



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



2025-3709

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,
Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Activity Date: 11/14/2025
Activity Location: 4185 Brush Creek Rd., Manchester, OH 45144
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Aja Chung, #86

On November 14th, 2025, the Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) contacted the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) regarding an officer-involved critical incident that occurred in their jurisdiction involving multiple law enforcement agencies. It was reported that the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and Adams County Sheriff Office (ACSO) attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Christopher Lindner (Lindner) after a family member reported Lindner had been acting erratically. Furthermore, Lindner was alleged to threaten a construction worker with a knife earlier in the day. Lindner fled from the traffic stop to his residence located at the above-listed activity location. Once inside his residence, Lindner appeared on a third-floor balcony and discharged a weapon towards law enforcement. OSHP and West Union Police Department (WUPD) returned fire, striking and killing Lindner. It was determined BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) would process the scene, and the Force Investigations Unit (FIU) would handle the investigation portion. CSU Special Agents Aja Chung (SA Chung) and Mathew Austin (SA Austin) were assigned to the investigation. A search warrant was secured for the home and vehicles on the property.

SA Chung requested SA Austin to begin documenting the scene through photography upon his arrival. She also requested SA Chad Holcomb to respond to the OSHP Post (9240 US-68, Georgetown, OH) to document and collect the firearms of the involved OSHP troopers and WUPD officer. Please refer to SA Holcomb's report: Processing of Involved Officers for specifics.

SA Chung arrived to Brush Creek Rd. at 2115 hours and began to document the scene through photography. Multiple police cruisers were parked in the driveway south of the small bridge and photographed. SA Chung learned four OSHP troopers discharged their rifles from a wooded area on the north side of the residence and one WUPD officer fired his rifle on the east side of the residence by the Peebles Police Department truck. The approximate locations of the aforementioned areas are depicted with a yellow circle in the Google Earth screen capture below.

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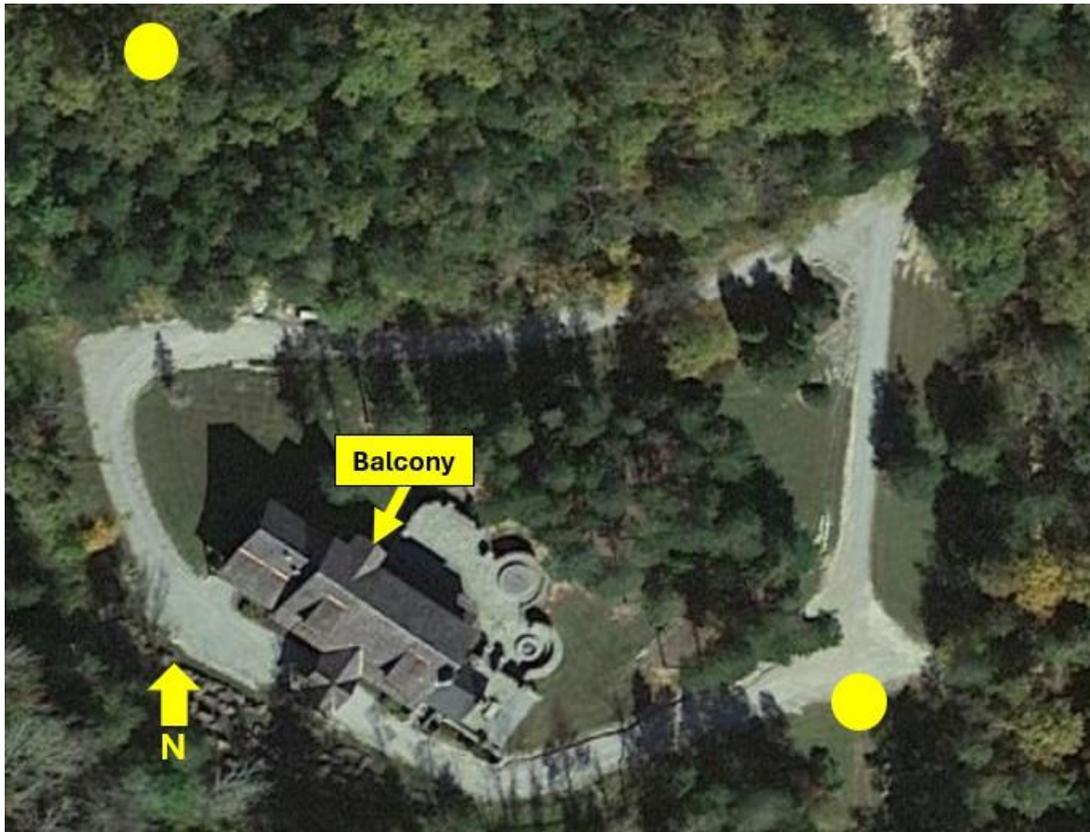


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Google Earth image of 4185 Brush Creek Rd.

Agents located three areas of .223 casings in the wooded area and labeled them items 1-3, respectively. A group of 18 casings with 'Hornady' head stamp were collected as item 1. A group of 21 casings with 'LC 21' head stamp were collected as item 2; and a group of six casings with a 'Hornady' head stamp was collected as item 3. These areas were all to the south of a small creek that ran approximately parallel to the driveway. One .223 casing was located by the rear driver side tire of the Peebles Police Department truck and was collected as item 4. On Monday, November 17th, 2025, BCI Special Agents Matt Collins and Rick Ward returned to the property to search for the fourth area of .223 casings during daylight hours and located 13 additional casings. BCI SA Matt Collins turned those 13 casings over to SA Chung on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025. SA Chung labeled the 13 casings in their original packaging as item 10. For further details, see BCI SA Rick Ward's report: Secondary Search of Scene.

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The vehicle Lindner was operating at the time of the traffic stop and pursuit was a gray, 4-door, 2023 Land Rover with Ohio license plate: JWF 6376 and VIN: SALEXFEU3P2203665. The vehicle was parked at the top of the driveway, near the southwest door of the house. The vehicle's tires had mud on the tires and the mud flaps. In the front passenger seat area, a Henry .357 Mag/.38 Special lever action rifle was found inside a camouflage gun sleeve/case. The rifle contained 10 cartridges. The rifle and cartridges were packaged together as item 8. A heavy ballistic vest was found on the rear driver side floorboard and collected as item 9.



Photograph of the 2023 Land Rover Lindner was driving, as it was found upon arrival.

Under the upper-level balcony on the northeast side of the home, SA Chung located numerous casings and fired shot shells. She placed flags in areas where they were found, photographed and packaged them all together as item 5.

Agents then turned their focus on processing the inside of the residence. The large three-story residence was situated on 100+ acres, contained multiple bedrooms and bathrooms on the main and upper-level floors. The walk-out lower level consisted of a large game room, bar area, laundry room, sauna/bathroom, and indoor garage that

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served as storage with multiple gun safes, locker room, and workout space. An alarm was actively sounding when agents arrived; with a code supplied by a groundskeeper, SA Ward was able to silence the alarm.

On the top level, a room named 'Wild Turkey' appeared to be Lindner's bedroom. On the bed, agents located two handguns next to an open gun box that contained five loaded magazines. One handgun and three loaded pistol magazines were located in a side dresser. One rifle and another long gun were located under the bed. Inside the large dresser, specifically the bottom drawer, agents located ballistic body armor gear. All of these firearms and firearms accessories were photographed only.

In the basement's utility room located next to the workout area, a CCTV monitor connected to multiple wires was located. A CCTV SecurityPros.com box was collected as item 6.

The upper-level balcony was located in the bedroom next to Lindner's. The room had a walk-in closet, and bathroom. SA Chung observed multiple ballistic impacts on the sliding glass door that led out to the balcony where Lindner's body was. A .338 LARM bolt action rifle with serial number: 74-06-004-24 was located on Lindner's body. SA Chung rendered the rifle 'safe' by removing one .338 casing from the chamber and two .338 cartridges from the internal magazine. The rifle, casing and two cartridges were packaged together as item 7. The room was further documented with a Leica 3D scanner.

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Photo of .338 rifle over Lindner's legs on upper-level balcony.

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Image of .338 rifle internal magazine with casing and cartridge, in situ.

With the assistance of the Adams County Coroner Investigator Ryan Meeker, SA Chung further documented Lindner's body. Lindner was found in a supine position with the aforementioned .338 rifle laying over his shins. Lindner was wearing a heavy camouflage jacket, a Nike camouflage jacket underneath, a black shirt, tennis shoes and tan pants. Gunshot wounds were observed above his left eye, and behind his right ear. Upon further examination, a gunshot wound was located on his chest and his layers of clothing in that area contained a suspected bullet hole. There appeared to be no exit gunshot wound on his back. Lindner was placed into a body bag and transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office on Sunday morning for an autopsy.

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SA Chung observed multiple ballistic impacts on the exterior side of the house, all near the balcony. No projectiles were located from any of the ballistic impacts mentioned below. At the impact sites on the bathroom window and sliding glass door, radial¹ and concentric fractures were observed in the tempered glass. Only one projectile appeared to perforate the sliding glass door near the bottom. On the bedroom window, nearest to the closet, the window was struck with suspected projectiles. The window shade was lowered at the time the projectiles perforated the glass. Radiating glass fractures were observed in five areas on the window. Broken pieces of glass were seen on the bedroom carpet below the impact sites. Numerous ricochet impacts could be seen on the wood material near the previously mentioned bedroom window, and around the sliding glass doorway. Ricochet impacts are best described as shallow damage to a target (wood siding) created by a projectile that glanced off (did not perforate or penetrate) said target. Multiple ballistic impacts could be seen on the balcony's black metal railing. The areas that were struck by projectiles caused some vertical rails to bend at the impact site. Nearly all impact sites observed on the railing caused the paint to chip/break away. Lastly, all ballistic impacts observed appeared to have a direction of travel from exterior to interior with a general flight path of north to south.

No other items of evidentiary value were located. Agents cleared the scene at approximately 0330 hours. SA Chung drove directly to BCI offices in London, Ohio and secured items 1-9 in the crime scene room temporary locker at 0550 hours.

References:

The items below have been uploaded to Evidence.com under 2025-3709.

Item A - Crime Scene photographs; subfolder: Autopsy evidence photographs

Item B - 3D Scans

Item C - Involved Officer photographs

¹ **Radial fracture:** linear or near linear fractures radiating outward from the point of impact or defect.

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