



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



2025-2991
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 513 South Isabella St.,
Springfield, OH 45506 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Zachary Massie (W)
Date of Activity: 09/16/2025
Activity Location: Springfield Police Department – Business – 130 North Fountain Avenue, Springfield, OH 45502
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On September 16, 2025, at 1531 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) interviewed Springfield Police Officer Zachary Massie (Officer Massie). The interview took place at the Springfield Police Department (SPD). Also present for the interview was Attorney Zach Bayless and Springfield Police Detective Josh Lish. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Massie was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on September 16, 2025, in the City of Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. Officer Massie did not discharge his firearm or use force, during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Officer Massie stated that his badge number is 839. He has been employed at the Springfield Police Department for nine years and previously worked for a year and a half at the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Officer Massie currently works [REDACTED] shift, [REDACTED], from [REDACTED]. He stated that he is in a specialized unit, assigned to the Community Response Team. Officer Massie's uniform of the day consisted of a blue polo with the SPD badge, gray tactical pants, and Nike shoes. He was assigned to Cruiser 66, described as a black Ford with clearly marked Springfield Police decals. Officer Massie stated that his cruiser has an in-car dash camera. Officer Massie was not wearing a body-worn camera (BWC).

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On the day of the incident, Officer Massie stated that he was on an unrelated call, speaking to a sponsor of a recent community event. He said that he heard tones drop on his radio which typically is a call for all officers to respond. Officer Massie turned up his radio and heard an officer say that there was a taser deployed. Officer Massie got into his cruiser and asked dispatch where the incident was. He was told to respond to an alley but was unsure where the location was. Officer Massie was then given the location of Isabella and Clark. He responded to the area, at which time, he heard [REDACTED] get on the radio and state that the suspect was bleeding profusely, and he needed medics immediately. Officer Massie said that he was in the area and went to the location given.

When he arrived on scene, he said that several officers were already there, including [REDACTED], Officer Brad Warnock, Officer Kristopher Kitchen, and Officer Beau Ray. Officer Massie said that Detective Josh Emery showed up on scene just after him. He said that dispatch stated that they were trying to work on getting medics there. Officer Massie retrieved his medical bag out of the back of his cruiser and ran to the suspect. He said that the subject was handcuffed, and other officers were getting the subject to sit up in a position where he could breathe better. Officer Massie observed that one officer had applied some sort of rag to the subject's face, to try to help stop the bleeding. Officer Massie said that he began grabbing pressure dressings and gauze to help stop or slow the bleeding. He said that he did not have gloves on, so other officers provided direct medical aid. Officer Massie said that the subject's face was covered in blood and bleeding profusely. He said that he observed a large laceration to his lip.

A short time later, Officer Massie said that officers asked radio dispatch for the ETA (estimated time of arrival) of medics. Dispatch told them that medics were on the far east side of town. Officer Massie's brother, who is a SPD police detective, got on the radio and said he just passed medics on East Main Street. Officer Massie said that the medic's location was approximately 5–10 minutes away from their location. Officers discussed how to get the subject immediate help because their aid was not slowing the bleeding. Officers talked about doing a "load and go", where officers transport the subject. Officer Massie said that one of the officers asked for permission from a supervisor and the supervisor stated to do what they thought was best.

Officer Massie said that they thought it would be best to get him to the hospital as quickly as possible. Therefore, officers uncuffed the subject and loaded him into the back of police van 40. He said that Officer Kitchen and Officer Warnock loaded the subject and stayed with him in the back of the van. Officer Massie said that he drove the police van to the hospital. Officer Ray drove his marked cruiser in front of the police van to block traffic and assist the van in getting to the hospital quickly. Officers responded to Springfield Regional Medical Center, located at 100 Medical Center Drive. He said that when officers arrived at the hospital, they helped unload the subject and transfer him to medical personnel.

Officer Massie stated that the subject did not make any statements. He said that he could hear the subject gargling and breathing heavy. SA Frazier asked if he observed any firearms, tasers, or weapons near the subject. Officer Massie said that he saw the taser wires from the taser deployment from [REDACTED]. He did not see any firearms and believes that [REDACTED] taser was put away when he got there.

The interview concluded at 1539 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-09-16 Officer Zachary Massie Audio Interview