



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



2025-3709  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,  
Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Interview  
**Involves:** Dep. Brandon Swayne (W)  
**Activity Date:** 11/14/2025  
**Activity Location:** 4175 Brush Creek Rd., Manchester, OH 45144  
**Authoring Agent:** SA James H Gore

**Narrative:**

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at approximately 2130 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Gore and Amanda North (SA Gore and SA North) interviewed Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Deputy Brandon Swayne (Dep. Swayne) at the site of an officer-involved shooting, at 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, Ohio. Dep. Swayne was identified as a witness to a portion of the incident, and the purpose of the interview was to obtain his account.

This report summarizes the information deemed by the author to be the most pertinent to the investigation, and it does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. It is suggested that the recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Dep. Swayne advised that he has been employed with ACSO since 2017, and his badge number is 10. Dep. Swayne is assigned to the patrol section.

Dep. Swayne explained that he and Sergeant Randy Walters (Sgt. Walters) were conducting follow-up at a crime scene from the previous evening in Blue Creek when they heard other deputies get dispatched to a disturbance call on Mineral Springs Road. The complainant reported that his brother kept driving by his house and honking his horn. Dep. Swayne recalled that Dep. Crystal Smalley (Dep. Smalley), Dep. Torie Barlow (Dep. Barlow), West Union Police [REDACTED] and Peoples Police Officer Brandon Copley (Ofc. Copley) were the ones who responded to that scene. Dep. Swayne said that Sgt. Walters advised that ACSO had a protection order that they had been attempting to serve on the subject of the complaint, Christopher Lindner (Lindner).

Dep. Swayne stated that Sgt. Walters also wanted to respond to the disturbance because of Lindner's prior conduct. Dep. Swayne said he followed Sgt. Walters until he heard that officers were trailing and attempting to conduct a traffic stop on Lindner's

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vehicle, which he believed was a black Range Rover. Dep. Swayne said the officers pursued Lindner from Mineral Springs Road onto Steam Furnace Road. According to Dep. Swayne, the pursuing officers lost sight of Lindner's vehicle, but Winchester Police Chief Donald Edgington (Chief Edgington) found it traveling on Hoop Ridge Road. Dep. Swayne said he diverted to Compton Hill Road to get ahead of the pursuit and deploy stop sticks. Dep. Swayne stated he was unable to deploy the stop sticks, because the pursuit instead traveled down State Route 247 and eventually onto Brush Creek Road, where it terminated on Lindner's property.

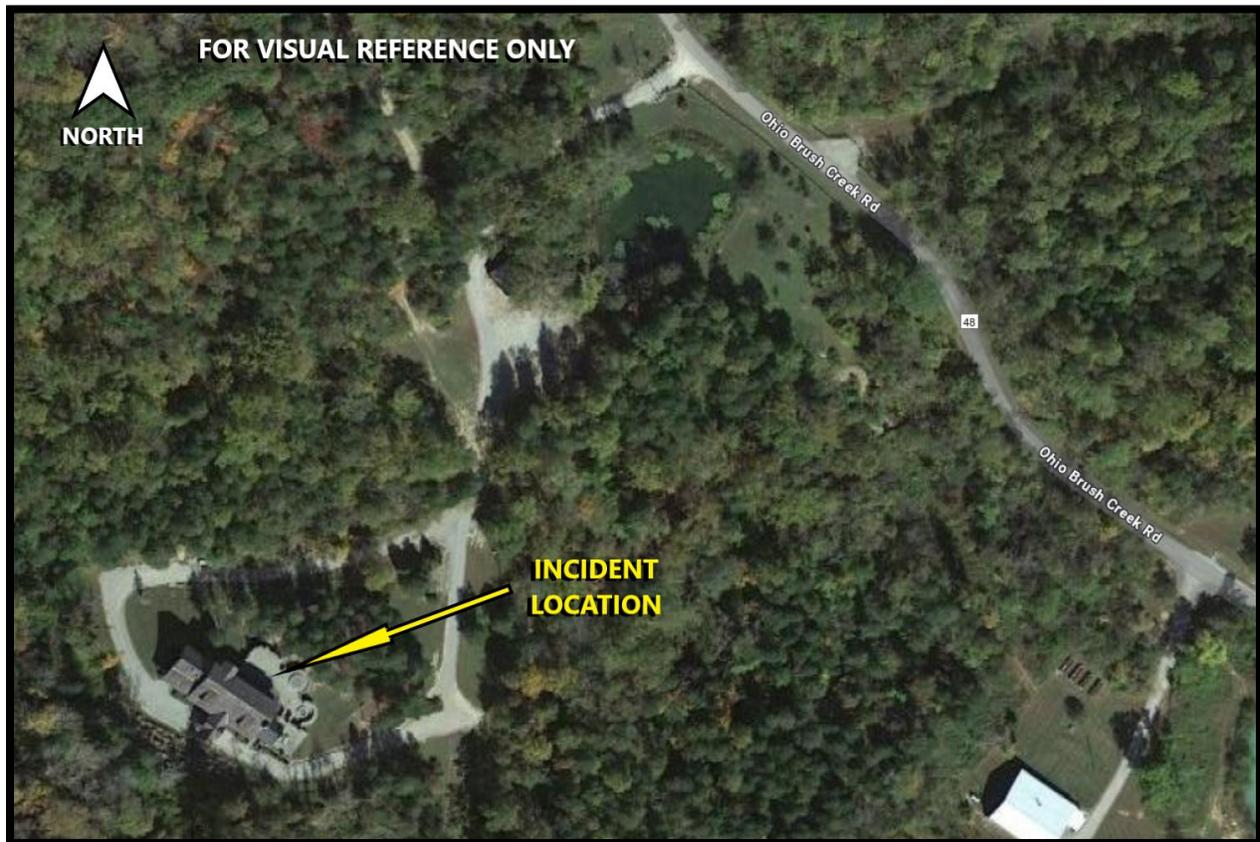


Figure 1: Reference map

Dep. Swayne advised that by the time he arrived at the property, several other officers were already on scene, including troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP).

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Dep. Swayne said that officers set up a perimeter around the building, and he deployed his drone. Dep. Swayne stated that he observed a portion of a male subject through one of the upper windows, and he appeared to be holding a cell phone. He said once the drone's battery was depleted, he assumed a perimeter position north of the building.

Dep. Swayne recalled seeing a male exit the structure onto the balcony, where he yelled that the police were trespassing, or other words to that effect. He said he heard a shot ring out, then there was a volley of gunfire from officers that were to his right in the wood line. Dep. Swayne said he also heard one shot from the left of his position.

Dep. Swayne stated that he could no longer see the male on the balcony because of the trees that were obstructing his vision. He did state, however, that a Brown County deputy who was flying a drone had a visual on the subject. He said the Brown County deputy asked him to re-deploy his drone for additional visual coverage as officers advanced to the structure to render aid. Upon deploying his drone again, Dep. Swayne said he saw the suspect, who appeared to be deceased on the balcony with a firearm strewn across his legs.

Dep. Swayne could not recall the precise timing of the events, but he did state that there was still daylight out. He estimated that he was positioned approximately fifty yards from the structure in the wooded area when the gunfire erupted.

Dep. Swayne reported that the drone that he flew was a DJI Mini, but it did not record any footage because it did not have a memory card installed. He believed the Brown County drone was able to record footage.

The interview concluded at approximately 2144 hours. An audio copy of Dep. Swayne's interview is available for review as an attachment to this report.

**References:**

No references

**Attachments:**

1. 2025-11-14 Adams Dep. Brandon Swayne Interview - SA Gore, SA North

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