



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2026-2190
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2600 Navarre Ave.,
Oregon, OH 43616, Lucas County

Investigative Activity: Witness Interview
Involves: Samantha Binkley (W)
Activity Date: 06/06/2026
Activity Location: 2600 Navarre Ave., Oregon
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On Saturday, June 06, 2026, at approximately 1715 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammod (SA Hammond) and SA Josh Rammel (SA Rammel) interviewed Samantha Binkley (Binkley), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The interview took place at 2600 Navarre Ave, Oregon. Also present during the interview was a member of the hospital clergy staff. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

The following is a summary of 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. The information 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.

SA Hammond and SA Rammel introduced themselves to Binkley and briefly explained BCI's role in these investigations. Binkley was upset but expressed that she wanted to speak with investigators. The interview was audio recorded.

Binkley explained that Christian Strassburg (Strassburg), her boyfriend (fiancée), began having health and mental problems on Christmas day 2025.

At the 2:51 mark she stated, "He had a seizure Christmas day, and he was taken to St. Vincent's in Toledo, and they transferred him over here on December 27th to the behavioral health hospital because he was, I mean, when he, they did his seizures and everything, he was manic right before it. Like he was confused. He wasn't eating. He was really sick."

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At the 3:31 mark, "Well, when he woke up in the hospital because they had to sedate him because they had to do a spinal tap on Christmas Day in the emergency room. When he woke up, he thought he was in prison because, you know, everybody was swarming and he didn't know what was going on. He didn't know remember anything. He had no clue what had been happening. And the one nurse over there thought he was being very, because, you know, out of it, he was, his brain wasn't registering what year it was. He was remembering things from past not present. And the nurse, the one male nurse over there, cause he ran up on him, triggered him thinking he was back in prison. Um, so they caught him. They transferred him over here and kept giving him meds and everything and none of them was working."

Binkley stated that Strassburg was released from the hospital on January 9th (2026). She related that the medicine was affecting his chemistry and gave him severe nightmares. Binkley related that this prompted Strassburg to discontinue taking the medicine.

At the 5:00 mark, Binkley stated, "So, his psychologist [REDACTED] said we could slowly tapering him off. We tapered him off of it, and he was fine. He was back to being normal in February."

She went on to say that he had his last dose of psych medicine on March 2nd. Binkley stated that she noticed a change in Strassburg about a week and a half ago. The change occurred after his supervisor at work, Yellowstone Landscaping, changed.

At the 5:55 mark, she stated, "He got, had gotten a new crew lead and he has higher senior than everybody. He didn't care, he didn't want the crew lead position, but the person they brought in was a younger kid who didn't know what the crap he was doing and was sitting there constantly belittling him nonstop. He was a professional landscaper. He worked through Yellowstone Landscaping. Uh, it got so bad that his anxiety, cause he battles with anxiety and everything since his past trauma he's been through between growing up in prison. And it got to the point where I made him not go to work Thursday because he came home Wednesday night and was just like, he couldn't click it, couldn't get it out of his head what the guy kept saying to him over and over and it just, he was just building up frustration. I was trying to get him, Hey, okay, we have your doctor's appointment back with the shrink this coming Friday. You're taking the next couple of days off and we're just going to relax and get you calm."

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Binkley described Strassburg's condition worsening on Friday, citing a lack of sleep. She stated that a call to his mother to wish her happy birthday seemed to further upset him.

At the 8:31 mark, Binkley related, "On Friday it started getting really bad and I was trying to get ahold of you to see if I could get him in an earlier appointment. And last night he hadn't slept since, but two hours since Wednesday morning. Last night he just kept going and going. Well, I finally got into breakdown about five o'clock this morning. He fell asleep and he slept until, what, 11:30 today. This morning he got up and he was fine for a little, a few minutes and he was actually carrying on a conversation with me, being normal. And then, uh, he called to tell his mom happy birthday. He was on video chat with her and something triggered and he started being upset again."

Binkley stated that Strassburg's mother called back later to check on him. His mother would later call the Lucas County Sheriff's Office (2:30 pm) to help Binkley get him to the hospital.

At the 9:13 mark, "Well, she called back again later to check. She called at 2:30 today to the Lucas County Sheriff's Department asking for them to send somebody out to help me get him to the hospital so he can, he checked in, nobody came. They called around, I want to say 3:30. They called his cell phone. I answered it and of course he was in his little, you know, aggressive talking anger mode because I had been sitting there trying to go and hang, come on, let's go to the hospital."

Binkley said she got him to leave the house with a story of going to Walmart. She stated that she had begun to drive to the hospital, and he realized what was happening.

At the 10:37 mark, "He realized what was going on. He threw my truck in park and he's like, 'Why are you doing this to me?' 'Why are you doing this to me?' 'You're trying to get me hospitalized.' I go, no, I want you to be seen. I was, can you figure out what's going on to see if we can get a med adjustment? You know, back on meds, something, something needs to happen because I'm scared, I couldn't lose."

At the 11:13 mark, "He grabbed the steering wheel. I went up on the curb right there by the little side over by the urology department. He was mad. He was yelling at me, didn't do anything to me. He came around, got off the curb, came around and pulled up there in front. He came inside for like. He came inside because he was mad and yelling at me."

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At the 12:01 mark, "He met over at the truck. I was getting out of the, my truck and he got mad. He said, he's like, 'No, we're not doing this. We're going to Walmart like you said.' And he pushed me back into the seat, which was no big deal. I'm like, no, we need to get you help. Will you please do this for me? Let's go in and fuck is that. He goes, 'Okay.' Well, the cop comes running over, starts yelling at him."

Binkley then describes the moment where Strassburg was encountered by the police.

At the 12:33 mark, "He's holding my ink pen, which is neon green. It was laying out there. He kicked it out of his hand. He turned around and started walking to, and he goes, 'What are you going to do?' 'Call my PO and put me in handcuffs and arrest me?' because he's, well, what's [unintelligible]? He saw the pen and started screaming. 'You got a knife, you got a knife.' And he just pulled his gun out. He unloads almost the whole entire clip in his chest as I'm running towards, behind him, trying to stop him from walking towards the cop. And he walks over and kicks the ink pen out of his damn hand as I screaming to him, before he even shot, when he pulled his gun out. 'He's having manic episode.' 'Don't shoot him.' 'I thought it was a Taser at first.' Then I see him, he started popping off. He wouldn't stop."

Binkley stated that there were three officers present at the time of the incident. She believed that she heard five or six shots during the incident. Binkley related that she felt the argument in the parking lot lasted only two minutes prior to the officers arriving.

Binkley was asked what types of medicine Strassburg was taking currently. She stated that the only thing in his system should be weed (marijuana). He was a regular smoker. Binkley gave investigators consent to search her vehicle for potential evidence.

Near the end of the interview, Binkley disclosed that Strassburg had a physical altercation earlier in the day with Hayden Raney who resides at their same boarding house.

At the 23:13 mark, "He had a disagreement today that our, with our, we lived in a boarding house pretty much and with one of our roommates. But he knew, he knows what was going on. He didn't, he was, he was okay with it because he was just trying to help calm him down. But he, Christian had swung on him, but that was, you know, he thought he was coming at him and didn't realize when he came around the corner, if easier to explain, our room is at one end of the hallway. You have to come down the hallway, go like this to go down the stairs to come downstairs. The other guy's door is right here at the top of the stairs."

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And, and he was coming out his room. He came out of his room so fast that he didn't realize what was going on and you know, he was already having any episode. I was just trying to grab a package off the porch real quick and come back upstairs and keep him contained to our group. And, uh, yeah, they got, he, he, he actually took it wrong and everything and he swung on Hayden, but Hayden just put him in a head block and held him there until I got him to calm him down and even realized what he was doing. And then he stopped. He was like, um, I took him, got him back in my room.

The interview concluded at approximately 1743 hours. A copy of the recording was uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item B – Interviews with Samantha Binkley.

On June 6, 2026, after the conclusion of the initial interview with Binkley, SA Josh Rammel was provided with the list of medications that Strassburg was prescribed or taking the few months prior to the OICI.

1. [REDACTED] Strassburg recently stopped taking these because he ran out.
2. [REDACTED] Strassburg recently stopped taking these because he ran out.
3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Strassburg was allegedly taken off this medication at the end of March 2026.
4. [REDACTED]. Strassburg was taken off this in March 2026.

References:

Reference Item B Interviews with Samantha Binkley – Samantha Binkley Initial Interview

Attachments:

None

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