



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



2025-3318
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 681 4th St. SW, Warren,
OH 44483, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Response Information
Involves: Brad Bailey (S), Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (O),
Warren Police Department (O), Champion Township
Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 10/12/2025
Activity Location: 681 4th Street, Warren, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan Emahiser

Narrative:

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, at approximately 0830 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Trumbull County Sheriff's Office and Warren Police Department to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident (OICI) which occurred in the area of 681 4th Street, Warren, Ohio. BCI Special Agent Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1100 hours. Also responding from BCI Force Investigations Unit (FIU) were Special Agents Joseph Lamping, Jesse Bynum, Doug Burke, and Darien Spann. BCI Special Agents John Saraya and Orlando Almonte also responded to assist. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence, Special Agents Larry Hootman and Ed Lulla responded.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Brad M. Bailey (Bailey), and members of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), Warren Police Department (WPD), and Champion Township Police Department (CTPD). The incident resulted in the death of Bailey.

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

Prior to arriving at the scene, SA Emahiser contacted WPD Lieutenant (Lt) Bryan Holmes, who at the time had incident command of the OICI. Lt. Holmes advised that TCSO responded to a reported domestic violence call at Bailey's residence located in Bristol, Ohio. Lt. Holmes stated that Bailey fled from the residence prior to TCSO's arrival, and made statements online and to family members that Bailey wanted to die including by means of "suicide by cop." Lt. Holmes said that officers located Bailey's vehicle and after initiating a traffic stop a vehicle pursuit ensued involving CTPD and TCSO. The

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pursuit entered the city of Warren, and WPD units joined in the vehicle pursuit. Lt. Holmes advised that pursuing law enforcement deployed spike strips, which rendered the vehicle Bailey was driving disabled in the area of 706 5th Street in Warren. Lt. Holmes told SA Emahiser that Bailey then fled from the vehicle and officers present saw a handgun in Bailey's hand. Officers pursued Bailey north bound on foot toward the area of 681 4th Street where an exchange of gunfire occurred, and Bailey was struck by gunfire.

Officers present provided life saving measures to Bailey until EMS arrived and transported Bailey to Mercy St. Josephs Hospital in Warren. After arriving at St. Josephs, Bailey was pronounced deceased. Lt. Holmes advised that two Deputies from TCSO, one WPD Officer, and one CTPD Officer fired their weapons during the OICI.

SA Emahiser asked Lt. Holmes if WPD could seek a search warrant for BCI CSU and FIU to search the 2012 Buick Regal driven by Bailey prior to the OICI for any evidence regarding the OICI. Lt. Holmes contacted the Warren City Prosecutor, who advised that a search warrant was not required to obtain evidence from the vehicle.

Contact with the involved officers was made by other agents, which will be documented in separate reports. Agents also obtained contacts from the agencies involved to gather documentation and available video in the upcoming days.

SA Emahiser and SA Burke assisted in the searching of the involved 2012 Buick Regal and located a replica gun and an Apple iPhone that was logged into evidence by the CSU.

It is anticipated that numerous interviews and analysis of evidence will be required for this investigation prior to presentation of the case to the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Request for Assistance - TCSO

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October 14, 2025, 2025

Bruce Pijanowski

Superintendent

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

RE: Request for Investigation – Trumbull County Sheriff's Office Officer Involved Shooting

Dear Superintendent, Pijanowski,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation initiate a formal investigation into an officer involved shooting that occurred on October 12, 2025.

On October 12, 2025, Trumbull County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival at the scene, deputies determined a domestic dispute had occurred and the parties agreed to separate. The suspect left the residence without issue. Later that morning, the suspect returned to the residence, entered through a window, and assaulted the victim. Deputies were contacted to respond to the residence a second time; however, the suspect fled in a vehicle prior to their arrival. It was reported that the suspect was in possession of a firearm at the time.

The suspect was subsequently observed by a Champion Township officer who attempted to initiate a traffic stop, resulting in a pursuit. The suspect fled through Trumbull County into the City of Warren, where the pursuit ended. The suspect then fled on foot while armed with a handgun. During the encounter, two Trumbull County Sheriff's deputies, a Champion Township officer, and a patrolman from the Warren City Police Department discharged their firearms, fatally striking the suspect.

In accordance with best practices and our commitment to transparency, accountability, and public trust, we are requesting that BCI conduct a full and impartial investigation into the circumstances of this incident. Our office will fully cooperate and provide any necessary assistance to your investigative team to ensure a thorough and objective review.

Thank you for your prompt attention and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheriff Michael G. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the word "Sheriff" written in a smaller font at the beginning.

Michael G. Wilson
Sheriff