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 Investigative Report



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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Involved Trumbull County Sheriff's Office  
 [REDACTED]

**Involves:** [REDACTED] (S), Brad Bailey (S)

**Activity Date:** 10/20/2025

**Activity Location:** Warren City Police Department - 141 South Street  
 Southeast, Warren, OH 44483

**Authoring Agent:** SA Ryan Emahiser #36

**Narrative:**

On Monday, October 20, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) [REDACTED], who was accompanied by his attorney, Dan Leffler, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Warren Police Department. The interview was audio and video recorded with Axon Evidence, and the recording has been uploaded to Axon Justice located in Reference Item F.

[REDACTED] was read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which a copy of 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 events and statements from the audio and video recordings. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited from the provided audio and video footage and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of events or statements. It is suggested that the full audio and video footage be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual events or statements regarding the information from the audio and video footage.*

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**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Rank:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Badge Number:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Brian Galida
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Main Sheriff	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> 2022 Ford Explorer	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> None
<b>Assignment:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Present	<b>Spotlight:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> 3 hours on [REDACTED]
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b>	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> none	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> No Corrective Lenses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> BSSA Sheriff Uniform, black shirt gray pants	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Baton, Taser, pepper spray
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> Outer Carrier	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Not Present
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> none	<b>Partner:</b> None
<b>Injuries:</b> none	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> none
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Sheriff's Office Entry Team/Swat	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> No	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Regular required trainings
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> None
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> none	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview:</b> none
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours?</b> No	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> N/A

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**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Glock	<b>Model:</b> 22
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> .40 caliber	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Right Hip
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 15	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 16
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 15
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 13	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 3
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> 8/14/2025	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Level 3

**Narrative:**

[REDACTED] advised that TCSO was dispatched to the Bailey residence sometime after 00:00 hours on October 12, 2025, for a domestic situation. [REDACTED] stated that at the time of the first call to the residence, only he and TCSO DS James Lewis (Lewis) were working, and [REDACTED] was the acting supervisor. Upon arriving at the residence, [REDACTED] encountered Brad Bailey (Brad) seated in a chair outside the residence near a shed, and Sarah Bailey (Sarah) was seated on the front steps of the residence.

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he had any previous encounters with Brad prior to the incident on October 12, 2025. [REDACTED] advised that he had met Brad several years prior on another domestic dispute or suicidal subject call but recalled that in the prior incident, Brad had fled the residence threatening suicide. [REDACTED] could not recall the outcome of that incident, or if criminal charges were filed against Brad. [REDACTED] recalled that, in that prior incident, there were also multiple agencies involved in the situation with Brad, and on October 12, 2025, at one point during the events, [REDACTED] recalled relaying that information to other officers.

When [REDACTED] and DS Lewis responded to the Bailey residence on October 12, after midnight, [REDACTED] spoke with Brad and DS Lewis spoke with Sarah. [REDACTED] said that Brad told him that Sarah had been cheating on him and that Sarah wouldn't let Brad see her phone. [REDACTED] explained that he was trying to get to know Brad and trying to figure out what had occurred between Brad and Sarah. [REDACTED] asked Brad

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if anything physical had occurred between him and Sarah and Brad said "no." Brad also told ██████████ that he was currently on parole for an accident that he was involved in.

Brad told ██████████ that he just wanted to leave the residence and DS Lewis had confirmed with Sarah that nothing physical had occurred between them. ██████████ said that they decided to take Brad to Champion after Brad volunteered to leave the residence to avoid any further conflict between him and Sarah. Brad requested to be dropped off near McDonald's in Champion, where he had been working on the remodel of a house where he could stay for the rest of the night. ██████████ advised that while in the process of transporting Brad to Champion, another domestic call was dispatched in the northeast sector of Trumbull County, and ██████████ told Brad that he would not be able to transport him all the way into Champion but would drop him off in the area of State Route (S.R.) 305 and S.R. 45 at a gas station on the north side of Champion Township. ██████████ said that he dropped Brad off, told him good luck, and headed toward the dispatched domestic dispute.

While responding to the domestic dispute call, dispatch advised that the assisting law enforcement agencies that responded to the dispute advised that there was no need for TCSO Deputies to respond. ██████████ stated that he then went into Champion to get fuel and observed Brad walking southbound on S.R. 45 near JD's Post House on the Avenue. ██████████ said that was the last time that he observed Brad until the events that unfolded later in the morning and advised that Champion Township Police Department (CTPD) was also aware that Brad had been dropped off following the domestic dispute.

██████████ stated that around 06:00 hours, dispatch advised that Brad had returned to the residence, had a gun to his head and was threatening suicide. Dispatch advised responding units, ██████████ and DS James Lewis (Lewis), that Brad had taken two guns from the gun safe in the residence, which ██████████ believed were to be two 9mm pistols. ██████████ stated that he had dispatch request Champion Township Police Department (CTPD) to assist with the call, and around the same time, DS Lewis advised that he was in the area of Brad's residence. Shortly after, dispatch advised responding units that Brad left the residence in a white Buick, but the white Buick was not observed by DS Lewis prior to his arriving at the residence. ██████████ stated that DS Lewis arrived at the Bailey residence and spoke with the female residents, including Sarah, and ██████████ asked CTPD units to check the area of McDonald's in Champion.

██████████ explained that due to Brad's pending domestic violence and strangulation charges and suicidal remarks, "**that he's not going to go alive,**" and remarks of "**suicide by police**" made to the female residents, ██████████ asked dispatch to "ping" Brad's phone in an attempt to locate Brad. While dispatch was working on Brad's

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location, and CTPD units were looking for Brad, [REDACTED] arrived at the Bailey residence to assist DS Lewis with getting witness/victim statements. [REDACTED] said that he then asked the female residents, including Brad's wife Sarah, where they thought Brad could be going. [REDACTED] was told by one of the females that Brad's brother lives in the area of Herner County Line Rd, across from Southington Estates mobile home park near Southington. At that time, [REDACTED] advised that he left the Bailey residence and headed toward the Southington area where Brad's brother lived.

[REDACTED] stated that a short time later, dispatch advised that they obtained the location of Brad's cell phone within 2,700 meters of Old Colony Dr SW and State Road in Champion Township. [REDACTED] advised that moments later, dispatch advised that CTPD had located the white Buick, and that the white Buick was "**taking off on them.**" At that time, [REDACTED] requested dispatch to patch TCSO's MARCS radio channel in with CTPD in order for them to be able to communicate. [REDACTED] advised that once TCSO was patched into CTPD's radio channel, he advised the CTPD pursuing units that Brad was alleged to be in possession of firearms and had made threats to use the firearms to be sure that the pursuing units were aware of the potential harm.

[REDACTED] said that he proceeded to the area where CTPD units were pursuing the white Buick in the city of Warren, and when he arrived in the area of the Dairy Queen on West Market Street in Warren, [REDACTED] could see pursuing units' emergency lights headed towards his location. [REDACTED] advised that the white Buick passed him, and he turned his marked patrol cruiser around, emergency lights and siren activated, and began pursuing the white Buick, while advising the other pursuing units that [REDACTED] was taking the lead on the pursuit of the white Buick. [REDACTED] stated that they pursued the white Buick around several street blocks in the areas of Tod Avenue, Highland Avenue, and South Main SW. [REDACTED] advised that he had dispatch at some point notify Warren Police Department (WPD) and the Ohio State Highway Patrol and requested that vehicle spikes be used to attempt to safely stop the white Buick. [REDACTED] also noted that due to the early morning time, people were starting to wake up and traffic was starting to increase.

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if, while he was pursuing the white Buick, if he was able to see the driver or observe any actions by the driver and [REDACTED] was not. [REDACTED] advised that at some point one of the CTPD units got in front of [REDACTED] and CTPD [REDACTED] radioed that the white Buick swerved at [REDACTED] cruiser. [REDACTED] explained that when he heard this, his awareness was elevated, and he felt that it was "**getting bad.**" [REDACTED] said, shortly after, one of the WPD units was able to successfully spike the white Buick's tires in the area of Highland Avenue, advising "**good hit, good hit spikes,**" and the white Buick began slowing down.

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██████████ said that the white Buick finally came to a stop in the middle of the street at an angle, and CTPD ██████████ in his CTPD cruiser stopped in front of ██████████. ██████████ said that the driver's door of the white Buick swung open and Brad exited the white Buick with a gun in his hand pointed in the air, and ██████████ demonstrated the position of the gun when Brad exited the white Buick (see the below screen capture taken from the Axon Evidence interview recording).



Figure 1: ██████████ demonstrating how Brad Bailey was holding the gun as Brad exited the white Buick following the vehicle pursuit.

██████████ said that Brad immediately began running north from the stopped Buick with the gun in his hand in a running motion, as numerous officers present began yelling "gun, gun." ██████████ stated that as Brad ran, he stopped several times and would begin to point the gun in the direction of pursuing officers in what he believed was Brad's attempt to get officers to shoot Brad. ██████████ simulated the movement he was referring to, seen below in a screen capture from the Axon Evidence recorded interview.

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Figure 2: ██████ simulates Brad Bailey's action of beginning to point the handgun at pursuing officers as Brad was running from pursuing officers.

██████ said when he observed Brad starting to point his handgun in the direction of ██████ and other pursuing officers: ***“Yes, he was, he was running as he was running like this, he went, you know (simulates starting to point the gun in the direction of pursuing officers as seen above), and I'm like, oh shit this, this guy, you know, this is, this is crazy. This is by far one of the craziest things I've ever been in.”*** ██████ said that he clearly identified that Brad had a gun in his right hand and added that one of the pursuing officers had illuminated Brad with a spotlight, causing the light to shine off the black gun. ██████ stated that as he began to pursue Brad, ██████ pulled his duty weapon from his holster and would only occasionally use his handheld flashlight to illuminate Brad to not give away his position.

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██████████ said that as he was pursuing Brad, armed with the black handgun, ██████████ felt he was overexposing himself and paused for a moment to allow other pursuing officers to catch up with ██████████ ██████████ said that as they continued to pursue Brad, Brad was running east down Fourth Street. ██████████ explained that as they did this, ██████████ could see a marked unit with emergency lights activated approaching Brad from the east. ██████████ described the scene in that moment as "**full of chaos**" due to other officers' portable radios being turned up high, sirens blaring, and other officers were yelling "**gun, gun, gun.**" ██████████ said that someone yelled over the radio or vocally "**hit him with the car!**"

██████████ said that WPD ██████████ marked patrol cruiser, with emergency lights activated, was headed westbound on Fourth Street, and the WPD cruiser pulled slightly off the south side of the roadway and made contact with Brad, who was running eastbound. ██████████ advised that the contact was not enough to subdue Brad, but Brad fell back then quickly jumped back up to his feet with the handgun in his hand and Brad began striking the WPD cruiser window with the handgun in an attempt to break the cruiser driver's window. ██████████ could not specifically recall how Brad was holding the handgun as he was striking the driver's window with the handgun. ██████████ said that when he saw Brad attempting to break the WPD cruiser driver's window, "**You know, I'm like, holy shit, this guy's trying to, he's trying to, you know, this, I mean, what person in their right state of mind would ever even think to do something like that?**" ██████████ described Brad's actions as being constantly in motion and very fluid, and when Brad was striking the WPD cruiser's driver window it was very loud. ██████████ contemplated firing his weapon at Brad at this moment but given that WPD ██████████ was still in the cruiser's driver's seat, he did not feel it was safe to do so. ██████████ explained that ██████████ exited the vehicle at some point but did not recall when because everything happened so fast.

In the course of this happening, ██████████ recalled a WPD canine being deployed, and was worried about being bitten by the canine himself. ██████████ at 29:52 on the recording said the following:

***"I remember he [Brad] turned and had it in his hands and went to raise up, and I discharged my firearm with him. I don't remember how many times I, I discharged once, for sure. I think at least twice, but I'm not, I'm not quite certain. Um, after that, um, I heard other gunfire. I don't, I don't know how many rounds I heard. I, I remember when he fell and hit the ground, he was, he had his hands tucked underneath him. Uh, I remember the dog came over and was biting his ankles. Um, but it was, it was pretty, uh, chaotic. Pretty chaotic."***

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SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he saw the handgun in Brad's hand when Brad raised his hands towards the officers. [REDACTED] said that he knew that Brad still had the gun in his hands from pursuing him, and from Brad striking the WPD cruiser's driver window because it was making a metallic "*tink*" sound when he would strike the window. [REDACTED] said "***when he [Brad] had it in his hands and he went to brace up, I, uh, I discharged my weapon at him.***" [REDACTED] said that after seeing that Brad went to the ground, after being struck, officers began life saving measures. [REDACTED] said that Brad was lying on top of his hands, and even though he did not see the handgun he did see another officer kick something away from Brad, which [REDACTED] assumed was the handgun possessed by Brad.

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he felt that Brad posed a serious threat to [REDACTED] and other law enforcement present. [REDACTED] said the following, at 33:55 on the recording:

***"Yes, 100%. He, uh, as somebody that was on parole, um, has been charged with things. He knew that he was gonna have, uh, he was gonna be charged with domestic. We had domestic and strangulation, uh, strangulation's, a felony. Um, and with him being on parole, he knew that his, I, I don't wanna speak on behalf of him, but somebody that is, knows the system. They knew they knew what they did, and they were gonna go back to, uh, prison, you know, and face a lot more serious consequences. But he absolutely posed a, uh, a great risk to everybody that was involved. All of the officers, the public, um, the unknown public, his wife, residents of that household. And we did everything we could to protect, you know, the, uh, priorities of life. Um, unfortunate as it was with the circumstances that transpired."***

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he ever heard any statements made by Brad during the incident and [REDACTED] said that he never heard any statements made by Brad and added that the incident area was so loud from sirens and radios that even if Brad had said anything while fleeing, [REDACTED] may not have heard it.

[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  
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**Attachments:**

1. Criminal Investigation Notification TCSO [REDACTED]

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## Criminal Investigation Notification

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).

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 Printed Name of Interviewee

*10/20/2025*  
 Date / Time

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 Signature of Interviewee

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 BCI Agent (Printed)

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 BCI Agent (Signature)