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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2600 Navarre Ave.,
Oregon, OH 43616, Lucas County

Investigative Activity: Mercy Health Police Department (MHPD) Involved Officer
Interview

Involves: [REDACTED] (S)

Activity Date: 06/26/2026

Activity Location: 2409 Cherry St., Toledo, OH 43608

Authoring Agent: SA Douglas A. Burke #162

Narrative:

On Friday, June 26, 2026, at approximately 1018 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (SA Burke) and SA John Tingley (SA Tingley) interviewed Mercy Health Police Department (MHPD) Officer, [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Michael Herring and Brandon Santos, from McGuire/Woods Law Firm from Richmond, VA. Director of Protective Services (DPS) over operations for Bons Secours Mercy Health, Everett Wherly (Everett), was also present during the interview of [REDACTED]. The interview took place on the 4th Floor of a Conference Room, at 2409 Cherry St., Toledo, OH, 43608, Mercy Health-St. Vincent's Hospital. The interview was audio recorded and was requested by [REDACTED] legal representation not to be video recorded.

SA Burke read [REDACTED] the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form. When SA Burke concluded the reading of this form to [REDACTED] signed and dated the BCI Criminal Notification Form without incident in the presence of Atty.'s Michael Herring and Brandon Santos. SA Burke then signed the BCI Notification Form as a witness. The BCI Criminal Notification Form is attached to this report.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited 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.

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Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: N/A
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Lt. Josh Wirick
Radio Channel Utilized: Yes	Mobile Data Terminal: Not Present
Cruiser Description: N/A	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: N/A
Assignment: Foot Patrol in Hospital	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Not Present	Spotlight: Not Present
Emergency Lights: Not Present	Siren: Not Present
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: No
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: Decent Amount	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): No	Corrective Lenses: Limited Glasses
Uniform Worn: Blue Pants/Blue Short Sleeve Shirt/External Vest/Shoulder Patches	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Taser 7 and OC
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: No	Partner: N/A
Injuries: None	Equipment Damage: None
Training or Areas of Specialty: Semi-Automatic Pistol Instructor, Rifle Instructor, Shotgun Instructor, Subject Control Instructor, Legal Updates, Use of Force, Use of Deadly Force Legal Guidelines, Crisis Mitigation	OPOTC Certification: Owens Community College Police Academy/[REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: No	Use-of-Force Training: Yes/March 12, 2024
Prior Shooting Incidents: No	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No

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Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: Weeks
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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Holster
Magazine Capacity: Twenty-Three (23) due to magazine extension	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): Twenty-Three (23)
Extra Magazines: Two (2)	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: Twenty-Three (23)
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: Sixteen (16)	Number of Rounds Fired: Seven (7)
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Left-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: May 19, 2026	Type of Holster, if any: Safariland Level III

Weapon #1 which had been operated by [REDACTED], had open iron sights with a Stream Light TLR-1HL TAC Light mounted to the lower rail.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had watched or reviewed any of his Body Worn Camera (BWC) which pertained to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which took place just outside of the Emergency Room (ER), in the parking lot of Mercy Health St. Charles Hospital on Saturday, June 6, 2026. [REDACTED] stated he had not watched or reviewed any of the BWC Footage which pertained to the OICI on Saturday, June 6, 2026. It should be noted that [REDACTED] patrol duties on that date had been foot patrol throughout the hospital and was not assigned to a marked Mercy Health Patrol cruiser.

Throughout this investigation, it had been learned that the name of the Involved-Subject was Christian Strassburg (Christian). The female and significant other of Christian, who had been with Christian at the time of the OICI, had been identified as Samatha Binkley (Samantha).

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SA Burke asked [REDACTED] how he received information about a possible disturbance in the parking lot, just outside of the Emergency Room (ER). [REDACTED] stated it had come over the radio from Mercy Health Police Department (MHPD) Dispatch,

"About a woman getting shoved into a vehicle by someone, something to that effect" (18:34).

[REDACTED] stated at the time of being dispatched to the parking lot just outside of the ER Entrance, [REDACTED] had been sitting in [REDACTED] office inside of the hospital. SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if MHPD Dispatch had updated [REDACTED] while en route to the parking lot on foot. [REDACTED] stated,

"When I exited the building and into the parking lot, they gave a vehicle color. I believe they said it was a maroon vehicle" (19:20).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had responded to similar situations or disturbances at the hospital while conducting [REDACTED] normal patrol duties. [REDACTED] stated he had and his priorities are to try and attempt to speak with the individuals and to,

"Maintain the safety of life and other and de-escalate the situation to try and figure out what's going on" (20:00).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he was familiar with Christian. [REDACTED] stated he was not familiar with Christian and had never dealt with him. Furthermore, SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if any of the other responding officers had any knowledge of Christian or Christina's significant other, Samantha. Those Mercy Health Officers would have been Officer (Ofc.) Brett Bartson (Bartson) and Security Officer (Ofc.) Nicole Stribrny-Kiefer (Stribrny-Kiefer). [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] did not believe neither Ofc. Bartson nor Security Ofc. Stribrny-Kiefer had been familiar with Christian or Samantha.

At this point in the initial interview, SA Burke explained to [REDACTED] this would be the time for [REDACTED] to explain the events as [REDACTED] perceived them on Saturday, June 6, 2026, to have taken place. [REDACTED] requested to take a small break in the interview and to speak with his Attorneys, Brandon Santos and Michael Herring. SA Burke stated that would be fine and this interview concluded at 1040 hours while [REDACTED] spoke with his Attorneys.

At approximately 1043 on Friday, June 26, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) SA Burke and SA Tingley continued the interview with MHPD Officer, [REDACTED], who continued to be accompanied by his attorneys, Michael Herring and Brandon

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Santos, from McGuire/Woods Law Firm from Richmond, VA. Director of Protective Services (DPS) over operations for Bons Secours Mercy Health, Everett Wherly, continued to be present during the interview with [REDACTED]. The interview continued to take in a 4th Floor Conference Room at 2409 Cherry St., Toledo, OH, 43608, Mercy Health-St. Vincents Hospital. The interview continued to be audio recorded.

SA Burke explained to [REDACTED] at this time that SA Burke wanted [REDACTED] to explain the circumstances leading up to the OICI as [REDACTED] had viewed the situation.

[REDACTED] explained he had been inside of his office within Mercy Health-St. Charles Hospital which is located near the Emergency Room (ER) Department. Mercy Health Central Dispatch (MHCD) which is located at Mercy Health-St. Vincent's Hospital, 2409 Cherry St., Toledo, OH notified Mercy Health-St. Charles Hospital Campus Police Officers about a disturbance in the parking lot just outside of the ER Entrance. [REDACTED] left his office on foot and while he was enroute to the location he had been further advised by MHCD,

"Someone trying to shove someone else into a vehicle" (1:07).

[REDACTED] further explained he had obtained a vehicle description from MHCD of the involved-subjects being in a maroon vehicle and upon exiting the ER entrance doors and entering the parking lot, [REDACTED] observed the maroon vehicle where the involved-subjects were located. Upon entering the parking lot and observing the suspected vehicle, [REDACTED] noticed suspected involved subjects at the described vehicle. [REDACTED] advised MHCD that he was on scene and activated his Body Worn Camera (BWC) at that time.

After activating his BWC, [REDACTED] stated,

"To try to deescalate the situation and get the attention of the possible suspect on me. I could visually see, uh, two people um, believed to be in some sort of altercation. I couldn't make out if it was physical, but it was definitely verbal. I yelled out to the suspect" (2:05).

[REDACTED] noted that Samantha had been sitting in the driver's seat of the of the maroon vehicle with the driver's side door open and Christian had been standing outside of the opened driver's side door in front of the Samantha. [REDACTED] stated again,

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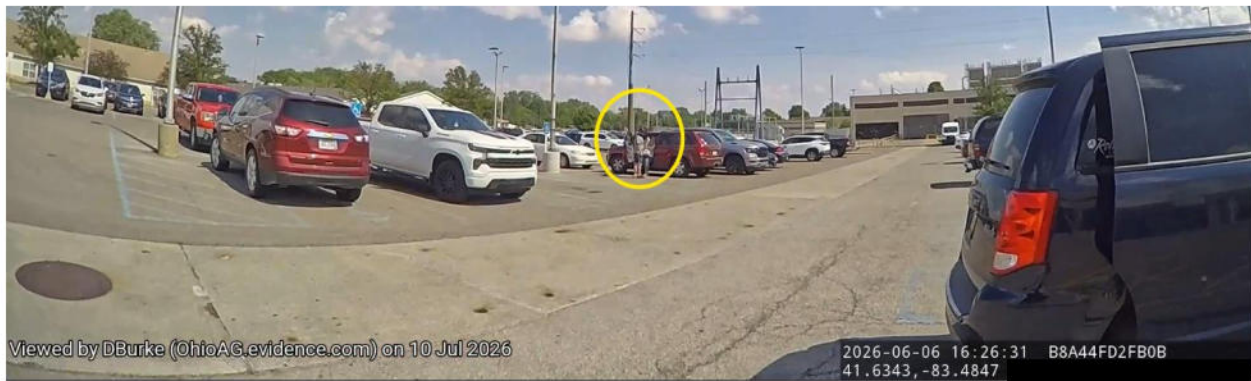
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"I wanted to deescalate the situation, try to get his attention on me. I called out to him. He immediately said something to the effect of fuck you. Um I then called out again, and um a similar response. He said something to the effect of rent-a-cop motherfucker" (2:45).



(Figure #1, marker above, from [REDACTED] BWC attempting to make contact with Christian standing outside of marron vehicle and Samantha sitting in driver's seat with door open.)

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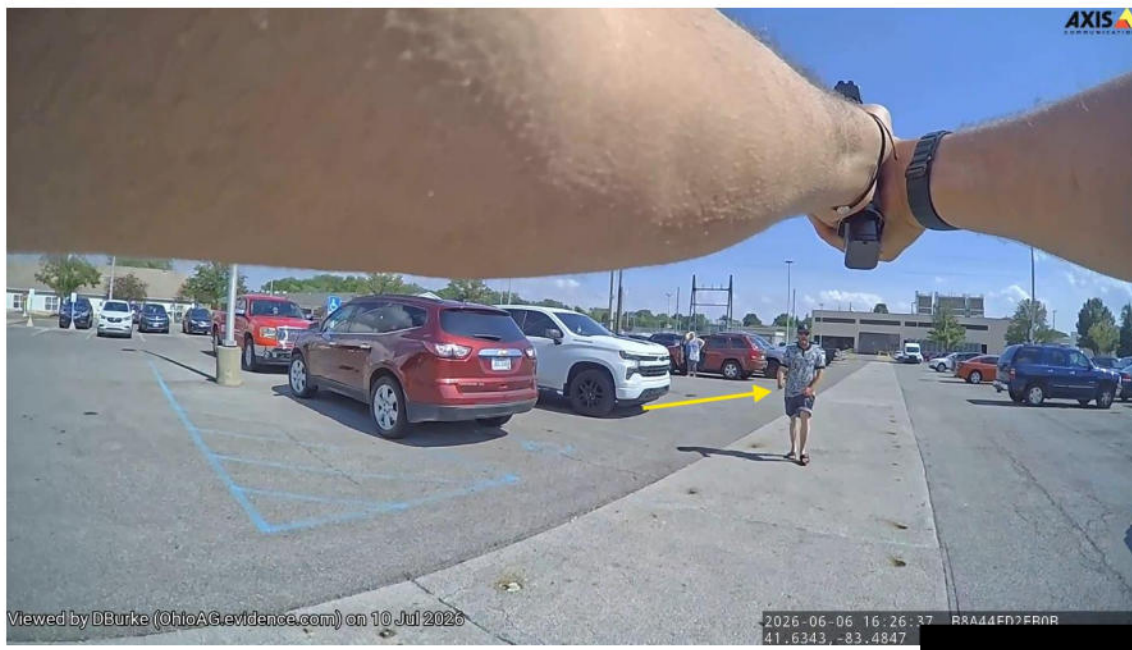


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██████████ further stated,

"To which he turned and started walking coming towards me. Shortly after he started coming my way, um, I identified a weapon in a closed fist of his hand. Uh, that's when I drew my service weapon out and direct pointed it at him (Christian)"
(3:06)



(Figure #2, marker above, from ██████████ BWC, ██████████ service weapon drawn, Christian walking in an aggressive manner towards ██████████ with a closed right-handed fist, holding a suspected weapon)

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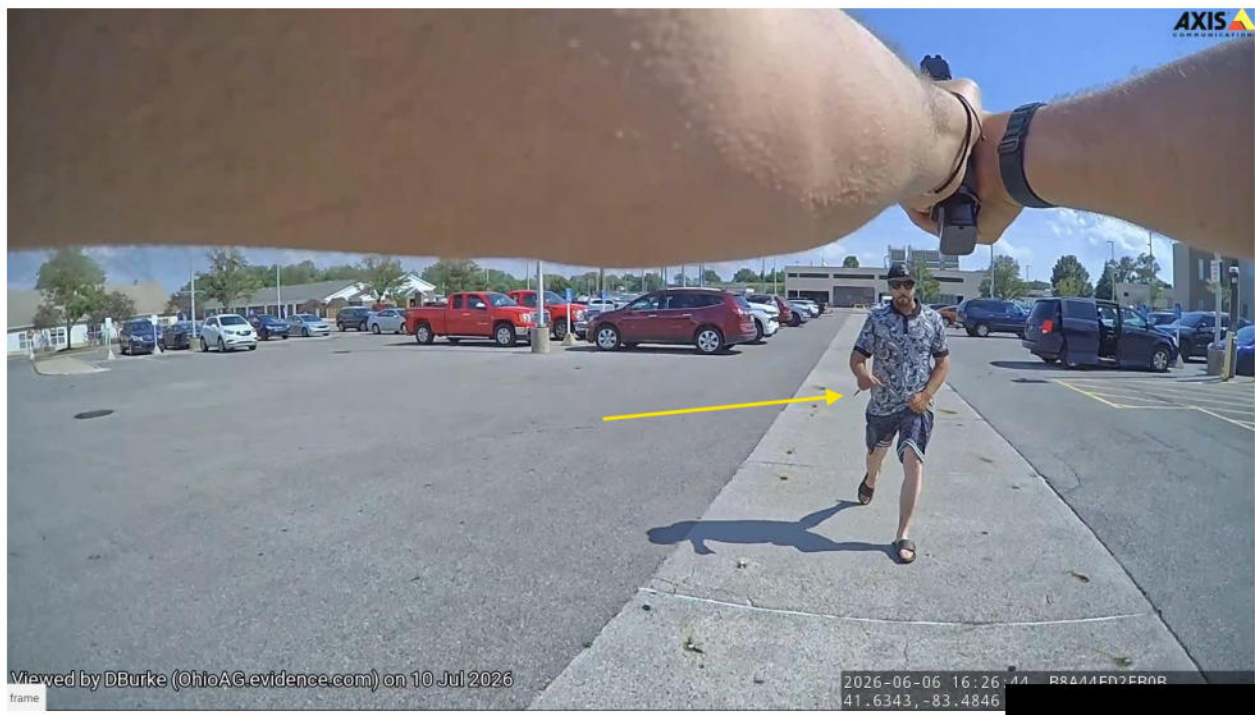


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██████████ stated that he continued to walk backwards from Christian and he had veered to his left so ██████████ was not in the line of the possible victim's (Samatha's) car. ██████████ stated,

"At this point, I be he, the suspect picked up his pace coming at me with a weapon in hand. Um, I started backing up and I got to the point where he was getting close to me. I was, my back was to the sidewalk where there's a large curb, pillars, and a wall. He continued to advance on me. I gave him commands to stop and drop the weapon. I know he was yelling at me at the time, too. I don't recall exactly what he was saying. As I backed up, I was backing up, I knew I was running out of room, running out of options. He wasn't listening to my commands. He still was advancing on me. I distinctly seeing a pointed weapon in his closed fist. Then I discharged my firearm at him five (5) times until he stopped coming at me" (3:43).



(Figure #3, marker above, from ██████████ BWC, Christian continued to aggressively walk towards ██████████ as ██████████ continued to give orders to "stop, don't move, put the knife down". Christian continued to call ██████████ a motherfucker)

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(Figure #4, marked above, from [REDACTED] BWC, first (1") of seven (7) shots fired at Christian with suspected weapon in Christian's right-hand, closed fist, as Christian to advanced towards [REDACTED] not obeying commands)

After the incident had occurred, [REDACTED] stated Samantha was, **"very distraught"** and at some point, said,

"He's (Christian) having a mental health crisis" (5:26).

[REDACTED] told the other two (2) MHPD officers who had arrived on scene, Ofc. Brett Barston and Security Ofc. Nicole Stribrny-Kiefer assisted with making sure the scene was safe and then securing the scene.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had rendered aid to Christian immediately following the OICI. [REDACTED] stated he did not immediately render aid due to making sure the scene was safe with other subjects in the parking lot, not immediately knowing if the other subjects in the parking lot were associated with Christian. Once the other subjects in the parking lot were not deemed as any further threat, [REDACTED] noticed medical personnel had come outside from the ER to start rendering aid to Christian. [REDACTED] checked Christian's person for weapons and did not locate any weapons on Christian's person. At that point, Christian was placed onto a gurney and taken into

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the ER to be treated for gunshot wounds. Shortly thereafter, Christian had succumbed in the ER of Mercy Health-St. Charles from the gunshot wounds

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had any sort of optics on [REDACTED] service weapon. [REDACTED] stated he did not have any sort of optics on his service weapon, adding that his point-of-aim would have been through his mounted iron sites of his service weapon. The only added piece of equipment would have been a Stream Light Tactical Light. SA Burke asked [REDACTED] what his point of aim was at the time of the OICI. [REDACTED] stated his point-of-aim had been center mass of Christian.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] what he believed to be the distance between himself and Christian at the time of the OICI. [REDACTED] replied,

"Maybe ten (10) feet" (7:34).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he could recall what Christian had specifically been saying to [REDACTED] about "shooting" Christian or Christian having a weapon on Christian's person. [REDACTED] said,

"Vaguely, I can't recall anything specific, but I know he (Christian) was yelling at me" (8:02).

Furthermore, SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he feared for the safety of [REDACTED] life and the safety of others at the hospital as [REDACTED] had been walking backwards, away from Christian, as Christian continued walking in an aggressive manner towards [REDACTED] closing the distance between [REDACTED] and Christian. [REDACTED] replied,

"Yes" (8:35). That's the only reason I [REDACTED] pulled the trigger because I thought he (Christian) was going to stab me" (8:37).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] what weapon [REDACTED] believed Christian had in Christian's hand. [REDACTED] stated,

"A knife" (8:51).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had ordered Christian to "drop the knife." [REDACTED] replied,

"Yes, sir" (9:06).

Furthermore, SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he could recall which hand Christian had the suspected weapon in and [REDACTED] said,

"Believe it was his (Christian's) right hand" (9:17).

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SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] actions, which were carried out during the OICI, were consistent with [REDACTED] training due to Christian not complying to [REDACTED] commands and having a suspected weapon in Christian's hands. [REDACTED] said,

"Yes, I do" (9:45).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had experienced any tunnel vision or distortion during the OICI. [REDACTED] replied,

"Yeah. When he was coming at me, the only thing I could really see was him, that's the only thing I was focused on was him. And then, um, it felt right after I discharged my weapon, uh, waiting for medical staff and additional units to respond, it felt like an eternity" (11:18).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he reacted within the guidelines of MHPD's Use of Force Policy. [REDACTED] said,

"Yes, I did" (11:59).

Attorney Michael Herring wanted it documented through [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had believed Christian also made a comment to [REDACTED] stating,

"I [REDACTED] believe he (Christian) said something to the effect of rent-a-cop motherfucker" (12:49).

SA Tingley asked [REDACTED] how far did [REDACTED] feel the distance had been between himself and Christian, upon making initial verbal contact with Christian. [REDACTED] replied,

"Two (2) to three (3) car lengths" (13:12).

SA Tingley stated that was a good distance initially between [REDACTED] and Christian. [REDACTED] stated,

"Yes, sir. I tried to give him (Christian) as much opportunity to comply with my [REDACTED] commands" (13:15).

SA Burke followed up with [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] continued to walk backwards, Christian continued to not comply with commands to drop the suspected knife and did not comply with the commands to stop walking towards [REDACTED] stated,

"That was correct" (13:41).

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SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if he had completed and filled out the Marsy's Law Packet, which had been provided to him by SA Burke. [REDACTED] stated he had filled out the Marsy's Law Packet. [REDACTED] then provided SA Burke with the Marsy's Law document indicating he was invoking his privilege to Marsy's Law.

[REDACTED] acknowledged that his BWC had been activated during the OICI.

[REDACTED] had no other relevant information and the interview concluded at approximately 1057 hours.

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The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is attached to this report. Please see attached for further details.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was placed into Axon Justice/Evidence.com as part of Reference Item D-Involved Officer Interview.

References:

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Attachments:

1. [REDACTED]-BCI Criminal Notification

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