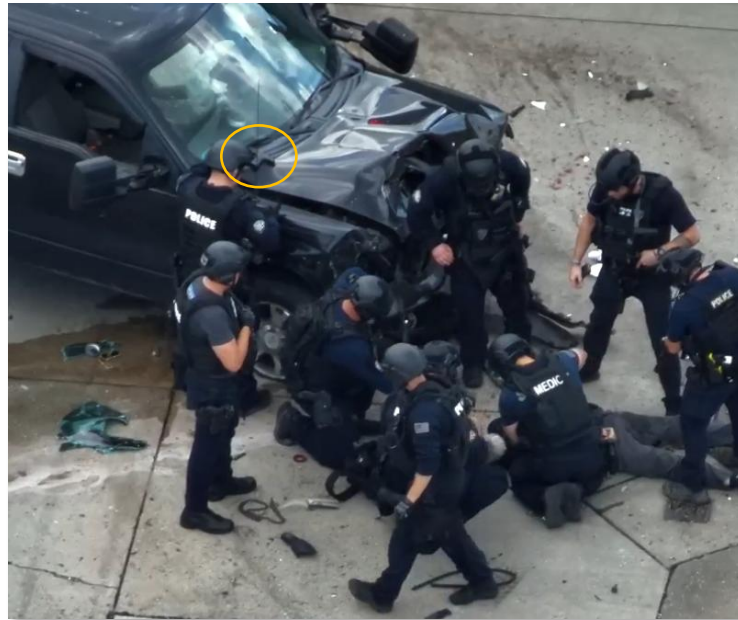


Figure 13, Placement of Kerr's gun

- At 00:14:09.482, the video shows continued attempts at first aid.
- At 00:16:21.207, the video shows Kerr being loaded onto a cot by EMS.

During an additional video review, it was discovered that Kerr had fired the Glock 45 after he was struck by a less-lethal impact round and shot one time by [REDACTED]. The timestamp on the video frame was 00:10:13. Muzzle flash could be observed coming from the firearm held in Kerr's right hand. This information was corroborated by the fired cartridge casing later located during crime scene processing. An image of the muzzle flash has been provided below.

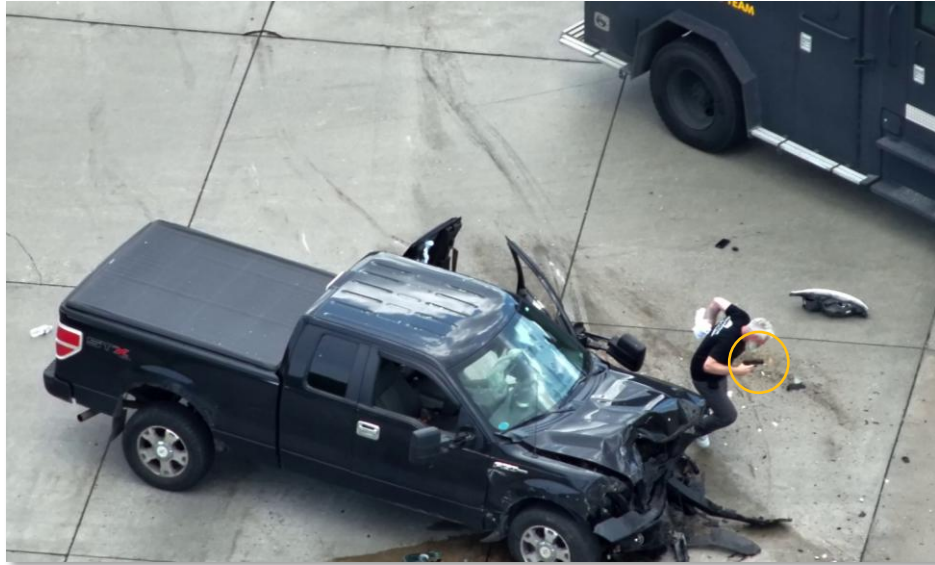
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Muzzle flash from Kerr's pistol

ODOT Traffic Cam

A video recording was obtained from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The video captured portions of the stand-off between Kerr and law enforcement officers. The video did not show the actual shooting that occurred during the incident.

The video provided contextual information about the incident that included the location of vehicles during the incident, the large amount of traffic flow that travelling on Interstate I-480 West which was in close proximity to the incident location.

The captured footage also showed Kerr exiting and entering his vehicle multiple times throughout the standoff. The camera angle continuously moved, spanning between traffic on I-480 and the standoff. The camera angle was facing in the direction of the interstate at the time the shooting occurred.

Parma Heights Surveillance Footage

Parma Heights Police Department provided video recordings to BCI that were previously obtained from Speedy Gas, located at 6229 Pearl Road in Parma Heights, and Yorktown Lanes, located at 6218 Pearl Road in Parma Heights.

The video recordings depicted portions of the vehicle pursuit that Kerr and PHPD officers engaged in. The video did not provide any additional relevant information to the shooting incident.

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Cellphone Video Recording

The cellphone video recording (and additional photos) was provided by Parma Police Department Officer Thomas Desmarteau (Desmarteau). Officer Desmarteau responded to the incident location as a member of the SEB Swat team. He took a position near the Brooklyn, Ohio sign which was also the location of [REDACTED]. In Officer Desmarteau's statement, he indicated that he attempted to take photographs of the involved subject (Kerr) to demonstrate the vantage point that he and [REDACTED] had. Officer Desmarteau also took a brief video showing Kerr exit his vehicle with a firearm pointed towards his head. The videos and photographs did not depict the shooting portion of the incident.

Relevant Body Worn Camera and Dash Camera Video

Video recordings were reviewed from Brooklyn Police Department and Parma Police department. None of the videos captured the officer-involved shooting.

Video from Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD) was also reviewed. PHPD was the agency who initiated the vehicle pursuit with Kerr. The dash cameras and body cameras worn by PHPD did not capture the officer-involved shooting but rather provided contextual information regarding the vehicle pursuit and the standoff with law enforcement.

A summary of the PHPD video recordings has been provided below.

In-Car Camera Review

The in-car camera systems captured various vantage points of the incident. Many of the videos were captured from a distance and as a result making out any small objects is difficult. A representation of what the in-car camera systems captured is shown below:

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Some of the videos captured the pursuit that preceded the collision at Tiedeman Road and Interstate 480. In the pursuit, Patrick Kerr (Kerr) is observed driving highly erratically, passing cars by going into oncoming traffic, and disregarding traffic signals.

After the collision, the in-car cameras captured Kerr striking the driver's side window and creating a hole in it. During the entirety of the incident, Kerr would lean in and out of view, many times pointing an object towards his head. He would also intermittently gesture with his free hand and open and close the truck doors. On one occasion, Kerr vomited out of the open window. The in-car systems also captured a team of officers extracting the occupants of the other vehicles involved in the collision. Kerr also exited the vehicle on several occasions and stood between the front and rear doors while attempting to catch water bottles thrown towards him by officers. The in-car videos were able to record Kerr's actions until the patrol vehicles were removed from the scene as the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) took over.

Body Worn Camera Review

The body worn camera (BWC) videos of four officers were reviewed. The cameras often did not capture footage of Kerr, or his vehicle, as the officers were utilizing cover. The videos did capture the audio that was spoken by the officers. Of note, Officer Michael Molnar's (Officer Molnar) videos captured his continued attempts to bring the situation to a peaceful conclusion.

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Officer Molnar was the third officer in pursuit of Kerr, and after the collision he conducted a large portion of the negotiations with Kerr. Officer Molnar's BWC captured audio from Kerr in which he said, "I'm gonna kill myself or you guys are gonna kill me, ok?" He continued to speak with Kerr and attempted to resolve the situation in various ways, such as providing Kerr with water, and trying to get him to answer a cell phone call with negotiators.

At one point, Kerr asked Officer Molnar to call his ex-wife. Officer Molnar was able to reach Kerr's ex-wife over the phone and spoke with her briefly. She told Officer Molnar, "I don't feel comfortable with this." A short time later Officer Molnar handed the phone call off to Sergeant Mike Deily (Sergeant Deily). Kerr's ex-wife told Sergeant Deily, "Listen to me. He has been harassing me for weeks. "I'm terrified for my life." Sergeant Deily then handed the phone call off to Officer Ron Felkonis (Officer Felkonis). Officer Felkonis asked Kerr's ex-wife where she was located and she said, "I'm in Copley right now. I'm hiding from him. "He's a madman with a gun." Shortly afterward, the phone call ended.

A negotiator with SEB arrived on scene and assisted Officer Molnar with his attempts to negotiate with Kerr. The negotiator also spoke with Kerr at times to try to deescalate the situation. Officer Molnar remained on scene until he was dismissed at the instruction of SEB.

None of the Parma Heights Police Department camera systems captured the officer involved shooting.

Conclusion

This officer- involved shooting incident involved Strongsville Police Department [REDACTED]. Based upon the tangible/physical evidence, video and audio recordings, statements from law enforcement officers, statements from family members and friends of the involved subject (Kerr), and the totality of the investigation, it was concluded that Kerr was shot one time by [REDACTED] after he exited his vehicle and began walking towards the interstate where numerous occupied vehicles were present.

The incident began when an Ohio COP Alert was issued by the Rocky River Police Department for a welfare check on Kerr. The alert stated that Kerr was a suicidal male driving a black Ford pickup truck. The original call providing this information was made by Kerr's therapist, who received text messages from Kerr stating he was planning on killing himself. Kerr also sent his therapist a photograph of a gun (black Glock handgun).

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Kerr was soon located by Parma Heights Police Officers in the area of Pearl Road in Parma Heights, Ohio. Officers initiated a traffic stop on Kerr's vehicle (a black Ford F-150). Kerr failed to comply with the lawful order and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

While evading officers, Kerr recorded himself on his cellphone. In the recording, Kerr made statements about his contempt for law enforcement and how he had no intention of complying with their orders.

The vehicle pursuit continued north on Tiedeman Road near Interstate I-480 in Brooklyn, Ohio. Moments later, the pursuit ended after Kerr became involved in a fatal traffic crash in the intersection of Tiedeman Road and the entrance/exit ramps of I-480 West.

Three vehicles were involved in the crash. Kerr initially struck a white Nissan Altima that was driven by Ronald Liszka (Liszka). Liszka died as a result of his injuries sustained in the crash. The other vehicle was identified as a blue Ford Taurus and was driven by John Welsh (Welsh). Welsh sustained serious injuries during the crash and was later admitted to the intensive care unit at Metro Health Hospital. Two other occupants were involved in the crash, one in the Nissan Altima and one in the Ford Taurus. Both were transported to Metro Health hospital where they were provided with medical treatment.

After the traffic crash occurred, Kerr refused to comply with orders from officers for approximately 4-hours.

Initially, officers from the Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD), Parma Police Department (PPD), and the Brooklyn Police Department (BPD) responded to the area where Kerr was located in his now disabled vehicle. Kerr was pointing a black Glock 45 handgun at his head.

Officers made attempts to negotiate with Kerr and gave numerous commands for him to drop the gun. Kerr engaged in dialogue with officers making statements that he was going to kill himself. Kerr also alluded that he was going to force officers to shoot him.

While officers were speaking with Kerr, Kerr was video recording himself on his personal cellphone.

Kerr had been documenting himself on his personal cellphone in the days prior to the incident. The videos he recorded contained suicidal ideations which included suicide by cop scenarios. Kerr also discussed his use of illicit drugs during the videos.

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Eventually, the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team was requested; They arrived with two armored vehicles. An additional armored vehicle from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team also responded to the location.

Officers positioned the armored vehicles in a "tactical L" which aided in blocking the roadway on Tiedeman Road and provided cover and protection for officers on scene. The position was also intended to prevent any crossfire incidents.

While SEB SWAT was on scene, officers continued negotiation efforts to no avail. Kerr was offered water due to the extreme heat of the day. He was also offered the use of a cellphone after his became inoperable. Kerr was provided with multiple means to surrender without incident.

During negotiations, Kerr became emotional at various points and indicated he was attempting to overdose on prescription medication. This later caused Kerr to vomit on himself and inside his vehicle.

At multiple points Kerr was observed by officers pointing the firearm to his head. He also exited and re-entered his vehicle multiple times with the gun in his hand. Kerr continued to make statements about wanting to kill himself and that he was "sorry" for making the officers "do it."

██████████ was assigned as the precision marksman during the standoff. He was positioned near the Brooklyn, Ohio welcome sign that was on the corner of Tiedeman Road and the exit ramp from I-480 West. ██████████ had a clear view of Kerr and provided updates to the tactical command center on Kerr's movements throughout the incident.

Officers on scene were given "rules of engagement" by SEB command staff and were instructed to engage Kerr with less lethal rounds should he exit his vehicle and move approximately 5-feet away from the door frame. Officers were also given the go-ahead to utilize deadly force if it was necessary.

After multiple hours of negotiations, Kerr exited his vehicle and began walking towards the front of his truck. Kerr was first struck with less-lethal impact rounds. Simultaneously, ██████████ observed Kerr walking towards the I-480 West entrance ramp. Kerr still had the pistol in his hand and was headed towards a busy highway occupied by numerous civilians. Additionally, he was moving in a direction where he was going to be out of view of ██████████. At that time, ██████████ indicated he had no other option, and he fired his rifle striking Kerr in the back torso.

Moments after Kerr was struck by the bullet, he also fired his Glock 45 handgun one time. His gun was pointed in a southwest direction.

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Kerr then fell to the ground and moved to the front of his vehicle where he struggled to maintain a hold of his firearm. Officers fired less-lethal rounds, striking Kerr in the back. As Kerr moved the gun upward towards his head he slumped over and became unresponsive.

When officers observed Kerr lying on his back and unresponsive, they approached him and began rendering medical aid. The firearm used by Kerr was located by officers with a fired cartridge casing that was partially ejected from the gun. Officers cleared the firearm and placed it on the hood of the truck. Kerr was later transported to Metro Health Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Kerr sustained one gunshot wound to his torso and did not make any statements to officers after the shooting occurred.

The conclusion was based on the totality of the investigation. Throughout the investigative process, investigators continually evaluated the physical evidence in conjunction with audio and video recordings, forensic findings, witness statements, involved officer statements and other information to ensure all relevant facts and circumstances surrounding this incident were obtained.

This investigation was focused on the officer-involved shooting incident and the law enforcement use of force that led to the death of Kerr.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved shooting incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports, documents, and files 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 Allison Fletcher who can be reached via email at Allison.fletcher@OhioAGO.gov or by telephone at 330-217-3605.

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