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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Witness Champion Township Police  
 Department Officer Josh Rudesill

**Involves:** Josh Rudesill (W), 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 Thursday, October 30, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) and SA Joseph Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Champion Township Police department Police Department (CTPD) Officer (Ofc.) Joshua Rudesill (Rudesill), 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-recorded and the recording has been uploaded to Axon Justice located in Reference Item F.

Ofc. Rudesill was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the October 12, 2025, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 681 4th St. SW, Warren, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Rudesill did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Rudesill advised that he has been with the CTPD for a total of almost nine years, with the first three years being employed part-time. Ofc. Rudesill said that he has also been employed during the last nine years at Braceville Township Police Department, holding positions as Chief, Detective Sergeant, and Patrol Sergeant. Ofc. Rudesill also told agents that he has been a field training officer and had previously trained CTPD [REDACTED] who was involved in the incident currently under investigation. Ofc. Rudesill typically works the [REDACTED].

Ofc. Rudesill said that on the date of the incident he was working in Champion Township running radar on State Route (SR) 45 around midnight and he heard TCSO deputies were dispatched to the Bailey residence in Bristol Township. TCSO deputies later dropped Brad Bailey (Brad) on the north side of Champion Township and Ofc.

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Rudesill advised that he saw TCSO [REDACTED] drop Brad off at the corner of SR 45 and SR 305. A couple hours after he saw [REDACTED] drop Brad off, Ofc. Rudesill saw Brad walking southbound on SR 45 toward Ofc. Rudesill's parked CTPD cruiser. Ofc. Rudesill described the interaction as follows on the recording (2:20):

*"I seen him walking up and I rolled down my window and he asked me if I had a lighter. He said no. And uh, he goes, oh. He goes, well if I walk up to that gas station you're not gonna get me for jay walking across the, I'm like, no dude. It is like the, we don't, we don't do that. Just be careful when you're crossing the road. He goes, I had a bad night. I broke up with my wife or found out my wife was cheating or whatever. And I said that sucks. And he goes, yeah, I'm working on some rental property over behind McDonald's. I'm like, okay. I was like, well you take care of yourself and just be careful. And he continued on his way and then he, 15, 20 minutes later he come walking back. He had a big gulp pop and went back the other way towards Folsom behind where I was sitting."*

SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if Brad appeared to be under the influence of anything or was intoxicated during that interaction and Ofc. Rudesill said that Brad did not appear to be under the influence. SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if he had any interactions with Brad prior to the date of the incident and Ofc. Rudesill stated that he had not.

Ofc. Rudesill advised that around 06:14 hours on the date of the incident, TCSO dispatch radioed CTPD requesting that they assist TCSO with a domestic situation at the Bailey residence in Bristol Township. Upon acknowledging the request to assist, Ofc. Rudesill and [REDACTED] began heading north on SR 45 toward the Bailey residence. Shortly after, TCSO deputies advised them that Brad had left the residence in a white Buick and provided the license plate number of the vehicle. Due to Brad leaving the residence prior to TCSO arriving, CTPD began checking the Champion Township area attempting to locate the vehicle. Shortly after, TCSO obtained Brad's cell phone location in the area of Old Colony located within CTPD jurisdiction.

Ofc. Rudesill and [REDACTED] began patrolling the area searching for the white Buick, alleged to be driven by Brad. Ofc. Rudesill stated that while they were looking for the white Buick, dispatch had advised them that Brad was alleged to have two 9mm handguns in his possession, and Ofc. Rudesill believed that information came from Brad's wife, Sarah Bailey. Ofc. Rudesill said that as he was driving westbound on State Rd. near Champion St., he spotted the white Buick matching the description given by TCSO travelling eastbound on State Rd. Ofc. Rudesill turned his patrol cruiser around

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upon observing the vehicle passing him and noted that by the time he was able to turn around the white Buick was travelling quickly away from Ofc. Rudesill's location. Ofc. Rudesill said that the white Buick, he visually confirmed to be driven by Brad, ran a red light at the intersection of State Rd. and North Levitt and Ofc. Rudesill activated his emergency lights and siren attempting to traffic stop the white Buick. Ofc. Rudesill explained that the white Buick just continued to pick up speed, disregarding Ofc. Rudesill's emergency lights and siren.

Ofc. Rudesill advised that while in pursuit of the white Buick, the vehicle traveled into the city of Warren and Ofc. Rudesill advised dispatch that additional police units were needed to assist with the pursuit. The white Buick turned down several streets, still disregarding the CTPD emergency lights and sirens attempting to stop the vehicle, and in the area of Parkman Rd. an uninvolved vehicle pulled into Ofc. Rudesill's path and almost caused a collision with Ofc. Rudesill's cruiser. Ofc. Rudesill tried catching up to the white Buick and saw the vehicle's taillights as it turned onto Bennett Ave, and for a moment Ofc. Rudesill believed he may have lost the vehicle. Ofc. Rudesill said that he was driving down Clearwater St. and was able to see the white Buick parked in the middle of Bennett Ave. with its lights turned off, and it was still dark. Ofc. Rudesill turned down Bennett Ave. towards the white Buick, still with emergency lights and sirens activated, and the white Buick's lights came on and began accelerating towards Ofc. Rudesill's cruiser.

Ofc. Rudesill stated that the white Buick then traveled off the roadway, onto the curb, and through some of the residences' yards, so Ofc. Rudesill followed the vehicle through the yards. Ofc. Rudesill said that he followed the white Buick until it drove back onto Clearwater St., and the white Buick started driving around several streets away from the pursuing cruisers. Ofc. Rudesill said he and other officers asked where Warren Police Department (WPD) units were and requested that WPD units could deploy spike strips to disable the white Buick. As Ofc. Rudesill and the pursuing CTPD and TCSO units continued to pursue the white Buick around several city blocks, WPD units were seen in the area around Highland Ave. where one of the WPD units deployed their spike strips disabling the white Buick. Ofc. Rudesill said that the white Buick turned down Fifth St. and after traveling a "couple hundred yards" the white Buick stopped in the roadway.

Ofc. Rudesill advised that when Brad stopped the white Buick in the middle of the roadway Ofc. Rudesill was unable to clearly see Brad exit the white Buick because his view was obstructed. However, Ofc. Rudesill did see Brad running in front of the white Buick northbound into a wooded area and from Ofc. Rudesill's position, he was unable to see any firearms possessed by Brad at that time. Ofc. Rudesill only became aware

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that Brad had a gun because another officer, he believed [REDACTED], advised that Brad had a gun over the radio. According to Ofc. Rudesill, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] began to pursue Brad on foot and Ofc. Rudesill was running slightly behind them. Ofc. Rudesill said that was the last time he saw Brad prior to shots being fired and seeing Brad lying on the ground following the shots being fired.

Ofc. Rudesill said that he couldn't keep up with the other officers, and that when Ofc. Rudesill exited the wooded area near Fourth St. he saw two sets of police emergency overhead cruiser lights facing his direction and could not see anyone else because of the brightness of the lights. Ofc. Rudesill said that it was clear that these lights were police cruiser lights. At that time, Ofc. Rudesill stated that he had his duty weapon in his hand, and because he was not able to see anyone, he holstered his weapon. Shortly after that Ofc. Rudesill heard indiscernible screaming followed by a "volley of shots" being fired.

Ofc. Rudesill advised that even when the shots were fired, he was unable to see muzzle flashes, which he attributed to the intensity of the WPD cruisers' emergency lights and headlights facing toward him and the pursuing officers. SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if he had knowledge of which officers fired their weapons. Ofc. Rudesill responded that he asked the officers near him "**who shot?**" Ofc. Rudesill said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him that they fired their weapons. Ofc. Rudesill said that he was initially unaware that WPD [REDACTED] had fired his weapon until [REDACTED] also responded that he had fired his weapon. At that time Ofc. Rudesill told all the officers, who had advised that they fired their weapons, to separate and not talk to anyone else until their supervisors arrived on scene.

Ofc. Rudesill stated that after the officer involved shooting incident occurred, and officers began providing lifesaving measures, he rolled Brad over and Brad was wearing the same clothing from when Ofc. Rudesill and Brad had the amicable interaction hours earlier on the date of the incident. SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if he observed any weapons when he rolled Brad off his stomach and onto his back to be treated and Ofc. Rudesill advised the following at 16:53 on the recording:

***"I'm not a hundred percent sure what it was. There was a black, it looked like, and I haven't said anything to anybody about it because this is the first time I was asked. It looked like a toy gun laying there and it was broken. And I told everybody not to touch and leave it alone."***

SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if he would describe the gun as a toy gun or a replica gun and Ofc. Rudesill said the following (17:18):

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***"It looked, if you were to look at it just like at a, at a glance it would, it was a gun. But from it laying there and the way it was laying, it looked like a toy gun to me. But that was after the fact."***

SA Emahiser asked Ofc. Rudesill if CTPD cruisers are equipped with dash cameras and he advised they are not and added that CTPD officers are only issued body worn cameras that were active during the incident.

Ofc. Rudesill did not have any additional information to provide and the interview was concluded.

The interview was audio-recorded, see below reference for the recording location.

**References:**

Reference Item F - Officer Interviews folder > Josh Rudesill subfolder - stored in Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

None

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