



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



2025-2193  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 33635 Haning Road,  
Albany, Ohio, 45710 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening/Request for Assistance  
**Involves:** Meigs County Sheriff's Office  
**Activity Date:** 07/08/2025  
**Activity Location:** 33635 Haning Road, Albany OH 45710  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Kyle Douglass

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, July 08, 2025, at approximately 1630 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sheriff Scott Fitch of the Meigs County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 33635 Haning Road in Albany, OH. BCI Special Agents Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and Brady Curry (SA Curry) responded to assist. Also responding was Special Agent Brittney VanBibber (SA VanBibber) from the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU), which was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. SA Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) was assigned as lead investigator for this incident.

The critical incident involved a subject, Patrick McDaniel (McDaniel), and deputies from MCSO. This incident involved a firearm being discharged, resulting in the death of McDaniel, who was pronounced deceased on scene.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

**References:**

No references

**Attachments:**

1. Meigs County Sheriff's Office RFA

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# MEIGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: BCI Assistance Request

To BCI Management,

I am requesting assistance in an investigation and the processing of the scene for a shooting that occurred involving an Deputy's weapon on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. On Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at approximately 1443 hours Deputies and Detectives with the Meigs County Sheriff's Office were executing a search warrant for child pornography at the residence of Patrick McDaniel located at 33635 Haning Road in Albany. Detectives had been conducting an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigation into Mr. McDaniel. Detectives conducted an interview with Mr. McDaniel while at the scene and confronted him with the evidence they had uncovered during the investigation. McDaniel gave a full confession to Detectives to possessing a large volume of child pornography on his computer and cell phone.

Upon the conclusion of the search warrant and the interview, uniformed deputies attempted to handcuff Mr. McDaniel after advising him he was under arrest. At this time, Mr. McDaniel began violently resisting arrest and was attempting to take the deputies handgun. A second deputy then came to assist in the altercation and during the struggle, Mr. McDaniel was able to gain possession of one of the deputies' firearms. Detectives and Deputies drew their weapons and issued verbal commands to drop the firearm. McDaniel refused to follow commands from deputies and placed the gun to his head and fired a single shot. Meigs County EMS was immediately summoned to the scene where McDaniel was pronounced dead shortly after. One of the deputies involved in the altercation was transported to O'Bleness Hospital. The deputy was later released.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

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Scott Fitch  
Meigs County Sheriff