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Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical  
Incident - 3810 Louise Ct., Grove City, OH 43123 (L)

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From: SA Richard Ward, Special Agent, Ohio BCI  
Date: December 15, 2025  
Involves: Dominique Byrdsong  
Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3810 Louise Ct., Grove City, OH  
43123 (L)  
BCI Case Numbers: Special Investigations (SIU): 2025-3290  
Crime Scene (CSU): 2025-3290  
Cyber Crime (CCU): N/A  
BCI Laboratory: 25-130778

**Investigative Request**

On Wednesday, October 08, 2025, Chief Eric Scott of the Grove City Police Department requested assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (FIU/SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on October 8, 2025 around 3810 Louise Court and resulted in the death of Dominique Byrdsong and injury of [REDACTED]

*Preface:*

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the October 8, 2025 officer-involved shooting in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for most of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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**Investigative Team**

BCI Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward is the lead FIU case agent. SA Ward received assistance in the investigation from SA James Gore, SA Matt Collins, SA Amanda North, SA Kyle Douglass, and SA Doug Eveslage. BCI Special Agents Brittney VanBibber and Aja Chung of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

**Summary of Process**

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during this investigation, by the investigative team, to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the five Grove City Police officers who discharged their weapons
- Statements of officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and other subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of Gavin Thomas and Tamara Eisel (civilian witnesses) to the incident
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special Agent attendance to post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the subjects involved, including criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)

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- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance videos which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of vehicles involved
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  2. Firearm operability testing
  3. Chemistry (drug identification)
  4. DNA
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Reviewed medical records of those injured, obtained through patient consent

**Incident Summary/Overview**

In the late afternoon or early evening of Wednesday, October 8, 2025, Thomas McClean arrived at his residence located at 3810 Louise Court, Grove City, Ohio, which was unoccupied due to ongoing renovations. McClean observed a large black truck, unfamiliar to him, backed into his driveway. The truck, a Ford F-800, had been reported stolen to the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office the previous day. Upon entering the residence, McClean was confronted by an unknown male, later identified as

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Dominique Byrdsong, who was inside the residence gathering belongings. McClean observed a handgun tucked into Byrdsong's waistband.



*3810 Louise Court*

McClean contacted the Grove City Police Department (GCPD) and reported that Byrdsong was inside his residence and in possession of a handgun. Officers responded and established containment of the residence. Sergeant Hennessy (GCPD) repeatedly

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issued commands over the public-address system for Byrdsong to exit the residence, depicted in figure 1.



*Figure 1*

During the prolonged standoff, Byrdsong reportedly exited the residence and, on two occasions, interacted with the truck before re-entering the residence, ignoring commands to surrender.

At approximately 2030 hours, the Grove City Police Department deployed CS and OC gas into both the upper and lower portions of the residence. During the second deployment, Byrdsong exited the rear of the residence, broke containment, and fled north through backyards onto Barbee Avenue. Byrdsong then proceeded northeast to the south side of 3667 Sheldon Place, where he tripped and fell to the ground, depicted in figure 2.

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*Figure 2*

As pursuing Grove City Police officers approached, led by [REDACTED], Byrdsong discharged a handgun in the direction of the officers, striking [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] returned fire, striking and killing Byrdsong, depicted in figure 3.

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*Figure 3*

**Decedent**

Dominique Jaylen Byrdsong DOB: 05/03/1993, CCH: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Autopsy Report**

On Tuesday, December 23, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward received the autopsy report, coroner's report, and toxicology results for Dominique Byrdsong from the Franklin County Coroner's Office.

The autopsy report documented the following [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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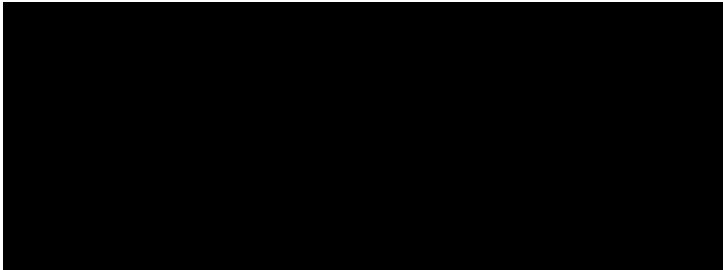
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The toxicology report identified the following substances:



██████████ For a quantitative breakdown and additional details, refer to the attached toxicology report.

**Physical Evidence**

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for documentation and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

The BCI Laboratory ballistic report revealed that the bullets and shrapnel recovered during Byrdsong's autopsy matched firearms discharged by ██████████ (one bullet and bullet fragments), ██████████ (one bullet), and ██████████ (two bullets and bullet fragments). Additionally, six spent 9mm casings matched Byrdsong's Walther

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9mm; thirteen casings matched [REDACTED] Glock 9mm; thirteen casings matched [REDACTED] Glock 9mm; four casings matched [REDACTED] Daniel Defense AR-15 (.223); and three casings matched [REDACTED] Daniel Defense AR-15 (.223).

**Witnesses**

**Statement from Tamara Eisel:**

Eisel resides 3065 Barbee Ave and 3810 Lousie Court is located behind her residence. Eisel heard the police announcing commands for Byrdsong to exit the residence and heard the deployment of gas. Eisel observed Byrdsong running through her backyard pursued by police officers. Byrdsong ran toward Sheldon Place, tripped and fell to the ground, and began shooting at officers. Eisel wrote in part: "The subject started firing from the location on the ground. I could see and hear the flash coming from the gun."

**Statement from Gavin Thomas:**

Thomas resides at 3065 Barbee Avenue and observed the standoff and observed Byrdsong running through and jumping fences on their property. Thomas observed Byrdsong fall and while on the ground, fired at pursuing police followed by additional gunfire.

**Statement from Thomas McClean:**

McLean explained that 3810 Louise Court is an uninhabited property, and he resides elsewhere in Grove City. McClean stated earlier, at approximately 1645 hours, he arrived at the property to check the mail. He observed a large black truck backed up into the driveway. McClean said he did not recognize the truck, and he thought perhaps that it may have belonged to one of his son's friends. McClean said that he text messaged his wife to ask if she knew about the truck, then went inside the house after he checked the mail.

McLean stated that as he entered, he observed an unidentified male (later identified as Dominique Byrdsong). According to McClean, the male asked him what he was doing at the house. The male reportedly told McClean that it was "Christy's house". McClean said he told the man that Christy is his wife. The male reportedly then claimed that he was Christy's nephew. McClean said he called his wife and while doing so, he observed the male bend over and place random items from the house into a duffle bag. McClean stated that he observed a firearm in the male's waistband as he stood up, so he walked out of the house and called police. McClean later confirmed with his wife that the subject was not her nephew.

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McLean speculated that the subject may have learned his wife's name from articles of mail or other documents in the house. He recalled that the male also addressed him by his first name, Thomas, and he thought the suspect may have learned his name through similar means (*Note: SA Gore later observed an expired driver's license for Thomas McLean on a countertop during a search of the house*). Mr. McLean recalled that the items which he saw the suspect put into the duffle bag included a used container of deodorant, a carved wooden cross, and one of his wife's jackets.

McLean said his interaction with the suspect only lasted two to three minutes. He said he thought the male may have been under the influence of drugs, or perhaps mentally unstable. McLean also suspected the male may have been homeless. He said the male did not threaten him at any time, and he believed the gun was exposed incidentally as it was caught on the suspect's shirt as he stood up.

**Statement from Jessica Brydsong:** (Mother)

Agent Ward explained BCI's involvement with Dominique Byrdsong and the Grove City Police Department. According to Jessica, Dominique had recently moved to Florida to live with his father. Within the past two weeks, Dominique had called her, speaking "a mile a minute," and claimed someone was tracking him. Additionally, he told her he believed someone had accessed his accounts and that he needed money to travel to see his father, which she subsequently sent. Jessica contacted Dominique's girlfriend, "Alex" (identified as Alexandra Poole), who reported observing the same concerning behavior.

Agent Ward asked Jessica whether Dominique had ever experienced any psychological disorders. She stated he had not but explained he had an extended hospital stay the previous year. Dominique had reportedly experienced [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When he was released in November 2024, he remained in pain and did not appear well.

The Friday before Dominique was shot (10/03), Jessica asked whether he was using drugs. He told her he had taken Kratom—an over-the-counter substance he believed would help with pain. Dominique also admitted to using cocaine, explaining to Jessica that it was "to get ahead of these mother fuckers." Jessica stated that Alex believed Dominique's use of Kratom was excessive. Jessica further reported that Dominique had recently purchased a BMW with money he had saved. He had driven his Honda Civic to Florida but left it there and flew home. He also owned a dark-colored Chevrolet Tahoe.

When Agent Ward asked whether Dominique possessed a handgun, Jessica confirmed he did but stated he had left it in Florida. She said Dominique had recent encounters

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with police, during which officers attempted to get him help. After returning from Florida—within a week of his death—his behavior had worsened significantly. When asked whether Dominique had become more paranoid, Jessica affirmed that he had.

Agent Ward informed Jessica of certain details regarding the residence and the truck reportedly stolen from the driveway. Jessica stated that Dominique's brother, who lives in Circleville, had received several missed calls from Dominique on Tuesday (10/07) and that Dominique may have been confused.

**Statement from Alexandra Poole:** (Girlfriend)

Poole identified Dominique Byrdsong (Byrdsong) as her ex-boyfriend. Poole has known Byrdsong "for a while" since they worked together at a Goodwill store. Poole explained Byrdsong has recently been dealing with some mental health issues which she believed were affecting his behavior. Poole estimated Byrdsong had been displaying erratic behavior for the past several months. Poole also stated Byrdsong had lost close to one hundred (100) pounds since she started to notice changes in his behavior.

Poole said Byrdsong had driven to Ocala, Florida, where he has relatives, in June or July 2025 and returned to the Columbus area sometime in late August 2025. Poole said Byrdsong was having delusions that she (Poole) is the leader of a criminal gang. More recently, Byrdsong told Poole that she was "Lucifer" and he was "Jesus" and that his mother, Jessica Byrdsong (Jessica) is an "imposter" and not his real mother. Poole said she had been in contact with Jessica recently due to concerns about Byrdsong's mental state. Poole said she had not been able to convince Byrdsong to check himself into a mental health facility.

Poole reported her last in-person contact with Byrdsong was the night of Sunday, October 5, 2025. Poole said Byrdsong was at the Columbus International Airport (CMH) trying to steal vehicles. Poole tried to convince Byrdsong that stealing cars was wrong. Poole said Byrdsong thinks other people are "non-playable characters" (NPCs), as though they are living in a video game, and that people can "respawn" if they die. Poole explained she was inside her vehicle with Byrdsong when he attacked her. Poole said Byrdsong had a gun, which he pointed at her head and her stomach and told her, "I'm gonna have to murder you." Poole said she was able to open the car door and start screaming, which caused Byrdsong to jump out of the car and run away. Poole indicated her voice was raspy due to Byrdsong choking her during the attack.

Poole has not been responding to Byrdsong's phone calls since then. Poole called "Netcare" (behavioral health support), who told her to call 911 due to the violent nature

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of the incident. Poole reported Byrdsong had recently purchased a black Chevy Tahoe which did not have permanent license plates yet.

Poole had ignored all phone calls from Byrdsong on the days following him attacking her at the airport. On the date of the incident on October 8, 2025, Byrdsong had attempted to call Poole at 1731 hours, which she did not answer. At 2000 hours, Byrdsong sent Poole a text which stated, "Always getting the cops involved smh."

Poole reported Byrdsong had recently purchased a firearm which he claimed was for self-protection. Poole described the gun as a black handgun. Poole confirmed she had seen the gun prior to the day Byrdsong pointed it at her at the airport.

Poole explained Byrdsong had recent encounters with Hilliard Police Department (HPD), the first being for urinating in public. Byrdsong had another encounter with HPD under suspicion of attempting to break into vehicles. Byrdsong explained that HPD detained Byrdsong for an active out-of-state warrant. HPD released Byrdsong's vehicle (the Chevy Tahoe) to Poole, which she said contained his black handgun, which HPD did not seize and released to Poole with the vehicle. Poole said HPD knew there was a gun in the car when they released it to her. Poole reported she is a convicted felon and is not legally allowed to be in possession of a firearm. Byrdsong was taken to the Franklin County Jail on Fisher Road, where he spent three days. Poole denied giving Byrdsong his gun back when she picked him up from the jail on September 26, 2025. "I didn't touch the gun, I left it in [Byrdsong's] vehicle," Poole stated.

Poole was asked if Byrdsong ever talked about breaking into houses. Poole said Byrdsong told her he had found a "whole neighborhood" of empty houses which she believed may have been somewhere in Grove City. Poole told Byrdsong it was wrong to break into a house just because he believed nobody lived there. Poole explained Byrdsong had a plan in his mind to "take over" the neighborhood, and likened Byrdsong's idea to "The Walking Dead" TV show. Byrdsong had also told Poole he believed, "Friday was the end of the world - Doomsday," (Friday, October 10, 2025).

Poole also stated Byrdsong had been covering himself in aluminum foil and was wearing "hippie sweaters" which he believed protected him from evil people.

Poole was not aware of Byrdsong using any illegal drugs and never saw him in possession of drugs. Poole said she never saw drug paraphernalia in Byrdsong's vehicles. Poole reported Byrdsong had been prescribed medications for diabetes and for his pancreas but did not believe he had been taking his medications.

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**Officer Interviews**

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

██████████

██████████ statement read, in part:

*"Sergeant Hennessy was in a cruiser parked on the west side of the cul-de-sac. She was making announcements over the loudspeaker, repeatedly stating, 'This is the Grove City Police Department. Occupants of 3810 Louise Court, come out with your hands up. You are under arrest.'*

*Lieutenant Holmstrom drove the command post vehicle into the cul-de-sac. K-9 Officer Nelson and his partner, Rakka, were also on scene providing containment. I believe Sergeant Wilhelm and Officer Hall were coordinating less-lethal options and gas deployment. Several members of the team were positioned on the east side of a utility truck, using it for concealment. ██████████ was first in the line with the shield. ██████████ was next with the rifle providing lethal cover. ██████████ was behind him, followed by Officer Chandler; they comprised the arrest team. Officer Cole was next with the ram, followed by Officer Coleman with the Halligan tool. Sergeant Smith and I were at the rear of the stack providing rear security. I believe ██████████ and Pertz were also positioned to the rear for security.*

*I believe Officer Hall and Sergeant Wilhelm maneuvered toward the 1-2 corner of the house to gain better window access for gas deployment. The 1-side of the house is the front, and the numbering proceeds clockwise, with the rear being the 3-side. Because I was positioned at the rear of the lineup, I was monitoring a window on the 4-side (east side) of the house. Once they were ready to deploy gas, we were instructed to don our gas masks. I put my mask on and then placed my helmet over it. Once everyone was masked, the warning 'Gas, gas, gas' was announced to alert officers that the noise would be from gas deployment and not gunfire. Gas was deployed through the upper two windows. The intent was for the gas to drive the suspect out of the residence so he could surrender peacefully. Sergeant Hennessy continued making announcements for the suspect to come out with his hands up.*

*After several minutes with no response, the 'Gas, gas, gas' warning was given again and gas was deployed into the lower two windows. A few seconds after the second deployment, someone radioed that the suspect was fleeing through the backyard.*

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*I ran north along the 4-side (east side) of the house. As I cleared the 3-4 corner, I observed thick, tall brush. I ran toward the rear wire fence and saw the suspect jump over it; he was approximately 40 yards north of my position. As I attempted to climb the fence, my pants became snagged, requiring me to reposition my foot to clear it. I believe I pushed my gas mask up to increase my field of vision, and my helmet fell off on the opposite side of the fence. I continued pursuing the suspect.*

*I observed the suspect running north/northeast between 3075 and 3065 Barbee Avenue. I ran northeast as well. The suspect ran toward 3667 Sheldon Place, which had a floodlight directed downward toward the south/southwest, illuminating the 1-2 side of the residence. As the suspect ran east through the yard on the south side of 3667 Sheldon Place, I saw him stumble and fall to the ground.*

*There was a small SUV parked on Barbee Avenue just south of the suspect. I was running toward that SUV as the suspect pushed himself up from the ground. Suddenly, he swung his right arm back and fired west toward pursuing officers, then immediately swung his arm and fired toward me. This occurred in a split second; I heard the round and simultaneously saw the muzzle flash. I immediately fired my rifle at the suspect and moved to a better position with cover and concealment behind the SUV.*

*I observed an officer move to the east side of 3667 Sheldon Place and saw another officer on the ground to the west of the suspect. The suspect was still moving, twisting up and down on the ground, and continued holding the gun. He began lifting his arm, attempting to level the weapon toward officers to his west, and I again fired my weapon at him. I then heard the suspect say, 'I'm done,' or words to that effect. I believe someone yelled, 'Drop the gun.' The suspect then threw or dropped the gun, and I heard someone yell, 'Cease fire.' I yelled out to check if everyone was okay. Medics were immediately requested, as tactical EMS was already on scene for the SRT mission.*

*I observed [REDACTED] on the east side of 3667 Sheldon Place, moving erratically. At that time, I did not know he had been shot. The suspect was turned face down, and officers advanced toward him. His hands were secured with zip ties, and I observed what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his thigh. I retrieved a tourniquet and applied it to his thigh to control the bleeding. Other officers and TEMS medics initiated additional lifesaving measures, including applying a chest seal and pressure to his wounds. The suspect and [REDACTED] were both transported to Grant Medical Center.*

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*I fired a total of seven (7) rounds during this incident. I know this based on my round count, as I had 21 rounds remaining. My rifle was slung over my shoulder. I am righthand dominant, with my right hand on the pistol grip and my left hand on the barrel. I believe I utilized my red-dot sight for all shots. I aimed at the suspect's center mass for each round. Although it was dark, an exterior light at 3667 Sheldon Place illuminated the suspect. All shots were fired in a northern direction, with the backdrop being the ground and cinder blocks of the residence. I fired at a slight downward angle, as the suspect had stumbled and fallen.*

*After the suspect fired at me, I believe I fired three (3) rounds while positioned on Barbee Avenue, without cover or concealment, at a distance of approximately 25-30 yards. I then moved to a position of cover behind the SUV. At that time, I was unsure if the suspect had been hit, as he continued moving. When I observed him raise his arm again, I believed he was attempting to fire at officers to his west, and I fired an additional four (4) rounds from a distance of approximately 15-20 yards. I estimate that approximately 5-6 seconds elapsed between my first and last shots, with only a couple of seconds between volleys. I ceased firing when the suspect stated, 'I'm done,' was no longer pointing the firearm at anyone, and then dropped or threw the gun a second or two later.*

*At the time I fired my weapon, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect myself from further serious bodily harm or death. I believe all of my actions were consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer, as well as GCPD policies. I believe all of my actions were consistent with the laws of Ohio and the United States."*

████████████████████

████████████████████ statement read, in part:

*"SRT was officially activated at 7:12 p.m. SRT members began arriving on scene shortly thereafter, including Lt. Holmstrom, Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Wilhelm, Sgt. Roach, ██████████ Officer Cole, Officer Hall, Officer Coleman, Officer Chandler, ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ I remained behind Cruiser S2.*

*Approximately an hour after I arrived on scene, I saw the suspect look out the front door; however, the suspect did not leave the residence. Following the suspect looking through the front door, Sgt. Hennessy resumed giving commands for the suspect to come out with his hands up.*

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*Approximately five minutes after the suspect looked through the front door, the Mobile Command Post was pulled onto Louise Court, to the right (east) of Cruiser S2. Sgt. Smith announced a plan to gas the residence. Sgt. Smith instructed some members of the SRT team to line up on the rear driver's side of the utility truck, near the garage of the residence. I was designated as the shield person and was first in the stack. ██████████ ██████████ was directly behind me, and I believe ██████████ was in the third position.*

*We lined up near the Mobile Command Post and then moved north to the rear driver's side corner of the utility truck. Once in position, Sgt. Hennessy gave another round of commands through the PA system. I believe Officer McCune and Officer Reber moved to cover the northeast corner/rear of the home once SRT was in place near the utility truck.*

*Lt. Holmstrom ordered those of us in the stack to put on our gas masks. The officers in the two and four positions put their masks on first, followed by those in the one and three positions. While putting on my mask, I handed the shield to Sgt. Smith; once my mask was secure, Sgt. Smith returned the shield to me.*

*Approximately two minutes after gas was deployed into the bottom-floor windows, I heard ██████████ over the radio announce that the suspect was running out the back of the residence. I ran to the rear/northeast side of the house. Numerous officers were fanning out around the rear of the home. I yelled 'K9' to remind officers that a K9 was on scene and could be deployed.*

*I heard someone yell words to the effect of, 'He's running!' I saw a person I believed to be the suspect in the backyard of 3065 Barbee Avenue, moving toward Sheldon Place. I removed my headset to take off my gas mask, leaving both the shield and mask near a fence. I stepped over a short chain-link fence and continued northeast toward Barbee Avenue. I attempted to place my headset back on so I could hear radio traffic but was unable to get it fully secured. I carried my helmet, as my BWC was attached to it, and stepped over another fence. While on the south side of Barbee Avenue, I saw the suspect on the north side of the roadway. The suspect appeared exhausted and stumbled or fell. I ran toward him. Two officers were in close proximity to the suspect, north/northeast of my position. The suspect fell near a flower bed on the south side of 3667 Sheldon Place.*

*I believe I saw at least two muzzle flashes from the suspect while he was lying in the flower bed. I believed he was shooting at ██████████ who was within approximately ten feet of the suspect. I immediately dropped my helmet, drew my firearm, and returned fire. I heard numerous officers firing at the same time. My first shots were*

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*fired from near the southeast corner of the front yard of 3056 Barbee Avenue. As I continued firing, I moved north/northwest to the concrete porch at the front of 3056 Barbee Avenue.*

*From the front porch, I could see the suspect lying southeast of me, south of 3667 Sheldon Place, with his feet toward the west and his head toward the east. The suspect appeared to continue attempting to push himself up. Believing he was still armed and intending to continue shooting at officers, I fired a few additional rounds.*

*Although my magazine was not empty, I performed a tactical reload so that I would have a full magazine available if the suspect resumed firing.*

*Once the suspect no longer appeared to be attempting to push himself up, I advanced east toward him while ordering him to stop moving. I maintained my firearm pointed at him, as I could not see his weapon. His arms appeared tucked beneath him, and I could not see his right hand. I gave commands for him to extend his arms. I saw officers converge on the suspect to secure him and begin rendering aid. When SRT is activated, Tactical EMS (TEMS) medics are placed on standby. As such, I knew medics would be on scene shortly.*

*At the time I fired my weapon, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect myself from further serious bodily harm or death. I believe all of my actions were consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer, as well as GCPD policies. I believe all of my actions were consistent with the laws of Ohio and the United States."*

████████████████████

████████████████████ statement read, in part:

*"Sergeant Hennessy was in a cruiser parked on the west side of the cul-de-sac. She was making announcements over the loudspeaker, repeatedly stating, 'This is the Grove City Police Department. Occupants of 3810 Louise Court, come out with your hands up. You are under arrest.'*

*Lieutenant Holmstrom drove the command post vehicle into the cul-de-sac. K-9 Officer Nelson and his partner, Rakka, were also on scene providing containment. I believe Sergeant Wilhelm and Officer Hall were coordinating less-lethal options and gas deployment. Several members of the team were positioned on the east side of a utility truck, using it for concealment. ██████████ was first in the line with the shield. ██████████ was next with the rifle providing lethal cover. ██████████ was behind him, followed by Officer Chandler; they comprised the arrest team. Officer Cole was next*

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*with the ram, followed by Officer Coleman with the Halligan tool. Sergeant Smith and I were at the rear of the stack providing rear security. I believe [REDACTED] and Pertz were also positioned to the rear for security.*

*I believe Officer Hall and Sergeant Wilhelm maneuvered toward the 1-2 corner of the house to gain better window access for gas deployment. The 1-side of the house is the front, and the numbering proceeds clockwise, with the rear being the 3-side. Because I was positioned at the rear of the lineup, I was monitoring a window on the 4-side (east side) of the house. Once they were ready to deploy gas, we were instructed to don our gas masks. I put my mask on and then placed my helmet over it. Once everyone was masked, the warning 'Gas, gas, gas' was announced to alert officers that the noise would be from gas deployment and not gunfire. Gas was deployed through the upper two windows. The intent was for the gas to drive the suspect out of the residence so he could surrender peacefully. Sergeant Hennessy continued making announcements for the suspect to come out with his hands up.*

*After several minutes with no response, the 'Gas, gas, gas' warning was given again and gas was deployed into the lower two windows. A few seconds after the second deployment, someone radioed that the suspect was fleeing through the backyard.*

*I ran north along the 4-side (east side) of the house. As I cleared the 3-4 corner, I observed thick, tall brush. I ran toward the rear wire fence and saw the suspect jump over it; he was approximately 40 yards north of my position. As I attempted to climb the fence, my pants became snagged, requiring me to reposition my foot to clear it. I believe I pushed my gas mask up to increase my field of vision, and my helmet fell off on the opposite side of the fence. I continued pursuing the suspect.*

*I observed the suspect running north/northeast between 3075 and 3065 Barbee Avenue. I ran northeast as well. The suspect ran toward 3667 Sheldon Place, which had a floodlight directed downward toward the south/southwest, illuminating the 1-2 side of the residence. As the suspect ran east through the yard on the south side of 3667 Sheldon Place, I saw him stumble and fall to the ground.*

*There was a small SUV parked on Barbee Avenue just south of the suspect. I was running toward that SUV as the suspect pushed himself up from the ground. Suddenly, he swung his right arm back and fired west toward pursuing officers, then immediately swung his arm and fired toward me. This occurred in a split second; I heard the round and simultaneously saw the muzzle flash. I immediately fired my rifle at the suspect and moved to a better position with cover and concealment behind the SUV.*

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*I observed an officer move to the east side of 3667 Sheldon Place and saw another officer on the ground to the west of the suspect. The suspect was still moving, twisting up and down on the ground, and continued holding the gun. He began lifting his arm, attempting to level the weapon toward officers to his west, and I again fired my weapon at him. I then heard the suspect say, 'I'm done,' or words to that effect. I believe someone yelled, 'Drop the gun.' The suspect then threw or dropped the gun, and I heard someone yell, 'Cease fire.' I yelled out to check if everyone was okay. Medics were immediately requested, as tactical EMS was already on scene for the SRT mission.*

*I observed [REDACTED] on the east side of 3667 Sheldon Place, moving erratically. At that time, I did not know he had been shot. The suspect was turned face down, and officers advanced toward him. His hands were secured with zip ties, and I observed what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his thigh. I retrieved a tourniquet and applied it to his thigh to control the bleeding. Other officers and TEMS medics initiated additional lifesaving measures, including applying a chest seal and pressure to his wounds. The suspect and [REDACTED] were both transported to Grant Medical Center. I fired a total of seven (7) rounds during this incident. I know this based on my round count, as I had 21 rounds remaining. My rifle was slung over my shoulder. I am righthand dominant, with my right hand on the pistol grip and my left hand on the barrel. I believe I utilized my red-dot sight for all shots. I aimed at the suspect's center mass for each round. Although it was dark, an exterior light at 3667 Sheldon Place illuminated the suspect. All shots were fired in a northern direction, with the backdrop being the ground and cinder blocks of the residence. I fired at a slight downward angle, as the suspect had stumbled and fallen.*

*After the suspect fired at me, I believe I fired three (3) rounds while positioned on Barbee Avenue, without cover or concealment, at a distance of approximately 25-30 yards. I then moved to a position of cover behind the SUV. At that time, I was unsure if the suspect had been hit, as he continued moving. When I observed him raise his arm again, I believed he was attempting to fire at officers to his west, and I fired an additional four (4) rounds from a distance of approximately 15-20 yards. I estimate that approximately 5-6 seconds elapsed between my first and last shots, with only a couple of seconds between volleys. I ceased firing when the suspect stated, 'I'm done,' was no longer pointing the firearm at anyone, and then dropped or threw the gun a second or two later.*

*At the time I fired my weapon, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect myself from further serious bodily harm or death. I believe all of my actions*

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*were consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer, as well as GCPD policies. I believe all of my actions were consistent with the laws of Ohio and the United States."*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] statement read, in part:

*"I then saw the suspect run back across Barbee Avenue to the east of my location. I again told him to stop as I ran after him. I saw an Officer, who I now know was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] come towards my location from the south. The suspect looked to be breathing heavily, which I assumed was from the gas. He ran into the side (south) yard of 3667 Sheldon Place, which was on the northwest corner of Barbee Avenue and Sheldon Place.*

*The suspect either fell or laid down on the side lawn. At that point, I believed he was giving up and going to comply with orders. He was laying close to the cider block foundation of the basement. There was an air condition unit directly to the west of him. I saw an Officer, who I now know is [REDACTED] come up on my right side, slightly in front of me to the northeast. As we approached the subject, I still believed he was giving up based on his posture. I believe his head was pointed east and his feet to the west. Suddenly, the suspect rolled towards us and saw what I believe to be a muzzle flash coming from the ground and heard a gunshot. A muzzle flash from the suspect indicated to me that he had shot a gun. I saw [REDACTED] who was still to my right slightly in front of me, flinch. I began to fire at the suspect as I crossed the yard to the west seeking cover. [REDACTED] moved to the east side of the house. I know I saw at least two (2) muzzle flashes from the suspect's location, but there could have likely been more. I never saw the suspect's weapon."*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] statement read, in part:

*"I ran north through the yards. I believe [REDACTED] was airing the direction of travel of the suspect. I climbed over the fence and ran north towards Barbee Street. I believe I ran through the yard that separates 3075 and 3065 Barbee Avenue. Just as I was emerging from the corner of 3065 Barbee Avenue, I heard rounds being fired and I saw a muzzle flash.*

*As I was looking east down Barbee Avenue, I heard rounds being fired and I saw an officer down in the yard at the corner of Barbee Avenue and Sheldon Place. I saw the suspect on the ground and he appeared to be in a crouching position, looking towards the officer who was down on the ground. I immediately discharged my rifle at the*

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*suspect. I believe other rounds were also being fired. The suspect went completely down and was no longer moving. I advanced east down Barbee Avenue. The suspect was down on the south side of 3667 Sheldon Place. The TEMS (tactical EMS) were called in as they are always activated with SRT. Other officers were accessing the suspect's injuries and rendering aid. I realized that I did not see [REDACTED] around us and went looking for him. It was then that I learned he had been shot during the incident."*

**Dominique Byrdsong's previous contact with LE:**

June 15, 2016: Pataskala Police responded to an aggravated menacing complaint, on which Dominique Byrdsong was found to possess four syringes of suspected heroin, related paraphernalia, and a handgun magazine. Mr. Byrdsong's brother, Desmond Byrdsong, was in possession of a handgun (incident #06-19420-16).

May 27, 2024: Columbus Police were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle call. Dominique Byrdsong was found to be impaired and in possession of a Canik TP9 handgun. Byrdsong was issued a summons (incident #240377679).

August 20, 2025: Knoxville Police (Tennessee) responded to a call for service from Dominique Byrdsong. The dispatch notes stated that Byrdsong sounded confused, and he wanted to speak with an officer. The notes further indicated that Byrdsong thought that someone was trying to steal his car, and that he had been running from people all night. The call was cleared without any additional documentation (incident #P25192011).

September 24, 2025: Columbus Police responded to a parking lot on Roberts Road on a suspicious person call. The caller reported that a male, later identified as Dominique Byrdsong, was attempting to get into her parked car. Byrdsong reportedly told the caller that the vehicle was identical to his own, and that his own car had recently been stolen. Officers arrested Byrdsong on an outstanding warrant, and he reportedly forcibly resisted the arrest (incident #250704176).

October 2, 2025: Hilliard Police responded to a suspicious person outside of a billiard hall and bar, where staff members observed Dominique Byrdsong urinating outside near the front door. The responding officer reported speaking with "Alex" (Alexandra Poole) via phone regarding Byrdsong's condition. Alex alleged that Byrdsong was experiencing some sort of psychosis, and that he had earlier made threats to "off himself with his blicky (gun)." Byrdsong reportedly denied to the officer that he wanted to harm himself, but he did admit to having no sleep in the previous twenty-four hours. It was the officer's determination that Byrdsong did not meet the criteria for an

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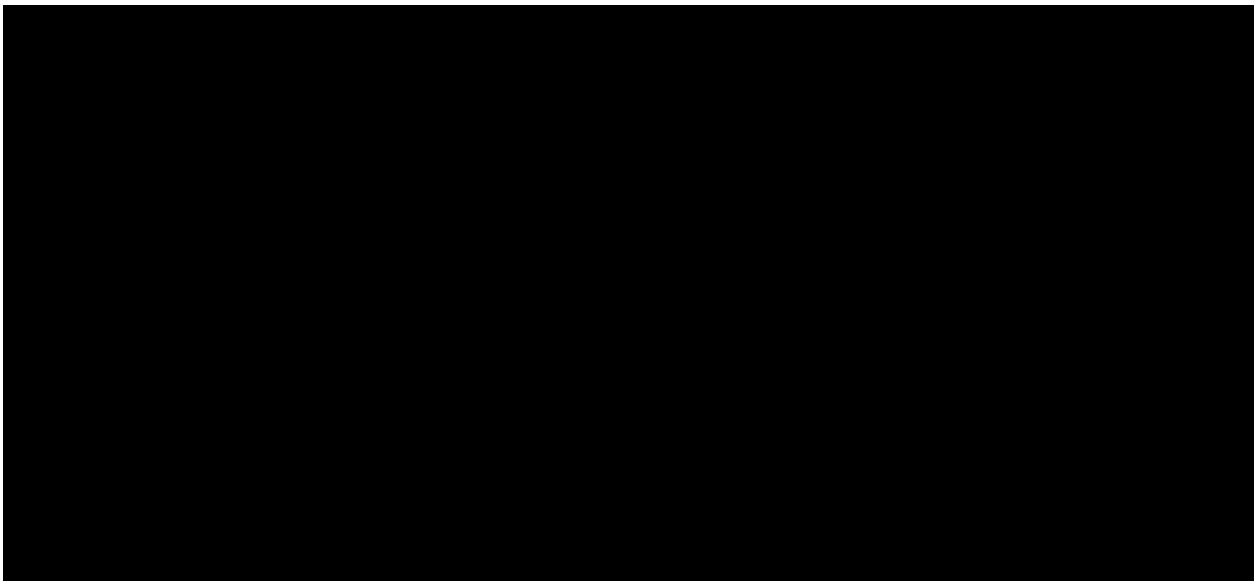
involuntary commitment for psychological evaluation. Byrdsong was released with his firearm in the trunk of his vehicle, per the call notes (incident #252750017).

October 5, 2025: Columbus Police responded to a complaint of a suspicious person at a private parking lot near the airport. Byrdsong reportedly told the lot manager that he was waiting for a friend at that location. A simple police field interview was conducted to document the interaction (incident #25F000983).

October 7, 2025: Pickaway County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an automotive service center in Harrisburg regarding a stolen vehicle complaint. The shop owner reported that sometime during the prior evening, a black Ford F-800 truck was stolen from the property. Deputies located a black Chevy Tahoe registered to Dominique Byrdsong in a wooded area nearby. A subsequent search warrant conducted by deputies on the vehicle yielded Byrdsong's birth certificate, a Walther gun case, and several packets of kratom (incident #SOCR2503086).

**Medical Records of [REDACTED]**

Grant Hospital medical records recovered from consent of [REDACTED] read, in part:



**Conclusion**

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the critical incident of an officer-involved critical

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incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Richard Ward. SA Ward can be reached via email at [Richard.Ward@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Richard.Ward@OhioAGO.gov) or by telephone, at 937-620-8660.

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