



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



2025-3318
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 681 4th St. SW, Warren,
OH 44483, Trumbull County (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview of Involved Champion Township Police Officer
██████████

Involves: ██████████ (S), Brad Bailey (S)

Activity Date: 10/30/2025

Activity Location: Trumbull County Sheriff's Office, 150 High St NW,
Warren, OH

Authoring Agent: SA Ryan Emahiser #36

Narrative:

On Monday, October 30, 2025, at approximately 15:40 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Champion Township Police (CTPD) ██████████ ██████████, who was accompanied by his attorney Danielle Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). The interview was audio and video-recorded, and the recording has been uploaded to Axon Justice located in Reference Item F.

██████████ was read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which has been uploaded to this case file and attached to this report.

Prior to the interview, agents reviewed available video footage of the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) to assist in the formulation of relevant questions for the interview of the officer.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

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Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Chief
Radio Channel Utilized: Patched In with TCSO	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: Ford Explorer	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: no additional
Assignment: [REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Not Present	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: none
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: not asked	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): none	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Polo, outer carrier with "police" displayed, and gold badge.	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: radio, taser, handcuffs x2,
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: none	Partner: Josh Rudesill
Injuries: none	Equipment Damage: none
Training or Areas of Specialty: regular required trainings	OPOTC Certification: [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: none	Use-of-Force Training: usual required trainings
Prior Shooting Incidents: none	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: none
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: no	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: no
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? Not asked	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: Not asked

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 22
Caliber/Gauge: .40 caliber	Serial: ██████████
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: duty belt
Magazine Capacity: 15	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 15
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 15
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 6	Number of Rounds Fired: 9 fired from round count
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 6/5/2025	Type of Holster, if any: Alien Gear Level 3

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██████████ said that on the date of the incident CTPD was aware of the domestic dispute incident that occurred involving Brad Bailey (Brad) earlier in the night handled by TCSO. ██████████ said that he and the other CTPD officer working had read the notes from the call and were aware that TCSO had dropped Brad off in Champion to separate the parties for the rest of the evening. ██████████ stated that, after TCSO dropped Brad off in Champion, he did not have any interactions with Brad but heard TCSO deputies were dispatched in the morning hours back to the Bailey residence for an in-progress domestic violence situation involving Brad.

██████████ explained that TCSO requested CTPD's assistance with the second call, and ██████████ and CTPD Ofc. Josh Rudesill (Rudesill) began responding to the Bailey residence with TCSO. ██████████ said that as they were responding that they were advised over the radio *"of him [Brad] strangling the female party [Sarah Bailey], taking phones, all that stuff. Um, and that he had left in a white sedan. So that's when they told us that we can hold off that they had made suicidal comments and that they were gonna ping his phone. Um, when they did ping his phone, it came back to an area in Champion"* (9:29 on the recording). ██████████ also added that

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TCSO advised over the radio that Brad had two firearms when Brad fled the residence in a white sedan.

██████████ stated that a short time after, TCSO advised CTPD that Brad's cell phone had been located in the area of Old Colony near State Street in Champion. ██████████ and Ofc. Rudesill began checking the general area in Champion separately, attempting to locate Brad, when Ofc. Rudesill advised that he had located Brad driving the white sedan. ██████████ said that Ofc. Rudesill attempted to make a traffic stop on the white sedan. However, the white Sedan began to flee southbound towards Warren and Ofc. Rudesill began to pursue the white sedan. ██████████ said that the pursuit of the white sedan continued into the city of Warren, and TCSO units had joined the vehicle pursuit.

██████████ stated that when he arrived in the area of Todd Ave. and Highland Ave., the white sedan and pursuing officers were headed towards his location. ██████████ said that as the white sedan approached his cruiser, which was facing the oncoming white sedan, the white sedan swerved towards his marked cruiser, causing ██████████ to drive off the roadway into a yard to avoid being struck "**head-on**" by the white sedan. ██████████ advised that the white sedan swerved into his cruiser's lane of travel and ██████████ believed he radioed this to the pursuing units. ██████████ stated that after pulling off the roadway, he joined the vehicle pursuit, traveling along several streets including Todd Ave. and Highland Ave., and at one point ██████████ was the first police cruiser pursuing the white sedan. ██████████ stated that after pursuing the vehicle, while looping around multiple streets, a Warren Police Department (WPD) unit deployed vehicle spike strips that caused the white sedan to slow down. ██████████ radioed to the other units that it was a "**good spike**" based on the vehicle slowing, and the white sedan made a right turn onto another street, then slowly coming to rest in the street.

██████████ said that after the white sedan stopped, Brad exited the driver's door and said the following at 14:27 on the recording, "**when he got out of his car, he came out and brought his gun around like this, showed it to us and was coming around the back of the car. And that's when I drew my gun and started backing up like between my car and the car behind me. And that's when he took off running.**" ██████████ later described the handgun as being black. Below is a screenshot of the video recording where ██████████ demonstrated how Brad was "showing" the gun in the direction of the pursuing officers.

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Figure 1: ██████████ demonstrates how Brad Bailey was "showing" the pursuing officers the handgun Brad Bailey possessed as he exited the white sedan.

██████████ advised that he and other officers in his immediate area called out "gun" upon observing the handgun in Brad's hand. ██████████ stated that Brad fled from officers northbound into a wooded area and onto another street (Fourth Street), and as Brad was running eastbound ██████████ could see two other police cruisers approaching towards Brad. At that time ██████████ and other pursuing officers began yelling out that the subject had a gun, and ██████████ said that he also radioed this information to the other units.

██████████ then said the following in regard to the WPD cruiser that had been approaching Brad on Fourth Street, as Brad ran toward the approaching WPD cruiser. At 15:46 on the recording, ***He [Brad] came up to the Warren City cruiser, and he [Brad] had his gun in his hand and started bashing it on the driver's side window. And then I heard one shot go off, and I started shooting, 'cause I honestly thought at the time I thought he [Brad] shot the officer in the cruiser. I wasn't sure who had entirely shot, but at that point I, I thought he [Brad] had shot and shot the officer in the car.*** ██████████ demonstrated, as seen below, to agents how Brad was striking the WPD cruiser driver's window, occupied by WPD ██████████.

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Figures 2&3: [REDACTED] demonstrating how Brad Bailey was striking the Warren Police Department cruiser driver's window, occupied by WPD [REDACTED]

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if after Brad struck the WPD cruiser driver's window and moved slightly away from the window, if [REDACTED] recalled Brad pointing the handgun towards [REDACTED] and other officers near [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recalled Brad moving slightly away from the WPD cruiser after striking the window but did not recall Brad pointing the black handgun at him or other officers. Agents also asked [REDACTED] if he recalled seeing a muzzle flash or anything else, that would add to his belief that Brad had fired a shot at [REDACTED] while striking the window. [REDACTED] said that he did not recall a muzzle flash but just recalled that it sounded as if Brad had fired a shot when striking the WPD cruiser window.

Attorney Chaffin asked [REDACTED] the following at 22:10 on the recording regarding Brad's actions after striking the WPD cruiser driver's window: ***"So when you, so he was hitting the window and then you said you don't recall him moving away from the car. What, what do you mean? Are you saying like, I have a recollection of that instance and I didn't see that happen? Or are you saying like due to the trauma of the event I don't, I can't tell you what happened in that moment. What does I don't recall mean."*** And [REDACTED] responded, ***"That was more of a, like, I remember him hitting the car, like I can picture him backing up, but I don't remember which way he turned or anything like that."***

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he observed any other officers present firing their weapons when [REDACTED] fired, and [REDACTED] stated that the two officers in front of him fired. Based on video footage reviewed by agents, the two officers [REDACTED] was referring to were TCSO [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if there was anything behind Brad when [REDACTED] fired at Brad. [REDACTED] responded

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that he recalled the roadway being behind Brad, but he could not recall beyond that as his recollection was kind of *"hazy."*

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he felt anyone's lives were in danger based on Brad's actions, that [REDACTED] observed, including Brad striking the WPD cruiser driver's window while occupied by WPD [REDACTED] and swerving into [REDACTED] lane of travel during the vehicle pursuit, and [REDACTED] responded, *"Yes."*

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if he heard Brad yell anything during the incident, and [REDACTED] responded that he did not recall. SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] what kind of emotions were going through his mind when Brad approached the WPD cruiser, and [REDACTED] said the following at 20:03 on the recording, *"I thought, 'cause like when he came up and was hitting the gun, I thought he was gonna kill that officer."*

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] what he thought Brad was going to do after striking the WPD cruiser, and [REDACTED] said, *"Honestly, there's no telling what he could have done... At that point I was, I was worried for the safety of myself and the officers around me"* (20:15). SA Lamping asked [REDACTED], when Brad swerved at [REDACTED] CTPD cruiser during the vehicle pursuit, if [REDACTED] believed that Brad was attempting to strike [REDACTED] cruiser with the white sedan. [REDACTED] stated that he did believe so and that was how [REDACTED] perceived the action.

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED], based on the circumstances and [REDACTED]' belief that Brad fired a shot towards an officer if there was anything [REDACTED] could have done differently or any other reasonable method of force he could have used. [REDACTED] responded that he did not believe so, and he felt that, if he did not fire his weapon, Brad could have killed him or other officers.

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] what was going through [REDACTED]' head when [REDACTED] saw Brad exit the vehicle with the handgun. [REDACTED] said the following at 21:20 on the recording, *"Um, for lack of better words, like, holy shit, like, is he gonna shoot me?"*

[REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge he has never had any previous interactions with Brad personally or professionally prior to the OICI.

[REDACTED] did not have any other additional information to provide, and the interview was concluded.

The interview was audio and video-recorded utilizing Axon Capture, see below reference for the recording location. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

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References:

Reference Item F – Officer Interviews folder > [REDACTED] subfolder – stored
in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. [REDACTED] OICI Criminal Investigation Notification

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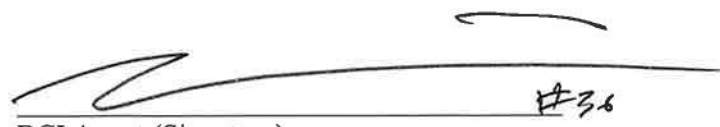
1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).


 Printed Name of Interviewee

10/29/25 1548
 Date / Time


 Signature of Interviewee

SA Ryan Emahiser
 BCI Agent (Printed)


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