



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: Detective Joshua Emory (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 1550 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) interviewed Springfield Police Detective Joshua Emory (Detective Emory). The interview took place at the Springfield Police Department. Also present for the interview was Attorney Zach Bayless. 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.

Detective Emory 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. Detective Emory 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.

Detective Emory stated that his badge number is 894. He has been employed at the Springfield Police Department for approximately five years and previously worked at the Mechanicsburg Police Department for three years. Detective Emory currently works [REDACTED] shift, [REDACTED]. He was wearing a department approved polo shirt and gray pants, with a clearly marked police badge. Detective Emory is assigned to an unmarked vehicle, number 9, described as Chevrolet Malibu. He did not have an in-car dash camera or body-worn camera (BWC).

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On the day of the incident, Detective Emory stated that he was in the area on an unrelated call. He said that he heard [REDACTED] on the radio say that he had one running and then heard him say he had one tased. Detective Emory attempted to get the location of the incident. Once he was given a better location, he went to assist. He said that the location was near Pleasant Street and Clark Street.

When he arrived on scene, he said that he was the last officer to arrive. Detective Emory said that [REDACTED], Officer Warnock, Officer Kitchen, Officer Ray, and Officer Massie were on scene. He said that the officers were with the subject and Officer Massie had a medical bag. He said that he observed the subject laying on the ground and appeared to be bleeding from his nose and mouth. Detective Emory said that he assisted with getting a bandage on the subject.

He said that another officer was calling for medics over the radio and they learned that medics were on the east side of town. Detective Emory said that their location was on the west side of town, and the medics were not close. Officers asked a supervisor for permission to transport the subject in a police vehicle. The subject was moved to police Van 40.

Detective Emory said that he remained on scene with [REDACTED] and secured the scene. He said that he spoke to a Black male that was near the scene who appeared to know the involved subject. Detective Emory asked for the subject's name and the Black male told him that police could figure it out. He said that there were a few other people at the corner of Isabella Street who he spoke to. They all said that they heard a commotion outside but did not see anything that happened.

Detective Emory said that he did not observe any weapons near the subject or the area where the incident occurred. He did not recall any statements made by the subject.

The interview concluded at 1556 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-09-16 Detective Joshua Emory Audio Interview