

Investigative Report

2025-2991

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 513 South Isabella St., Springfield, OH 45506 (L)



Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: (S)

Activity Date: 09/26/2025

Activity Location: 4660 Duke Drive, Unit 101, Mason, Ohio 45040

Authoring Agent: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On Friday, September 26, 2025, at 1306 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed Springfield Police Department (SPD)

who was accompanied by his attorney, Josh Engel. The interview took place at Engel's office, located at 4660 Duke Drive, Unit 101, Mason, Ohio 45040. The interview was audio recorded.

was read the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which he signed and stated that he understood.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

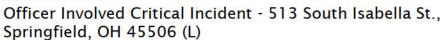
Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name:	Rank:		
Badge Number:	Cruiser/Vehicle Number:		
Radio Call Sign:	Immediate Supervisor: Sgt. Derek Smith		
Radio Channel Utilized: SPD Main	Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized		
Cruiser Description: white Ford Explorer	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating		
Cruiser Description. Write Ford Explorer	Positions: Driver		
Assignment: Patrol & traffic	Normal Shift:		
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized		



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Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: 2nd day	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off:	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 8-10 hours	Consider Self Well Rested: Yes
Total Length as Officer:	Length at Current Agency:
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Blue short-sleeved shirt, blue pants, external vest, with badge and patches	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Pepper spray, baton, taser
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present; Not Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner: No
Injuries: Left knee injury	Equipment Damage: None
Training or Areas of Specialty: SWAT, FTO, driving & traffic stop instructor	OPOTC Certification: Current
Military Experience/Training: None	Use-of-Force Training: Current
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: No
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: No	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A

Officer's Firearm(s):

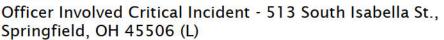
Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: Unknown
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Holster
Magazine Capacity: 17 rounds	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 18 rounds (17+1)
Extra Magazines: Two (2)	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17 rounds
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary



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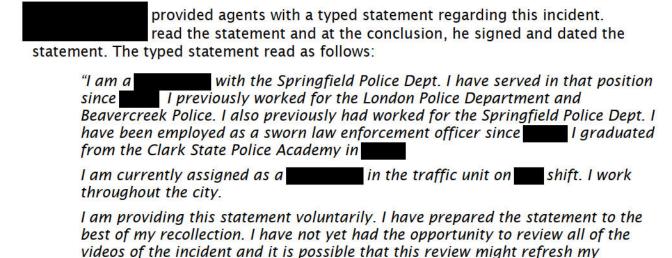


Rounds Remaining After Incident: N/A	Number of Rounds Fired: None
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: N/A	Type of Holster, if any: N/A

Weapon #2

Make: Taser	Model: X2
Caliber/Gauge: N/A	Serial:
Type: Less-Than-Lethal	Method of Carry: Holster - duty belt
Magazine Capacity: Two cartridges	Total Cartridges as Carried: Two
Extra Magazines: None	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: N/A
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 1 cartridge	Number of Rounds Fired: 1 cartridge
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Left-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: August 2025	Type of Holster, if any: Unknown

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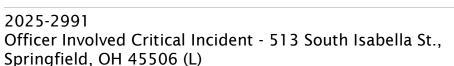
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stated that he has carried the same X2 Taser for approximately 5-6 years. He said that the taser holds two cartridges. Carries the taser on his duty belt on the opposite side of his firearm. He said that he has it set for a crossdraw but that during the day, sometimes the taser slides back on his belt. Therefore, he said that he typically uses his left hand to get the taser out then switches it over to his right hand. Said that he does not carry any additional cartridges.
last qualified with the taser in August of 2025. He said that he completed a PowerPoint presentation and then deployed the taser onto a target to qualify with the less-lethal device. Said that he has been involved in past incidents involving the use of his taser. He estimated that he has used a taser on a subject between 5-10 times. He said that he is familiar with how the taser works and has personally seen the effects of a taser deployment.
SA Frazier asked if had a chance to review his body-worn camera (BWC) video. He stated that he had viewed the BWC video and what was on the news. When asked, said that his statement is based on his perception of what happened and not based on the BWC video.
said that he was sitting facing west in an alley almost directly across from Perrin at Limestone. He said that he saw the truck originally in the closest lane to the curb. He said that traffic was moving, the truck merged over into the left lane, and he saw the truck pass a car. said that he used his laser to check the vehicle's speed at 50, 54, and 62. He said that he had set the laser down and waited



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said that the truck passed by him, and he accelerated to get behind the vehicle.
The truck moved into the middle lane and made a left turn. He said that when the truck turned, the driver hit the gas. Said that he activated his in-car siren, and the truck blew through the first stop sign. He said that he followed him through the first one and started backing off when the truck went through the second stop sign. Stated that his policy states that they cannot pursue minor misdemeanor violations, so he shut off his lights, siren, and in-car camera. He said that stopping his in-car camera would have also turned off his body-worn camera.
said he got on the radio and asked dispatch to create a case number for a traffic stop, advising that a vehicle had fled from him. He told dispatch that the vehicle was a silver F250 with a white male driver. Said that he was driving around looking for the vehicle. Approximately two minutes later, he located the truck but did not activate his overhead lights or body-worn camera. He said that the truck was parked facing north on the east side of the road. Said that the driver's door was open. He observed the male subject exit the truck, hop a fence, and run south. So got on the radio stating that he had one running. When he exited his cruiser, the subject turned and began running north. He said that there was a black female also getting out of the truck.
used a diagram provided by SA Frazier to document the incident. He described that there was a house south of 522 Isabella with a chain-link fence. was traveling south, coming towards the truck. When the subject saw the officer, he took off running, hopped the chain-link fence, went into the yard, realized there was a six-foot privacy fence, doubled back, and began running north. He said that the subject got to the other end of the chain-link fence and hopped out of the fenced area.
said that when the male subject hopped over the fence, he fell on the ground. He said that he gave the male subject verbal commands to stay on the ground and get on the ground. He said that the male subject was able to pop up quickly, turned at him, had his hands up, and was looking at him. He said that the subject began running again and was looking back at him, which he perceived was the subject looking to fight with him. gave additional verbal commands, telling the subject to stop. said that the subject was displaying active aggression as they went down an alley.



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he was going to use his taser because he didn't want to fight with the subject. He said that he was alone, and no other officers knew where he was at. said that he drew his taser with his left hand and switched it over to his right hand. He said that he began giving the subject verbal commands to stop and stated that he was going to tase him. said that the subject said, "don't tase me." He said that the subject did not have any objects or weapons in his hands. stated that his taser has two red dots that give an approximate area of where the probes could impact. He said that he was aiming towards the subject's middle back area and below. deployed his taser. He estimated that he was a little more than 10 feet away from the subject when he deployed his taser. described that the alley had a thick strip of grass in the middle with two tire tracks going down either side. He said that there did not appear to be much gravel on the tracks. After the subject was tased, said that the taser was effective. He said that two probes hit the subject, causing neuromuscular incapacitation. He said that initially he did not see where the probes had hit the subject. He described that the subject locked up, completely stiff as a board with his hands down, and fell on his face, sliding as he fell. said that a typical cycle for a taser is five seconds. He said that he walked up next to the subject and could see the cycle finish and let off. asked the subject if he was done and told him to put his hands behind his back. He said that the subject was not putting his hands behind his back, and he told him he was going to get tased again if he didn't do so. dropped his knee onto the subject's butt and started to pull his hands back. When he grabbed one hand, he observed cash and a small bag of what he suspected of being cocaine. He said that he placed the items to the side and finished handcuffing the subject. He then observed blood pooling around the subject's face. laying on the chest, while handcuffed, following a run, is not an easy recovery position for breathing. Therefore, he rolled the subject onto his side and sat him up. He said that he observed blood pouring out of his face. called for a medic and other officers began arriving on scene. He said that Officer Kitchen was the first one who showed up. He said that Officer

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Kitchen was trying to keep the subject laying down because the subject tried to get up



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like he was going to run again. said that he had evidence in his hand, so he went to his cruiser to place the items in an evidence bag. He walked back up to the subject and officers were requesting a medical bag. One officer asked for an ETA (estimated time of arrival) for medics and dispatch stated that they were coming from the 3000 block of East National, which is on the east side of said that was at least 7-8 minutes away from their location. Since the subject was losing so much blood, officers wanted to transport the subject said there was a past incident involving transporting people, so they felt it was necessary to ask supervision beforehand. An officer got on the radio and asked a supervisor, Sqt. Smith, if they could "load-andgo" with the subject. Sqt. Smith said it was up to Lt. Laramie. When Lt. Laramie didn't respond, Sqt. Smith said to do whatever they felt was necessary. Officers wrapped the subject's face and took the handcuffs off. Officer Warnock picked up the subject under his arms, and another officer grabbed his feet. The officers walked the subject over to the van and two officers' rode in the back with the subject to Springfield Regional Medical Center. stated that he remained at the scene, before he returned to headquarters. SA Frazier asked if removed any taser probes from the subject and he stated that he did. He said that while officers were uncuffing the subject, he observed a probe in the back of the subject's right arm. said that he removed that probe and was unsure who he eventually gave it to. He said that he was looking for the other probe and officers told him that it was in the back of the subject's head under the wrapped gauze. said that his taser was collected by Lt. Laramie and At headquarters, Officer Fleming. They downloaded the taser and returned it to him. He said that he was provided with a fresh cartridge, so he placed the new cartridge in his taser. He said that he was eventually photographed by BCI. SA Frazier asked if there were any other officers on scene when the taser use of force stated no. SA Frazier asked if there were any other incident occurred. people in the area. said that the light-skinned black female was there, but he did not know where she had gone. described that the female stopped inside the fence, and he chased the male subject. He said that he told other officers that the female subject had run, but no one located her. said that when he went to his cruiser, there was a black male with dreads standing on the sidewalk. He said that the male asked if he had got him. When

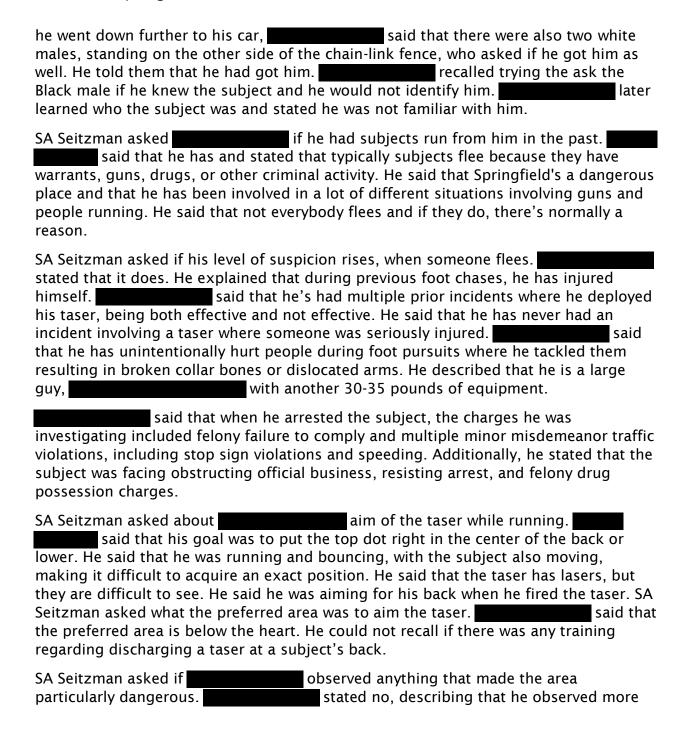


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grass and believed it was a good spot to deploy the taser because it didn't seem like there was anything excessive or dangerous. said that based on his department's policy, a subject must be actively resisting, to discharge a taser. He said that the resistance is based on the officer's perception. He described that per this policy; he is permitted to use a taser on a running subject when it's a felony crime of violence. said that the subject was actively resisting because the subject was running from him in addition to turning towards him, looking back, and taking a fighting stance. SA Seitzman asked if he is authorized legally to use force on someone who's actively resisting, and stated yes. SA Frazier asked if perceived any other options other than the use of force and he stated no. said that when he was chasing the subject, he initially thought he could run him down and take him to the ground. He said that when the subject started turning, it changed in his head, and he believed the subject wanted to fight. SA Frazier asked if he believed his actions were consistent with his training and stated yes. SA Frazier asked to describe the subject's injuries. He said that the subject's face was covered in blood, and his eye was extremely swollen. SA Frazier asked if the subject made any statements after being tased. he told the subject to stop and sit down and he recalled the subject talking to him but could not recall what he said. said that the subject told him he was done. At that point the subject appeared to be conscious. When to his cruiser and came back, another officer had said that the subject was going in and out of consciousness. said that they were worried about the subject and his injuries. stated that he watched the news regarding the incident and saw that people believed that police had beat the subject up. Therefore, that he went into the police department the day after the incident and had detectives take photographs of hands to document that he didn't have any injuries. SA Seitzman asked what his desired effect was when he discharged stated that he was hoping that the subject would go down the taser. and he could arrest him, stating "almost exactly what happened besides the significant said that he has never had somebody be injured from a taser, so using the taser was less of a use of force than a huge guy jumping on your back and



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taking you to the ground. He said that obviously it was different that day and he was not trying to hurt him.

After the incident, returned to his cruiser. He said that's when he realized that his BWC was not recording because it was stopped on a save setting from the original traffic related offense. He said that's when he activated his BWC by pressing the button. stated that their body-worn cameras have a lookback feature where you can extract two minutes of video even when the BWC was not activated or recording. Therefore, this feature was used to extract the video and that's why there is no sound regarding portions of the video.

The interview concluded at approximately 1411 hours. The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording has been attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, typed statement, and rough sketch/diagram are also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

2025-09-26 Criminal Investigation Notification			
2025-09-26	Audio Interview		
2025-09-26	Typed Statement		
2025-09-26	Rough Sketch-Diagram		





Criminal Investigation Notification

- 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.
- 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 <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be
 required to answer).

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SA Lauren Frazier
BCI Agent (Printed)

BC (Agent) (Signature)

STATEMENT OF

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

I am a		with the						
served	in that p	osition s	ince	I p	reviously	worked	d for	the
London	Police De	partment	and Bea	vercreek	Police.	I also		
previou	sly had w	orked for	the Sp	ringfiel	d Police	Dept.	I hav	е
been em	ployed as	a sworn	law enf	orcement	officer	since		I
graduat	ed from t	he Clark	State P	olice Ac	ademy in			

I am currently assigned as a _____ in the traffic unit on shift. I work throughout the city.

I am providing this statement voluntarily. I have prepared the statement to the best of my recollection. I have not yet had the opportunity to review all of the videos of the incident and it is possible that this review might refresh my recollection in the future.

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Officer Signature: _

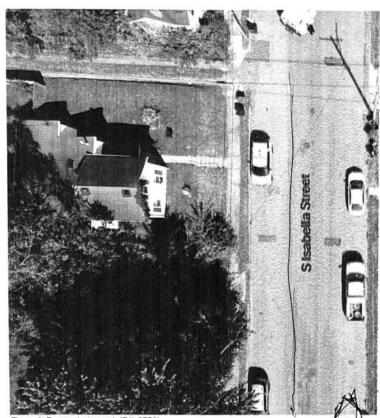
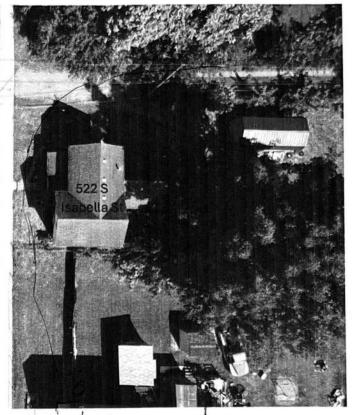


Figure 1: Drone photograph (DJI_0559)



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Clark