



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



2026-1239
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route
250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Interview - Lieutenant Robert Bodo
Involves: Lieutenant Robert Bodo (W)
Activity Date: 03/30/2026
Activity Location: Ohio State Patrol Post (Jefferson County) - 1377 Cadiz
Road, Steubenville, OH 43953
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Thursday, April 02, 2026, at 13:31 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Lieutenant Robert Bodo (Lieutenant Bodo). The interview took place at the OSHP Jefferson Post.

Lieutenant Bodo was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the March 30, 2026 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of US 22 near Hopedale, Ohio. Reportedly, Lieutenant Bodo 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.

The interview was audio recorded and later uploaded to Axon Justice as part of Reference Item E -Recorded Interviews. Lieutenant Bodo was provided with a copy of the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which he stated he understood. He then signed the form and agreed to participate in the interview. Lieutenant Bodo's signed Criminal Investigation Notification form was attached to this report where it can be reviewed in its entirety.

Lieutenant Bodo stated his radio call sign on March 30, 2026, was 1720. He has been employed by the OSHP for about 23 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 23 years. During the incident, Lieutenant Bodo wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove a marked OSHP vehicle.

Lieutenant Bodo recalled that when the incident began he was at the Jefferson County Post completing administrative duties. He heard the radio call, regarding shots fired, from Harrison County. He exited the office and began heading west on US 22. While en

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route he learned, through additional radio traffic, that the initial incident occurred on US 250 and involved a dark blue Dodge Journey with a white sticker on the rear window. Lieutenant Bodo then heard via radio that [REDACTED] had located the vehicle and was pursuing it. He noted that the pursuit eventually led to US 22.

Lieutenant Bodo reported that another Trooper was on US 22 and attempted to deploy spike strips. [REDACTED] advised over the radio that the spike strips were not effective. Lieutenant Bodo then decided to attempt to deploy spike strips on US 22 near SR 151. Lieutenant Bodo decided to deploy the spike strips near milepost 23 on US 22 on an overpass. He advised that he chose this location as it offered him cover with the guardrails and bridge abutment. Lieutenant Bodo recalled the following about the deployment of the spike strips:

Um, I could hear the sirens coming. Uh, [REDACTED] gave out a description of the vehicle. Once again. Uh, I made visual confirmation that the vehicle was heading towards me in the right lane, at which point when he approached me, I was able to pull the spike strips into the middle of US 22 and, uh, able to make a successful spike on the vehicle. Uh, I started to pull the spikes out of the road, heard that vehicle lose, lose control, travel through the median and was in the Westbound lanes now. (03:16)

Lieutenant Bodo reported that he removed the spike strips from the roadway to avoid impacting additional vehicles. While he did that, he radioed that the spikes were successful. While on the radio he heard gunfire, which he described as follows:

...I started to hear gunfire from where the vehicle became disabled. Um, I look back, I never saw shots fired or I could see who was shooting. I just heard gunfire. Uh, at which point I radioed the dispatch that, you know, shots were fired. (04:08)

After taking care of the spike strips, Lieutenant Bodo made his way to the scene. By that time the subject had fled north bound into the woods. He checked on [REDACTED] and noticed that [REDACTED] vehicle had been struck by gunfire. He then confirmed that [REDACTED] had fired his weapon during the incident. Afterwards he took on scene command responsibilities and called for aviation assistance.

SA Lamping asked Lieutenant Bodo to describe the cadence of the gunshots he heard. He stated that the initial volley was rapid, followed by a short pause, and a few more

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shots. Lieutenant Bodo was not certain how many rounds were fired. Lieutenant Bodo also noted that he did not observe any of the shots being fired and only heard them.

SA Lamping asked Lieutenant Bodo if the subject made any evasive maneuvers to avoid the spike strips. Lieutenant Bodo stated that he thought that the subject did attempt to avoid the spike strips as he moved rapidly from the left lane to the right lane. Even with the evasive maneuver, the spike strip did impact one of the subject's tires. The subject vehicle then fishtailed, started to rotate, and spun around in the median.

The interview concluded at approximately 13:37 hours.

References:

Reference Item E – Recorded Interviews: Subfolder – Law Enforcement Witnesses:
File – 2026-04-02: Interview of OSHP Lieutenant Robert Bodo; stored on Axon
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Attachments:

1. OSHP LT BODO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION NOTIFICATION FORM

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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).

LT. R. J. BODO
Printed Name of Interviewee

4/2/26 1:31 PM
Date / Time

[Signature]
Signature of Interviewee

JOE WAMPANG
BCI Agent (Printed)

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BCI Agent (Signature)