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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 681 4th St. SW, Warren,
OH 44483, Trumbull County (L)

Investigative Activity: Review of Replica Handguns Possessed by Brad Bailey
Involves: Brad Bailey (S)
Activity Date: 01/21/2026
Activity Location: BCI Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan Emahiser #36

Narrative:

On October 12, 2025, during the events leading up to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on Fourth Street, Warren, Ohio, the subject involved Brad Bailey (Brad) was reported by Sarah Bailey to be in possession of two 9mm handguns. This information was provided to Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) dispatchers by Sarah when Brad returned to the residence, assaulted family members, and fled their residence in Sarah's white Buick. Following TCSO requesting BCI to investigate the incident, agents responded to the incident scene, collected relevant evidence, and began the investigation.

While processing the incident scene, BCI agents located evidence of two replica guns that are believed to have been possessed and used by Brad during the OICI incident. Later in the investigation, agents also interviewed involved officers and some of the interviewed officers were not aware that Brad was possibly in possession of replica handguns, while some officers recalled that the gun that Brad used to strike the Warren Police Department (WPD) cruiser driver's window appeared to have broken apart at some point after Brad struck the window. Those officers, that noticed an abnormal malfunction of the handgun that Brad possessed, believed that there was a possibility that the handgun may not have been an actual firearm.

In the area of the WPD cruiser where the OICI occurred, and in the area where Brad's body came to rest, BCI Agents found parts to a replica firearm. Below are BCI crime scene photographs of those replica gun parts and their location with evidence markers. Placard number 1 in the first photo (Figure 1) shows the location of the pistol grip of the replica handgun that Brad used to strike the WPD cruiser window.

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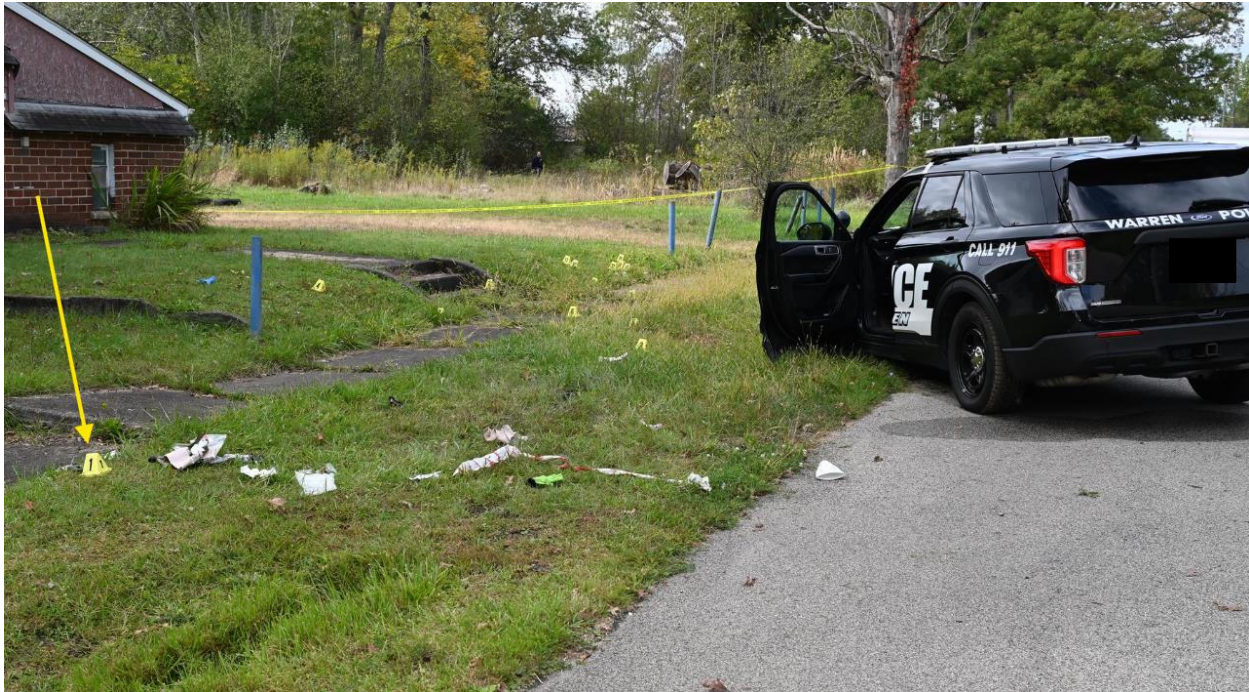


Figure 1: Crime Scene Photo ERL_0009 of Placard #1 (depicted with yellow arrow), Evidence Property #10 Plastic Grip from pistol of replica handgun.

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Figure 2: Crime Scene Photo ERL_0022 of Placard #1, Evidence Property #10 Plastic Grip from pistol of replica handgun.

Additional parts believed to belong to the same replica handgun that were likely castoff when Brad was striking the WPD cruiser are pictured below and correlate to the following placards and evidence numbers:

- Placard #2, Evidence #11, plastic gun part (Photo ERL_0025)
- Placard #3, Evidence #12, plastic slide from gun (Photo ERL_0028)
- Placard #5, Evidence #14. plastic trigger from gun (Photo ERL_0032)
- Placard #6, Evidence #15, plastic gun part (internal barrel) (Photo ERL_0033)

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Figure 3: Placard number illustration with found replica gun parts (Photo ERL_0023)

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Figure 4: Placard #2, Evidence #11, plastic gun part (Photo ERL_0025)

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Figure 5: Placard #3, Evidence #12, plastic slide from gun (Photo ERL_0028)

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Figure 6: Placard #5, Evidence #14. Plastic trigger from gun (Photo ERL_0032)

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Figure 7: Placard #6, Evidence #15, plastic gun part (internal barrel) (Photo ERL_0033)

Agents located the second replica handgun while conducting a search of the white Buick driven by Brad during the vehicle pursuit, which he also exited and fled on foot reportedly with a handgun. Below is a photograph of the vehicle, with additional photos of the located second replica handgun and magazine for the replica handgun both found in the front passenger floorboard area.

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Figure 8: White Buick Regal driven by Brad Bailey during vehicle pursuit (Photo LGH_1932)

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Figure 9: Found replica handgun located in front passenger floorboard area with yellow arrow depicting (Photo LGH_1975)

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Figure 10: Zoomed in view of found replica handgun in the front passenger floorboard area (Photo LGH_1979)

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Figure 11: Foam Dart Magazine for replica handguns and black iPhone belonging to Brad Bailey also found in the front passenger floorboard area (Photo LGH_1985)

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Figure 12: Replica GX4 XL Handgun found in passenger floorboard area of white Buick Regal (Photo LGH_1981)

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Figure 13: Replica GX4 XL Handgun found in passenger floorboard area of white Buick Regal, front barrel view (photo LGH_1983)

The replica handgun, CSU Scene 1 - Item 21 - Evidence No. P00020-1044981, located in the white Buick Regal was identified through online searches as being a Chinese made "Nerf Pistol." Also, in reviewing the replica handgun parts located near the WPD cruiser that Brad struck with a handgun, agents were able to identify the parts as being from another Chinese made "Nerf Pistol." Both replica handguns are advertised as being made with realistic handgun mechanics with functioning parts like a true handgun that they are designed after. The sellers of these replica handguns also advertise that these replica "toy" guns fire foam projectiles and eject spent cartridges like a real firearm.

Agents observed that both replica handguns located at the OICI scene had the orange safety paint on their barrels removed, which is typically applied by the manufacturer to

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distinguish the replica handguns as a “toy.” In the online sales advertisements for these replica handguns the manufacturer photos show both models as having their barrels painted safety orange. On both replica handguns’ barrels rough scraping and sanding marks were observed likely from the removal of the orange “safety” designated orange paint.

Both replica handguns are modeled after the United States true handguns/firearms commonly sold in the United States. Side by side comparisons of each of the Chinese made replica handguns Brad possessed with the actual real-world handguns/firearms they were modeled after are below for review.



Figure 14: Left Photo - Real Taurus 9mm GX4 XL, Right Photo - Chinese made GX4 XL Shell Ejection “Toy Gun” direct replica of real-world handgun

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Figure 15: Left Photo - Real Walther 9mm PPQ, Right Photo - Chinese made PPQ Shell Ejection "Toy Gun" direct replica of real-world handgun

All crime scene evidence photos referenced in this report can be found in Axon Evidence, and information related to the replica handguns possessed and used by Brad Bailey can be found through various public resources online.

References:

Crime Scene Evidence photos located in Axon Justice / Evidence.com case #2025-3318, in folder: Reference Item A Photographs > Crime Scene

Attachments:

None

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