



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



2026-2190
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2600 Navarre Ave.,
Oregon, OH 43616, Lucas County

Investigative Activity: Interview of Witness
Involves: Thomas Harmon
Activity Date: 06/06/2026
Activity Location: 2600 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, OH, 43616
Authoring Agent: SA Josh S. Rammel

Narrative:

On Saturday, June 06, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Josh Rammel (SA Rammel) interviewed Thomas Harmon (Harmon), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The interview took place at 2600 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

SA Rammel introduced himself to Harmon and stated that he understood that Harmon and his wife wanted to leave St. Charles Hospital. SA Rammel thanked Harmon for waiting to speak with him.

Harmon provided basic identification information such as his date of birth, phone number, and address.

Harmon advised that he had already completed a written statement for the Oregon Police Department (OPD) but agreed to speak with SA Rammel.

Harmon pointed to a vehicle Harmon described as "the Jeep", later confirmed to be the vehicle driven by Samantha Binkley (Binkley) and the decedent, Christian Strassburg (Strassburg).

Harmon indicated he was sitting in his vehicle in clear view of parking spot that the Jeep pulled into after entering the parking lot of St. Charles Hospital. After entering the parking lot, Strassburg exited the vehicle and went into the doors of the hospital. Strassburg then exited almost immediately and went back to the vehicle where Binkley was waiting. According to Harmon, Strassburg kept pushing Binkley back into the driver's seat of the vehicle while he continued to "yell at her". At that time the "officer" came out of St. Charles to see what was going on and confronted Strassburg.

Harmon indicated that Strassburg "pulled out a knife" and started walking towards the officer. Harmon demonstrated to SA Rammel how Strassburg held the knife. Harmon

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held the knife in a grip that indicated an overhead position that would lead to a downward stabbing motion.

Harmon explained that Strassburg kept "lunging towards him (the officer)" as the officer walked backwards. Harmon described multiple commands given by the officer towards Strassburg ordering him to "drop the knife". Harmon moved to just out of reach of SA Rammel and stated that this was the distance that Strassburg had been from the officer during the time the officer was moving backwards giving commands to Strassburg to drop the knife. Harmon confirmed that multiple commands were given before the officer fired his weapon and shot Strassburg.

Harmon indicated that the officer was walking back slowly and pointed to show where the shooting took place. SA Rammel compared the distance between that location and where Strassburg's vehicle had been parked and saw that it was multiple parking spot lengths plus a multi-lane turn area.

Harmon told SA Rammel that everything happened so quickly, but Harmon believed that four (4) or five (5) shots were taken by the officer. Harmon also commented that he believed that the officer "had no choice".

Harmon stated that he provided everything he told SA Rammel in the report he completed for OPD but would remain available if the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) wanted to speak with him again in the future.

SA Rammel thanked Harmon for speaking with him and provided his contact information if Harmon had any additional questions or concerns.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording was placed into Axon Justice/Evidence.com under the reference information below.

Please see the referenced information for further details.

References:

Reference Item G-Witness Interviews, thomas harmon interview.wma

Attachments:

None

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