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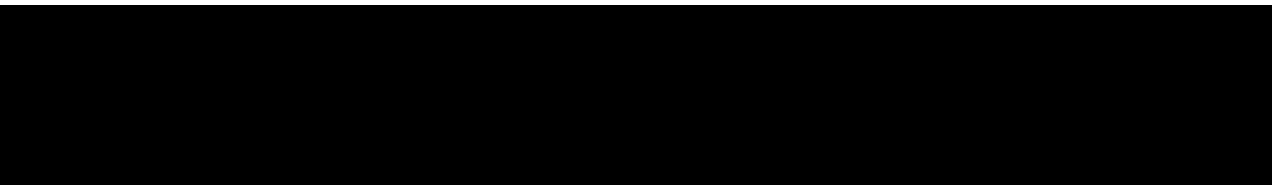
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

Investigative Activity: Review of Larry Dunham's prior police interactions, C.C.H., and social media
Involves: Larry Dunham (S)
Activity Date: August 28, 2023
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) compiled and reviewed background information on Larry Dunham (Dunham). The information included attempting to locate past police reports involving the subject, searching criminal history records, open/closed source database inquires and social media. The information gathered was obtained from the BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit and the Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). SA Valente reviewed all the information gathered and noted the following:

CCH:



Prior Law Enforcement Contact:

SA Valente requested ACSO provide details regarding all previous encounters the agency had with Dunham. ACSO reported no existing records of prior contact with Dunham.

Database Searches:

An Accurant report was obtained and reviewed. No social media accounts or other information pertaining to Dunham relevant to this investigation was located.

The documents received relative to Dunham are attached to this report for further review, with the exception of any prohibited LEADS/CCH reports which have been stored or disposed of according to applicable policies and procedures.

Attachments:

1. WORKUP_DUNHAM, Larry_08-25-2023

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NEWS

'He has a suicide wish': spotty 911 call reveals a troubled Larry Dunham



by Dillon Carr
August 9, 2023



Police lights.

ROWSBURG — Larry Dunham’s sister called 911 and told dispatchers he had a “suicide wish” moment before three Ashland County Sheriff deputies showed up to the scene and gunfire ensued.

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“My brother, he had a brain injury,” the woman said. “And he had a brain bleed, OK?”

The 911 call came in at 7:55 p.m. on Aug. 5.

“He’s now sitting up at his house with two loaded guns in his lap,” she said. “... He has a suicide wish. So if you guys come in here with your lights and your noise, he’s going to kill himself and his wife, and try to take them, too. So I’m just telling you.”

Three Ashland County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) deputies are now on paid administrative leave following their involvement in the Dunham shooting that Saturday evening.

Dunham, 63, died from “multiple gunshot wounds,” according to an investigator with the Ashland County Coroner’s Office.

What happened?

An ACSO press release issued Sunday stated deputies attempted to talk to Dunham, who they found sitting in a lawn chair. As they approached, he threw his cellphone to the ground and “confronted deputies with deadly force.”

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The deputies “used their service weapons and returned fire striking (Dunham),” the ACSO press release stated.

Jenny Taylor, an investigator with the Ashland County Coroner’s Office, said Dunham was pronounced dead at 8:21 p.m., 26 minutes after the 911 call. She determined the cause of death to be “multiple gunshot wounds.”

Details such as where on the body he was shot and how many times will be determined by an autopsy, she said.

When asked if drugs or alcohol were involved, Taylor said she did not know. She said a toxicology report would reveal those details.

According to Taylor, the autopsy and toxicology reports could take up to 12 weeks to be completed.

“All I can say is this gentleman was not necessarily thinking clearly, from all indications –from the information I was given,” Taylor said.

Chief Deputy David Blake declined to offer additional details about the shooting, including specifics on how Dunham allegedly used deadly force.

The case is being investigated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

When reached by email, a BCI spokesman declined to provide additional information.

A spotty call

Dunham’s sister told the dispatcher she approached her brother before making the call.

“I went up because I did not realize he had two loaded guns and a neighbor called me and said he was sitting around their fire ring with two loaded guns. So I went up, not realizing he still had these guns and he still had the (unintelligible),” she said.

The dispatcher asked her if Dunham’s wife knew about his state.

“I told his daughter and she’s supposed to be texting his wife. Because I’m terrified to go back up there,” she said.

The call was interrupted several times because of a spotty signal. The dispatcher could be heard repeating “hello?” multiple times, the caller seemingly not realizing he could not hear her.

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The 911 call that spurred Ashland County Sheriff’s Office deputies to respond to the scene. Larry Dunham, 63, died 26 minutes later from “multiple gunshot wounds” after three deputies opened fire.

At one point, she can be heard saying “whatever he was on ran out” before the call cut out again.

Taylor said she recovered prescription medications for treating hypertension, congestive heart failure, acid reflux and blood thinners. She said she didn't recover drugs to treat depression or other mental ailments.

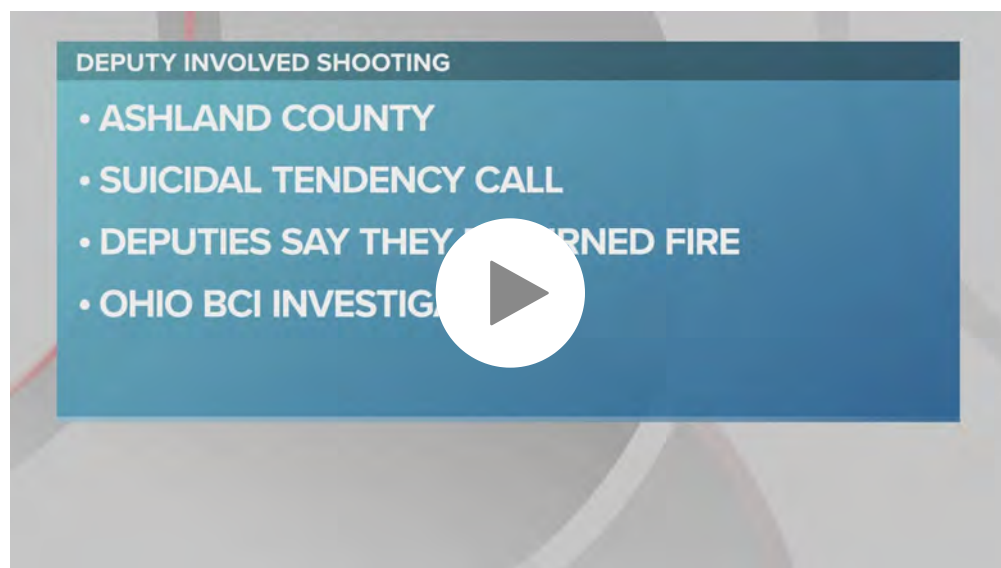
In a brief moment of clarity, she gave the dispatcher her phone number, though it is unclear if the dispatcher connected with her again following the initial call. It ended abruptly three minutes into the exchange.

Her number has been redacted from the call.

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63-year-old man dies after fatal officer-involved shooting in Ashland County

The Ohio BCI says no officers were injured.



Author: Anna Meyer
Published: 8:49 AM EDT August 6, 2023
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ROWSBURG, Ohio — An investigation is underway after one person was fatally shot during an officer-involved shooting in Ashland County.

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According to the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, officers responded to a call for a man with "suicidal tendencies" in the 200 block of State Route 250 in Rowsburg on Saturday at around 7:56 p.m.

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Upon arriving, a man was located sitting in a lawn chair in the backyard. Officers attempted to talk to the man as they approached him, but he threw his cell phone down to the ground and confronted cops with "deadly force."

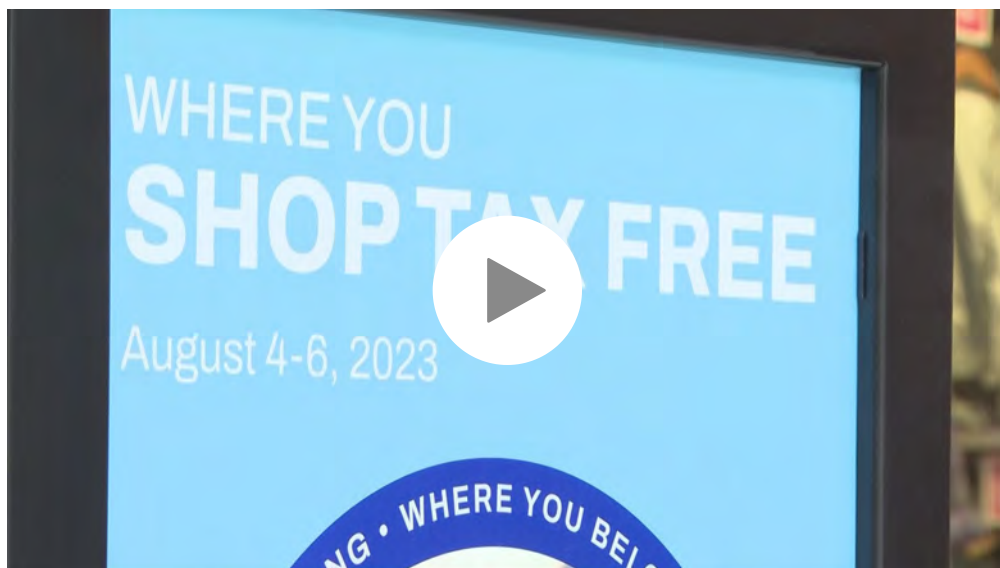
"Deputies used their service weapons and returned fire striking the male. The male died due to injuries at the scene," according to the Ashland County Sheriff's Office.

The victim has been identified as 63-year-old Larry Dunham.

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation tells 3News that they were requested by the Ashland County Sheriff's Office to investigate a fatal officer-involved shooting.

At this time, the Ohio BCI's investigation is active and ongoing.

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Larry D. Dunham, 63, of Rowsburg and formerly of West Mansfield, passed away Saturday, August 5, 2023 at his residence.

Never one to sit still, Larry was always “working on,” “fixing” or “tinkering” with something. In his younger years, he enjoyed working on cars and was an adult leader with the Boy Scouts while his son was involved. Having a love for the outdoors, he enjoyed camping, hiking and fishing. He also enjoyed puzzles, watching old westerns, making tie blankets and listening to classic rock music, especially from the 70’s. He was an excellent cook, with his specialty being breakfast. His greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren and spoiling them as much as possible.

Larry worked in the maintenance department at the former Charles Machine/American Auger, and now Toro.

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On October 8, 1988 in Loudonville, he married his wife of nearly 35 years, Angela Lou (Sellers) Dunham and she survives in West Mansfield. He is also survived by his son, Nathan (Steph) Dunham of West Mansfield and Kayla (Payton) Conrad of West Mansfield; grandchildren, Leah, Chloe and Mara Conrad, and Freyja Dunham; and his sisters, Brenda (Mark) Murphy of Delaware, Susan (Steven) Kaye of

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In Keeping with Larry's wishes, no calling hours or services will be held at this time. A Celebration of his Life will be held from 1:00-4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Union Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 16623 OH-739 Richwood. Arrangements are being handled by the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com

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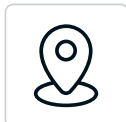
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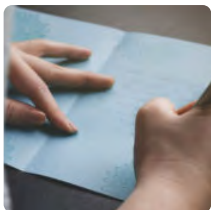
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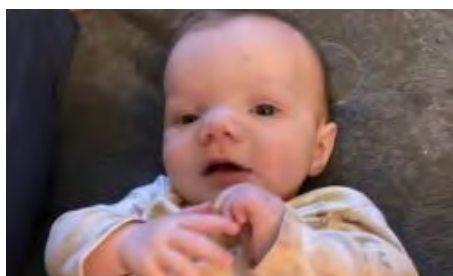
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