



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



2023-2941  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5230 Douglas Drive,  
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Investigative Activity: Review of WPD [REDACTED] personnel file and training records  
Activity Date: 3/11/2024  
Activity Location: BCI Richfield  
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) received the personnel file and training records for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Westlake Police Department (WPD) Sgt. Richard Lea. SA Jon Lieber (Lieber) reviewed the personnel file and training records and noted the following:

Personnel file

[REDACTED] s personnel file consisted of performance evaluations, commendations, training records, employment records, and miscellaneous documents.

No discipline related to use of force was located within the personnel file. In addition, [REDACTED] received satisfactory performance evaluations.

Range Qualification Records

On May 10, 2023, [REDACTED] completed firearm qualification with a Glock model 17, serial # [REDACTED]

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy/Commission Records

In addition to the records received from the WPD, SA Armstrong also obtained the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) records pertaining to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The OPOTA/OPOTC records indicated the following:

1. Basic Training

[REDACTED] completed the Peace Officer Basic Training Academy at Lorain County Community College (BAS10-075). [REDACTED] took the state certification exam on 01/20/2011 and he received his certificate on 03/25/2011.

2. Advanced Training

[REDACTED] completed the following courses:

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- Judgmental Firearms Simulator (01/28/2014 to 01/30/2014)
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure (08/05/2015)
- Trooper Coates Killer Interview (11/17/2016)
- Darrel Lunsford Murder (11/17/2016)
- Career Survival: Overall Job preparedness (11/21/2016)
- Effective Communications and Safe interactions with Persons in Crisis (06/03/2022)
- Mental Health Response (06/03/2022)
- Crisis Intervention (06/13/2022)
- BCI Lethal Use of Force and OIS Investigations (06/14/2022)
- Objective Reasonableness (06/14/2022)
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines (06/22/2022)
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations (07/20/2022)
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2023 (03/22/2023)
- Part 1-3 Legal Updates 2023 (06/04/2023 and 06/08/2023)

It should be noted that the above-listed courses are not a complete list. Only those courses deemed to be the most relevant were noted above.

### 3. Employment History

██████ was appointed part-time by the Westlake Police Department on 12/26/2022. His prior law enforcement employment includes being full-time with the North Ridgeville Police Department from 07/09/2012 to 12/22/2022 and part-time with the Brecksville Police Department from 03/25/2011 to 07/02/2012.

### 4. Current Peace Officer Status

Based on the records received, it is noted that ██████ ██████ was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of this incident.

The training documents received from the OPOTA/OPOTC were attached to this report. The documents received from the WPD were added to the physical case file as reference item F. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

#### Attachments:

2024-03-04 OPOTA Records - ██████ ██████

#### References:

Item F - Personnel File and Training Records - ██████ ██████

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**Office of Ohio Attorney General**  
**Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy**  
**Officer Record**



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██████████ Westlake Police Department, ID: ██████████

**Appointment History\***

Agency	Employee Status	Start Date	End Date
Brecksville Police Department	Part-time	3/25/2011	7/2/2012
North Ridgeville Police Department	Full-time	7/9/2012	12/22/2022
Westlake Police Department	Part-time	12/26/2022	

**Basic Academy Records**

School Number	School	Start Date	End Date	Exam Date	Certificate Number	Certificate Date	Appointed By	Appointed Date
BAS10-075	Lorain County Community College	9/7/2010	1/6/2011	1/20/2011	██████████	3/25/2011	Brecksville Police Department	3/25/2011
JBT11-002	Cuyahoga Community College	10/24/2011	10/31/2011	11/15/2011	██████████	11/15/2011		

**OPOTA Advanced Training Records\*\***

Course Title	Start Date	End Date
Judgmental Firearms Simulator	1/28/2014	1/30/2014
Judgmental Driving Simulator	1/28/2014	1/30/2014
Advanced Building Clearing	5/6/2014	5/8/2014
Patrol Drug Operations	9/2/2014	9/3/2014
Arrest, Search and Seizure	8/5/2015	8/5/2015
Basic Narcotics Investigator	4/25/2016	4/29/2016

## OPOTA Advanced Training Records\*\*

Field Training Officer (FTO) Program (Ohio Model)	10/1/2018	10/3/2018
Pursuit Termination Techniques	2/27/2024	2/29/2024

## LMS Training Records

Date Completed	Course Title	Officer Number	Officer
12/26/2012	Awareness of Human Trafficking	██████	████ ██████████
12/27/2012	Responding to Human Trafficking	██████	████ ██████████
12/17/2015	Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors	██████	████ ██████████
11/15/2016	Companion Animal Encounters	██████	████ ██████████
11/15/2016	OARRS for Law Enforcement	██████	████ ██████████
11/17/2016	Trooper Coates Killer Interview	██████	████ ██████████
11/17/2016	Darrel Lunsford Murder	██████	████ ██████████
11/18/2016	The Timothy McVeigh Stop	██████	████ ██████████
11/21/2016	Career Survival: Overall Job Preparedness	██████	████ ██████████
4/14/2021	Restraint or Confinement of a Pregnant Suspect	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Community Diversity and Procedural Justice	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Ethics and Professionalism	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Concealed Firearm Carry Changes	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Custodial Interrogation	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Hate Crimes	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Hazing	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Medical Marijuana	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	New and Updated Criminal Charges	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Ohio Forfeiture Laws	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Use of Restraints	██████	████ ██████████
5/31/2022	Vicarious Trauma	██████	████ ██████████

## LMS Training Records

6/3/2022	Effective Communication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis	██████	██████ ████████
6/3/2022	Mental Health Response	██████	██████ ████████
6/3/2022	Biological Evidence Collection for Sexual Assaults	██████	██████ ████████
6/13/2022	Crisis Intervention	██████	██████ ████████
6/13/2022	Responding to Sexual Assault	██████	██████ ████████
6/14/2022	BCI Lethal Use of Force and OIS Investigations	██████	██████ ████████
6/14/2022	Objective Reasonableness	██████	██████ ████████
6/14/2022	Qualified Immunity	██████	██████ ████████
6/22/2022	Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines	██████	██████ ████████
7/3/2022	Domestic Violence Legal Updates	██████	██████ ████████
7/16/2022	Officer Wellness Seminar	██████	██████ ████████
7/20/2022	Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations	██████	██████ ████████
8/17/2022	Communication Disabilities	██████	██████ ████████
2/27/2023	Ohio School Threat Assessment	██████	██████ ████████
3/22/2023	Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2023	██████	██████ ████████
5/30/2023	Safe at Home	██████	██████ ████████
6/4/2023	Part 1 - Legal Updates 2023	██████	██████ ████████
6/8/2023	Part 2 - Legal Updates 2023	██████	██████ ████████
6/8/2023	Part 3 - Legal Updates 2023	██████	██████ ████████

## Canine Training Records

Canine School	Certificate Date	Canine Unit	Certificate Type	Specialty	Renewal Date
K17-162	6/14/2017	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2018
K17-163	6/14/2017	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2018

## Canine Training Records

K18-165	5/29/2018	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2019
K18-166	5/29/2018	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2019
K19-099	4/2/2019	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2020
K19-100	4/2/2019	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2020
K20-084	3/31/2020	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2021
K20-085	3/31/2020	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2021
K21-094	4/13/2021	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2022
K21-095	4/13/2021	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2022
K22-082	4/5/2022	██████	Patrol Related	Criminal Apprehension, Canine Control and Canine Searches	6/14/2023
K22-083	4/5/2022	██████	Special Purpose	Tracking, Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives	6/14/2023

**\*The appointment records listed above reflect the appointed and separation information reported to OPOTC pursuant to section 109.761 of the Revised Code. Neither OPOTC, nor its staff, has independent knowledge of the information contained in these records.**

**\*\*The advanced training records listed above reflect ONLY THOSE trainings the peace officer scheduled through OPOTA. Records reflecting advanced training conducted by the peace officer's agency, or conducted by another organization, are not maintained by OPOTC. Requests for any such records should be directed to the peace officer's employing agency or the organization who conducted the training.**