



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



2022-1090
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 8643 Werger Road, Windham
Township, OH

Investigative Activity: Document Review
Involves: Cora Baughman (S)
Date of Activity: 05/14/2022
Author: SA Arvin E. Clar, #127

Narrative:

In early June of 2022, Portage County Sheriff's Detective Trent Springer (Trent) forwarded copies of confidential investigative reports prepared by members of the Portage County Sheriff's Department (PCSD); that were involved in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on May 14, 2022, involving the subject, Cora Baughman (Baughman).

The following reports were received:

- Trent forwarded a copy of Portage County Sheriff's Department Case Report #2022-00015468, dated May 14, 2022, titled, "Neighbor Dispute," from 8643 Werger Rd., Windham, OH.

- PCSD Confidential Investigative Report, authored by Wilson #106:

Wilson reports that he arrived after the incident occurred involving Deputy [REDACTED] and his confrontation with the subject, Cora Baughman. Wilson also reports his actions with assisting in the managing of the crime scene.

Wilson also reports that while on scene, he had the opportunity to briefly speak with a neighbor, identified as Aaron Baughman. Aaron Baughman later informs Wilson that the subject, Cora Baughman, is his grandmother.

Aaron Baughman informs Wilson that "I heard the deputy yelling, drop the gun and then I heard shooting."

Aaron Baughman also informs Wilson, "I am confused because my grandmother has a CCW permit but her gun is inside so she couldn't have had a gun."

Wilson also reports that he received information from Deputy Burris, informing him [Wilson] that Richard Knerem (Knerem), owner of the home located at 8643 Werger Rd., had made a statement that he would delete the video of the subject, Cora Baughman, from his Ring

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Doorbell.

Wilson then reported that he confronted Knerem about the threat of deleting his video. Knerem informs Wilson that "I didn't mean it." Knerem then informs Wilson, "I've been a smartass all my life."

· Confidential Investigatory Record (dated 5/14/2022) authored by Detective M. Hanna (Hanna) #161:

Hanna reports that once arriving on scene, he is instructed to transport Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] from the scene back to the Portage County Sheriff's Office.

Hanna then reports, prior to returning to the Sheriff's Department, he observed blood stains on Deputy [REDACTED]'s uniform. Hanna obtained photos of Deputy [REDACTED] and his uniform at the scene. Hanna also reports that, once arriving to the Sheriff's Department, he obtains a buccal swab of the blood stain that appeared on [REDACTED]'s wrist. All items were then entered as evidence by Hanna.

· PCSD Case Report Narrative authored by Minardi #132:

Minardi responded to the scene and arrived on scene at 0932 hours. Minardi reports that he assisted with administering first aid to the subject, Baughman.

Minardi does report, "Once in the garage I saw a female on the ground laying on her back. Deputy [REDACTED] was on his knees over her right shoulder, applying pressure to a bullet wound, and a black in color revolver laying approximately 8 feet to the left of female."

· PCSD Case Report Narrative dated 5/14/2022 and authored by Burris #132:

Burris responded to the incident with Sgt. Wilson. Burris then reports that once arriving on scene, he begins to take photographs of the scene and contents. Burris also reported that he maintained a secure perimeter around the scene, using crime scene tape.

Burris also reported that he advised the owner of the home, Richard Knerem, not to delete any information from his phone or other recording devices.

Burris informs Richard Knerem, "I informed the P/R that the video had evidentiary value. This is when the P/R stated that he would 'just delete it.' He then started to do something on his cell phone. I believe that the P/R was potentially trying to delete the video, so I grabbed the cell phone from his hand and requested Sgt. Wilson to come inside."

· PCSO Confidential Report Authored by Sgt. S. Boughner (Boughner) #113:

Boughner responded to the incident on May 14, 2022. Boughner began to prepare a search warrant for the scene and area of 8643 Werger Rd.

Boughner also learned that the original call stemmed from a neighbor dispute. Persons involved were the homeowners of 8643 Werger Rd., Richard and Barbara Knerem. Also involved was the deceased subject, Cora Baughman.

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Boughner also reported that on May 16, 2022, Detective Springer was able to retrieve video footage from the doorbell camera, located at the Knerem home, of the actions of the deceased subject, Cora Baughman.

Boughner prepared a summary of the activity that occurred involving the officer-involved critical incident and Cora Baughman. Boughner also reported that Sheriff Zuchowski obtained a written statement from Aaron Baughman, the grandson of Cora Baughman, the deceased subject.

In the statement obtained by Sheriff Zuchowski, Aaron Baughman reported that he:

Heard, "put down the gun."

Aaron Baughman did not see anyone else at the time.

Aaron Baughman confirmed that he heard about eight shots.

Aaron Baughman said that there has been ongoing harassment towards Aaron Baughman and his family in the past and it has been ongoing for years.

Sgt. Boughner writes in his report the following:

5/18/2022 Conclusion of Investigation

"On Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at 0913 hours, Richard Knerem Jr. reported an incident that was occurring at his residence, 8643 Werger Rd., Windham Township. Knerem advised that his neighbor, Cora Baughman, was attempting to get into the residential portion of the structure on his property, and that she already made entry into the garage portion of the structure. Prior to Law Enforcement personnel arriving on scene, Knerem advised that Baughman was armed with a firearm, and he feared she was going to cause him and his wife, Barbara Knerem, physical harm. Deputy A. [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and Sgt. K. Whan (GPD) #903 arrived on scene at 0932 hours, shots were fired by Deputy [REDACTED] and Baughman was struck. Lifesaving efforts were conducted by them Law Enforcement personnel prior to the arrival of medical personnel, and were continued by them upon arrival. Baughman ultimately succumbed to her injuries at University Hospital Portage Medical Center, and was pronounced deceased by UHPMC Doctor Purpura at approximately 1043 hours."

Boughner further reported:

"In conclusion, Cora Baughman was not a welcome guest within the Knerem residence. Baughman made entry to the Knerem residence through the garage while armed, and brandished the weapon at Richard Knerem, causing both Richard and Barbara Knerem to fear for their lives. Due to Baughman's actions, it appears as if she intended to cause serious physical harm to one, or both of the occupants at the time of the incident. At this time, Baughman will be listed as the suspect in the Aggravated Burglary of the Knerem residence located at 8643 Werger Rd. in Windham Township. No charges will be filed, as the sole suspect is deceased."

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· Also submitted was a report dated May 19, 2022, and authored by Hiram Police Officer Devin Brown (Brown). Officer Brown reported that he arrived on scene to render assistance. Officer Brown then reported that he assisted with performing fist aid to the subject until medical staff could arrive.

Attached to this report are the confidential investigation reports, as well as a copy of the "Voluntary Statement" taken by Sheriff Bruce Zuchowski, on May 14, 2022, from Aaron Baughman.

A summary report and findings prepared by Detective Springer are attached to this report and placed in this file for further review.

Also a copy of the incident report #22-15468 has been attached to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 08_20_2022_PCSO Investigative Reports

Portage County Sheriff's Department

CASE REPORT
8240 Infirmary Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266

CASE# 2022-00015468

EVENT	REPORTED DATE/TIME	05/14/2022 09:13			OCCURRED INCIDENT TYPE	Neighbor Dispute		
	OCCURRED FROM DATE/TIME	05/14/2022 09:13		OCCURRED THRU DATE/TIME	05/14/2022 09:13		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE	8643 WERGER RD Windham, OH

OFFENSES		STATUTE/DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
	01		2911.11A1 Aggravate Burglary - inflict harm	01

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)						
	Adult Suspect		BAUGHMAN, CORA A						
	DOB AGE or AGE RANGE		ADDRESS (STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP)						
	04/18/1956 66		8657 WERGER RD Windham, OH 44231						
RACE		SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE		WEIGHT or RANGE		HAIR	EYE	
White		Female	5'4 5'4		150 150		GRY	GRN	
DL NUMBER/STATE		PRIMARY PHONE		PHONE #2		PHONE #3			
[REDACTED] / OH		(330)256-1508							

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)						
	Adult Victim		KNEREM, RICHARD THOMAS						
	DOB AGE or AGE RANGE		ADDRESS (STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP)						
	06/04/1970 51		8643 WERGER RD GARRETTSVILLE, OH 44231						
RACE		SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE		WEIGHT or RANGE		HAIR	EYE	
White		Male	5'9 5'9		220 220		BRO	BLU	
DL NUMBER/STATE		PRIMARY PHONE		PHONE #2		PHONE #3			
[REDACTED] / OH									

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)						
	Adult Victim		KNEREM, BARBARA LYNN						
	DOB AGE or AGE RANGE		ADDRESS (STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP)						
	11/19/1967 54		8643 WERGER RD GARRETTSVILLE, OH 44231						
RACE		SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE		WEIGHT or RANGE		HAIR	EYE	
White		Female	5'5 5'5		217 217		BRO	BLU	
DL NUMBER/STATE		PRIMARY PHONE		PHONE #2		PHONE #3			
[REDACTED] / OH									

REPORTING OFFICER	DATE	REVIEWED BY
106 Wilson	05/14/2022	<i>[Signature]</i> #104 5/16/2022

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ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)					
	Adult Witness		BAUGHMAN, AARON D					
	DOB		ADDRESS (STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP)					
	05/03/1991 31		8657 WERGER RD GARRETTSVILLE, OH 44231					
RACE		SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE		WEIGHT or RANGE		HAIR	EYE
White		Male	5'6 5'6		180 180		BRO	HZL
DL NUMBER/STATE		PRIMARY PHONE		PHONE #2		PHONE #3		
[REDACTED] / OH								

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REPORTING OFFICER 106 Wilson	DATE 05/14/2022	REVIEWED BY  104 5/16/2022
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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(NOT UNDER ARREST)

INCIDENT NUMBER

I, MICHAEL KNEEM J.P. (Print Name), am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to _____ (Print Deputy Name) Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

I am 51 years of age, and I live at: 8643 WERGEN RD GRANETTTSVILLE OH 44231 (Print Home Address Above)

PHONE # 330 527 5000

DOB 06-04-1970

SSN [REDACTED]

Heard my ring door bell go off came to living room to see who was at door. I noticed neighbor ^{was} ~~was~~ inside garage ~~door~~ at kitchen door. She was knocking I did not answer. Called 911. They stated would send out someone. I then went out to garage to ask her to remove self from my property and she pointed a gun at me. I then took photos of her through the window pointing gun at me & then called 911 again and said she was pointing gun at me. Shortly police showed up & I heard shots gun in my garage.

After waiting on police tried to break our door & enter the house.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of _____ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any bear my initials and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct

Dated at: 2.6.4.3 WERGEN RD GRANETTTSVILLE this 14 day of 5 20 (Print address of where statement is written) (Day) (Month) (Year)

DEPUTY: _____ X _____ (Signature of person giving voluntary statement)

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT (NOT UNDER ARREST)

INCIDENT NUMBER 22-

I, Aaron D. Baughman, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to Bruce D. Zuchowski (Print Name). Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve. I am 31 years of age, and I live at:

PHONE # DOB SSN (Print Home Address Above)

I woke up, heard yelling. Walked outside and heard "Put it Down". Then heard 8 gunshots. SAW A OFFICER running to his car.

Q - WHAT HAPPENED?

A - MY CAT WOKE ME UP, I HEARD YELLING I CAME OUT SIDE ON THE FRONT PORCH I HEARD "PUT IT DOWN" I THEN RAN TO MY FRONT LAWN

Q - WHEN YOU RAN TO THE FRONT YARD, WHAT DID YOU SEE?

A - I SAW THE LARGER OFFICER RUNNING FROM THE GARAGE TOWARDS THE ROAD

Q - DID YOU SEE ANYONE ELSE AT THAT TIME?

A - NO I DID NOT

Q - HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS EIGHT SHOTS?

A - IT SOUNDED LIKE BETWEEN 5-8 SHOTS

Q - IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU REMEMBER?

A - NOT AT THIS TIME, I WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND SEE MY GRANDMA

I have read each page of this statement consisting of: 1 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any bear my initials and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at: 8643 WERGERRA GARRETSVILLE, OH 44123, this 14 day of MAY 20 22

SHERIFF DEPUTY: BRUCE D ZUCHOWSKI - 101 X

(Signature of person giving voluntary statement)

WITNESS



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Date of Offense: 05/14/2022

Report #: 22-15468

Type of Offense: Aggravated Burglary

Investigating Officer(s): Detective Trent Springer #146

Narrative:

On 05/14/2022 I received a call from Captain Dreger from the Portage County Sheriff's Office regarding an incident that had occurred at 8643 Werger Rd. Garrettsville, Ohio 44231. Captain Dreger indicated that Deputies from the Portage County Sheriff's Office had responded to the residence to a report of a neighbor dispute. Captain Dreger indicated that during the incident one of the parties had brandished a firearm at a deputy and shots were fired. The deputy involved was reportedly uninjured but the person who brandished the firearm was injured and being treated by EMS. I was told to respond to the location to assist with the investigation.

While en route to the location I contacted the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and requested Crime Scene Unit and BCI Special Investigations Unit respond to the location of the incident. I provided all the information that I had to BCI. I also learned that Deputy A. [REDACTED] from the Portage County Sheriff's Office had been the deputy who discharged his firearm. I spoke to Detective Hanna from the Portage County Sheriff's Office who was on scene and he took possession of Deputy [REDACTED]'s firearm and magazines. I learned that Sgt. Whan from the Garrettsville Police Department had also responded to the location on the initial call to assist Deputy [REDACTED] with the call. Sgt. Whan had not discharged his firearm and he was uninjured. I learned that the subject who had been shot, Cora A. Baughman (DOB 04/18/1956) had been transported to University Hospitals Portage Medical Center (UHPMC) for further treatment. Deputy Minardi from the Portage County Sheriff's Office had gone with the EMS squad with Cora A. Baughman. Detective Weber from the Portage County Sheriff's Office responded to UHPMC and stood by with Deputy Minardi.

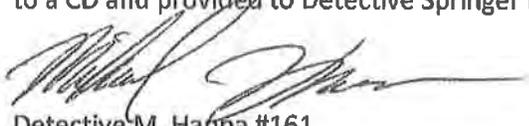
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Springer, unit #146, and copy was submitted to the evidence room. Deputy [REDACTED]'s vest carrier, duty belt, and other personal belongings will be returned to Deputy [REDACTED] by Detective M. Weber, unit # 162.

After collecting evidence from Deputy [REDACTED], I assisted Sergeant S. Boughner, unit # 113, in the drafting of the search warrant for 8643 Werger Rd (see SGT Boughner's investigative report).

All photographs that I took, both on scene and while at the Portage County Sheriff's Office, were saved to a CD and provided to Detective Springer for inclusion with the case file.



Detective M. Hanna #161
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Aaron D. Baughman heard "put it down" he came around his residence and could see an officer running to one of the patrol cars. Aaron D. Baughman described the male as being a larger officer running from the garage towards his car parked on the road.

Aaron D. Baughman did not see anyone else at that time.

Aaron D. Baughman confirmed that he heard about eight shots.

Aaron D. Baughman said that there has been ongoing harassment towards Aaron D. Baughman and his family in the past and it has been ongoing for years.

Sheriff Zuchowski took a written statement from Aaron D. Baughman.

I spoke to representatives from BCI and provided information to assist with their arrival and investigation.

Sgt. Boughner from the Portage County Sheriff's Office arrived and gathered information to obtain a search warrant for the residence. He left the scene to prepare a search warrant to present to a judge. Detective Hanna left the scene transporting Deputy Hill to the Portage County Sheriff's Office. See narratives from Sgt. Boughner and Detective Hanna for additional information.

Members of the Windham EMS arrived back on scene and reported that they had left a tablet on a vehicle inside the garage and wanted to go and retrieve it. I told them that they could not because the area was a crime scene and no one would enter the scene until BCI arrived. I said that I would return the tablet to them as soon as I could and they then cleared the scene.

Captain Sponaugle from Community EMS arrived on scene with his partner to retrieve their EMS squad. The squad had been left in a neighboring driveway and Captain Sponaugle and his partner went with Windham EMS in the Windham EMS squad. Captain Sponaugle told me that Cora A. Baughman was deceased. Captain Sponaugle wanted to make sure that we had been notified. I requested a run sheet from Community EMS along with statements from the EMS personnel on scene. Captain Sponaugle indicated that he would make sure I received the requested documentation.

I received phone calls from both Special Agent Ornelas and Special Agent Hootman from BCI Crime Scene advising of their response to the location to aide in the investigation.

I received a request to release the patrol vehicle that Deputy [REDACTED] had been operating. I spoke to BCI and was asked to leave the vehicle in place so it could be photographed. This was done. Sgt. Whan had moved his vehicle to assist in getting EMS vehicles to the scene.

I learned that the residents of 8643 Werger Rd. Richard T. Knerem (DOB 06/04/1970) and Barbara L. Knerem (DOB 11/19/1967) were both still inside the residence. I asked Sgt. Wilson and Deputy Burris to have them leave the residence since the area was subject to a search warrant. Richard T. and Barbara L. Knerem were given time to get dress and gather belongings for a short term stay and they exited the

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residence. I did go up to and into the residence to speak to Richard T. and Barbara L. Knerem and did observe shell casings outside the garage that were marked with random items to make them more visible. I did not enter the garage or go closer to the shell casings that had been marked.

I spoke to Richard T. and Barbara L. Knerem and learned the following. I learned that there was video from a Ring doorbell video system and that Richard T. Knerem had threatened to erase it. For a brief period, the phone belonging to Richard T. Knerem was seized. Richard T. Knerem said that the comment was made from anguish and frustration and fear. Richard T. Knerem said that the comment was stupid and should not have been made.

Richard T. Knerem told me that he had taken photographs of Cora A. Baughman pointing a gun at him while she was inside his attached garage. Richard T. Knerem had also taken photographs of the firearm that Cora A. Baughman had pointed at him after the shooting had taken place. Richard T. Knerem forwarded the photographs to me. Richard T. Knerem further provided me with the password information and all access to his Ring account. Richard T. and Barbara L. Knerem said that they were not even familiar with how to operate the system and would have to figure it out.

During the interview with Richard T. Knerem I learned that the Ring doorbell camera had activated and Richard T. Knerem saw Cora A. Baughman on the property. Richard T. Knerem saw Cora A. Baughman in his garage and went out to see what she was doing. This is when Cora A. Baughman pointed the gun at him which was reflected in the photograph, he sent me. Richard T. Knerem locked the door. Richard T. Knerem said that the only loaded firearm in the residence was in the garage and he had no way to defend himself or Barbara L. Knerem. Richard T. Knerem, who was almost crying at the time, said that he was going to send Barbara L. Knerem into the bathroom to hide and was waiting for the glass in the door to break and Cora A. Baughman to come into the residence. Richard T. Knerem said that he was in great fear for his life and the life of his wife. Richard T. Knerem said that the thought that Cora A. Baughman was going to kill him and Barbara L. Knerem.

After I finished speaking to Richard T. and Barbara L. Knerem they left the residence going out of town for an event. I was given Barbara L. Knerem's phone number and she asked me to call her when we were finished with the scene.

BCI Special Agents Jon Lieber and Arvin Clar from the BCI Special Investigations Unit arrived on scene and were briefed on the investigation. Special Agents Clar and Lieber began their investigation.

Special Agents Hootman and Ornelas from BCI Crime Scene arrived on scene and began preparations for their investigation while awaiting the search warrant to be granted by the judge. During this time, Special Agent Ornelas asked that I get the firearm involved in this incident and turn it over to her. I retrieved Deputy ■■■'s issued firearm from my vehicle and assisted Special Agent Ornelas with unloading, counting rounds, and packaging the firearm and ammunition that had been provided to me by Detective Hanna.

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The search warrant was granted by the judge and Special Agents Hootman and Ornelas began to process the scene.

I was given custody of the EMS tablet belonging to Windham EMS along with bags containing trauma and first aid items. I will return them to the owners.

I accompanied Special Agents Hootman and Ornelas into the garage of the residence and observed that in addition to the shell casings outside the garage, there were additional shell casings inside the garage. I observed an area on the floor of the garage that had blood. This area was between two vehicles that were parked in the garage. bullet fragments were observed in the garage as well. I observed a revolver laying on the floor of the garage. I observed cartridges in the charge holes of the cylinder of the revolver. I touched nothing inside the garage.

The scene was processed by BCI Special agents. When the processing of the scene and the collection of evidence was completed, I entered the garage along with other detectives. All medical debris that was left behind on the garage floor was collected and properly disposed of.

After leaving the scene I proceeded to the Windham Fire Department and met with a member of the duty crew. I returned their tablet that had been left at the scene. I also requested that all personnel who responded to the call write a statement for me. I further requested a copy of the EMS run sheet that was generated regarding the response to 8643 Werger RD. on 05/14/2022.

I contacted Barbara L. Knerem on the phone and informed her that we were done with the search and she and Richard T. Knerem were free to return to the residence at any time. I told Barbara L. Knerem that we had not taken down the barrier tape to leave a barrier in place. I told Barbara L. Knerem that I had cleaned up the medical waste from inside her garage but there was still the blood that needed to be cleaned up. I thanked Barbara L. Knerem for her and Richard T. Knerem's cooperation.

On 05/15/2022 I received a phone call from Jerissa Pierce from the Windham Fire Department. Ms. Pierce was one of the Windham EMS personnel who had responded to the call on 05/14/2022. Ms. Pierce indicated that she needed a formal request for the EMS run sheet. We determined that an email would be sufficient as a formal request. Ms. Pierce also indicated that the EMS personnel would be providing the written statements as requested. Ms. Pierce indicated that some of the personnel were off duty and would not be returning for several days. I indicated that my email could be given to personnel and they could email me the statements.

On 05/15/2022 at approximately 2100hrs I began to receive links to Ring video from Barbara L. Knerem on my phone. The links took me to video that was captured by the Ring doorbell camera at the Knerem residence at 8643 Werger Rd. that are related to the incident being investigated. I looked at the videos only to determine that they had downloaded and I could view them. The video clips will be more thoroughly reviewed and entered.

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On 05/16/2022 I began to prepare this report supplement. I also began to receive the emails from EMS personnel regarding this incident. I received all documentation requested from Community EMS. I received two of the four statements from Windham Fire Department EMS personnel and am waiting for the remainder. I am also waiting for the EMS run sheet from Windham Fire Department EMS.

Sgt. Boughner downloaded the Ring doorbell video camera footage from my phone and placed it on a disc for me to review. The Ring doorbell video camera clips are downloaded in reverse order on the disc.

On 05/17/2022 I reviewed the Ring doorbell video camera clips. The following is a summary of what I observed:

Clip 16: Cora A. Baughman walks onto the porch at 8643 Werger Rd. with her right hand in the pocket of her hooded jacket and opens the screen door. Cora A. Baughman attempts to open the storm door several times. As Cora A. Baughman walks off the porch, it appears that something heavy is in the right pocket of her hooded jacket.

Clip 15: Cora A. Baughman walks onto the porch at 8643 Werger Rd. with a revolver in her right hand. Cora A. Baughman bangs on the door several times.

Clip 14: Deputy Hill and Sgt. Whan are moving rapidly towards the open garage door at 8643 Werger Rd. with guns drawn. Deputy [REDACTED] is giving verbal commands to someone who cannot be seen in the video footage. Numerous gunshots are heard followed by more verbal commands from Deputy [REDACTED]

Clip 13: This video clip is a repeat of video clip 14

Clip 12: Additional deputies are arriving on scene at 8643 Werger Rd.

Clip 11: the Windham Fire Department EMS squad is seen arriving.

Clip 10: Deputies are seen moving around the property at 8643 Werger Rd.

Clip 9: More activity from deputies moving around outside on the property at 8643 Werger Rd.

Clip 8: Deputy activity on the property at 8643 Werger Rd.

Clip 7: this video clip is a repeat of clip 9

Clip 6: this video clip is a repeat of clip 9

Clip 4: this video clip is a repeat of clip 9

Clip 3: Barbara L. and Richard T. Knerem are seen on the coming out of the residence at 8643 Werger Rd. with luggage preparing to leave the residence.

Clip 2: Barbara L. Knerem brings a bag out of the residence at 8643 Werger Rd. and places it on the porch.

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Clip 1: this video clip is a repeat of clip 2.

In addition to the video clips from the Ring doorbell camera, I was provided with an image of Cora A. Baughman pointing a gun. This image is from inside the garage at 8643 Werger Rd.

I also received two additional statements from Windham Fire Department EMS personnel.

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Date of Offense: 05/14/2022

Report #: 22-15468

Type of Offense: Agg. Burglary

Investigating Officer(s): Sergeant S. Boughner #113

Narrative:

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On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, at approximately 0940 hours, I was notified by Captain Dreger #104 of an incident that had occurred at 8643 Werger Rd., in Windham Township. I was informed that the original incident was a neighbor dispute, and that an officer involved shooting had occurred at the location.

Upon my arrival on scene, I learned that Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation [BCI&I] units were responding to investigate the officer involved shooting. Captain Dreger was in command of the scene, and Detective Springer was collecting and documenting any information discovered on scene at this time [see Springer's investigative report for details]. It was requested that I draft a search warrant for the residence in preparation for BCI&I's arrival. I left the scene shortly after to prepare the search warrant. I learned the following information subsequent to the information gathering process while drafting the search warrant:

Deputies responded to a neighbor dispute at the residence, 8643 Werger Rd., Windham Township. Units who responded to the complaint were Deputy A. [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], a patrol deputy employed by the Portage County Sheriff's Office, and Sergeant K. Whan #903, a patrolman employed by the Garrettsville Police Department. Both above officers were on duty with their respective agencies and acting in response to the dispatched call for service at the time of this incident.

The reporting party, Richard T. Knerem [06/04/70] and his neighbor, Cora A. Baughman [04/18/56] were two involved parties present at 8643 Werger Rd. Baughman was inside of Knerem's garage, and had pointed a gun at him. Baughman was also reportedly pulling at door handles and trying to get in the windows at the residence. Barbara Knerem, spouse of Richard, was also present at the address.

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At 09:33:21 hours, dispatched logged Deputy [redacted]'s communication that she [Baughman] had a code 40 [firearm] in hand, and that they [redacted] and Whan] were giving her commands. At 09:33:58 hours, shots fired and subject [Baughman] down communications were logged by dispatch. It was confirmed with units on scene that shots did appear to have been fired on scene. Two vehicles included in the parameters for the search were parked in the garage of the residence.

Baughman was transported to UHPMC, accompanied by Deputy Minardi; Detective Weber also responded to UHPMC [See Weber's narrative for details].

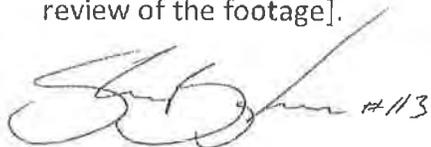
Information obtained was used as grounds to draft a search warrant to establish probable cause for the search of the residence, its curtilage and outbuildings and the two vehicles in the garage owned by members of the Knerem family for evidence to be used regarding this investigation. Probable cause for the requested search was found by the Honorable Judge Poland of the Portage County Municipal Court on Saturday, May 14th, 2022, at 1345 hours.

Units on scene were advised of the establishment of probable cause and the granting of the search warrant; investigation by agents of BCI on scene commenced promptly.

I returned to the scene on Werger Rd, and at the conclusion of BCI having processed the scene for evidence, they provided me with an inventory of what was collected. I left a service copy of both the search warrant and inventory inside the residence prior to Detective Springer and I securing the doors.

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On Monday, May 16, 2022, Detective Springer notified me of new evidence he was able to retrieve from the Knerem's regarding this case. They had provided "Ring" security doorbell footage that contained portions of the incident that had occurred on 05/14/22. There was also a still shot of Baughman pointing a firearm provided to Detective Springer. The information was forwarded to Detective Springer via text message. I copied the information from Detective Springer's department issued cell phone to a DVD. [see Springer's investigative report for a review of the footage].

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Upon arriving at the Hospital, the rescue squad was arriving with a 66-year-old female, Cora A. Baughman in critical condition from gunshot wounds. Deputy Minardi was also in the squad only as the escort deputy with the female.

At 10:33:56am, the emergency room doctor came out of the room Cora was being treated in and stated the time of death is 10:34am. I immediately contacted Captain Dreger. Per Captain Dreger advised Deputy Minardi and I were to stay with Cora and not let family to see her until BCI was on scene and completed their part of the investigation.

While waiting with Cora, medical staff advised that there are family members in the waiting room requesting to speak with a detective. I went to the waiting room and met with an unknown female. I advised the female that at this time I was unable to provide any information as to the status of Cora. The female was very thankful that I at least came out and spoke with her. (cd of audio recording attached).

When BCI arrived at the hospital, per Captain Dreger I was able to take Deputy Minardi back to the station.

After taking Deputy Minardi back to the station, I then reported to the scene on Werger road. After BCI completed their search warrant, I then assisted in collecting equipment and cleaning up the scene.

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On Tuesday May 17th 2022, I completed the return of the search warrant and inventory list at the Portage County Municipal Court.

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Conclusion of Investigation

On Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at 0913 hours, Richard Knerem Jr. reported an incident that was occurring at his residence, 8643 Werger Rd., Windham Township. Knerem advised that his neighbor, Cora Baughman, was attempting to get into the residential portion of the structure on his property, and that she had already made entry into the attached garage portion of the structure. Prior to Law Enforcement personnel arriving on scene, Knerem advised that Baughman was armed with a firearm, and he feared she was going to cause him and his wife, Barbra Knerem, physical harm. Deputy A. [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and Sgt. K. Whan [GPD] #903 arrived on scene at 0932 hours. At 0933 hours, shots were fired by Deputy [REDACTED] and Baughman was struck. Lifesaving efforts were conducted by Law Enforcement personnel prior to the arrival of medical personnel, and were continued by them upon arrival. Baughman ultimately succumbed to her injuries at University Hospitals Portage Medical Center, and was pronounced deceased by UHPMC Doctor Purpura at approximately 1034 hours.

It has been confirmed that the occupants at 8643 Werger Rd. did not want Baughman present at the residence, and per their statements, R. Knerem told Baughman to leave.

A photograph taken by R. Knerem during the incident, but prior to the arrival of Law Enforcement personnel was collected by Detective Springer during this investigation. The photo was taken from the interior of the residence, and shows Baughman pointing a firearm [revolver] directly at the camera. Baughman was standing in the garage when the picture was taken.

The "Ring" doorbell camera footage was also collected by Detective Springer. The footage captured a portion of the the incident that occurred at the residence. In a portion of the footage, Baughman can be seen with a firearm [revolver] in hand, while hitting the locked door and pulling violently on the door handle.



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Investigating Officer(s): Detective M. Hanna #161

Narrative:

On May 14, 2022, at approximately 0939 hours, I received a phone call from CPT Dreger who informed me that there had been an officer-involved shooting and that I was needed to respond to an address in Windham Township. CPT Dreger then sent me a text message that included the following information:

(EMAIL FROM DISPATCH)
SHOTS FIRED AT 8643 WERGER
RD , SUBJECT DOWN 29 ENR

I responded in my assigned vehicle to 8643 Werger RD in Windham Township.

While at the scene, I was instructed to transport Deputy A. [REDACTED], unit # [REDACTED] from the scene and back to the Portage County Sheriff's Office. Prior to transporting Deputy [REDACTED], I observed blood on his pants, around the knees, and blood on both of his arms, near the wrists. I took photographs of Deputy [REDACTED] before leaving the scene in order to document his appearance and the location of the blood prior to transporting him back to the Sheriff's Office.

Once Deputy [REDACTED] and I arrived at the Sheriff's Office, I obtained buccal swabs of the blood that was on both of Deputy [REDACTED]'s wrists and entered those swabs into evidence.

After obtaining buccal swabs from Deputy [REDACTED]'s wrists, I had Deputy [REDACTED] go to the locker room and clean the blood off his arms. I was then informed that the agents with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) had requested to have Deputy [REDACTED]'s clothing collected as evidence.

I took additional photos of Deputy [REDACTED] while inside the squad room prior to collecting Deputy [REDACTED]'s uniform shirt and uniform pants. I also collected Deputy [REDACTED]'s external vest carrier and his duty belt in case they were needed.

I then entered the uniform and equipment items into evidence, where they remained until BCI Agent Jon Lieber #25 arrived at the Portage County Sheriff's Office. Agent Lieber advised that he only needed the uniform shirt and uniform pants, not Deputy [REDACTED]'s external vest carrier or duty belt.

Agent Lieber took possession of Deputy [REDACTED]'s uniform and provided me with a copy of the evidence inventory receipt. The original carbon copy of the inventory receipt was provided to Detective T.

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we did not want them to be kicked or disturbed, so they were marked with anything that was readily available to us at the time.

I continued taking photographs until Sgt. Wilson then informed me to start taping off the area to preserve the crime scene. The perimeter of the house was taped off with yellow police tape. Once the squad arrived on scene, they began working on Cora in an attempt to revive her. Officer Brown (Hiram PD) arrived on scene to assist at 9:39 A.M. He also started the crime scene log. At 9:56 A.M., the squad cleared the scene with Cora. Deputy Minardi rode in the back of the squad with them. They began transporting Cora to University Hospital in Ravenna. At 10:19 A.M., BCI was notified. The squad arrived at UH at 10:27 A.M. Six (6) minutes later at 10:33 A.M., Cora was pronounced dead.

Other units began arriving on scene. I continued to maintain the security of the scene. At one point, I went inside the house and spoke with the P/R and his wife, Barbara L. Knerem. They have a Ring doorbell camera on their front door, facing the driveway. The camera is operational because I could hear the notifications going off on the P/R's cell phone as I walked in front of the camera. I asked them if they could provide me with the video from the incident. This was when the P/R asked me why I needed the video since she was in his garage with a gun. I informed the P/R that the video had evidentiary value. This was when the P/R stated that he would "just delete it." He then started to do something on his cell phone. I believed that the P/R was potentially trying to delete the video, so I grabbed the cell phone from his hand and requested Sgt. Wilson to come inside.

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Next, I relieved Officer Brown of the crime scene log. I continued to update the crime scene log until Detective Hannah relieved me. Sgt. Wilson and I cleared the scene at this time. The photographs I obtained were entered into evidence. As of this time, incident has been documented. No further action required by this deputy.

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132 Burris

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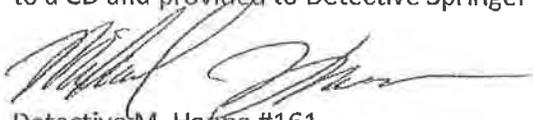
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Springer, unit #146, and copy was submitted to the evidence room. Deputy [REDACTED]'s vest carrier, duty belt, and other personal belongings will be returned to Deputy [REDACTED] by Detective M. Weber, unit # 162.

After collecting evidence from Deputy [REDACTED] I assisted Sergeant S. Boughner, unit # 113, in the drafting of the search warrant for 8643 Werger Rd (see SGT Boughner's investigative report).

All photographs that I took, both on scene and while at the Portage County Sheriff's Office, were saved to a CD and provided to Detective Springer for inclusion with the case file.



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NARRATIVE

On 05/14/2022 Deputies were dispatched to a neighbor dispute in Windham Township. An investigation was conducted.

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On 05/14/2022 at 9:18 am Deputy Hill was dispatched to a neighbor dispute, with a Garrettsville Police Officer, Sergeant Whan, at 8643 Werger Rd, Windham Township, Portage County, State of Ohio.

At 9:20 am dispatch advised that the caller has called back in to tell them that the neighbor is in his garage, pointing a gun and him. The caller advised that the neighbors name is Cora. At 9:21am dispatch advised that the caller is inside his house with the door locked, and Cora is still his garage. At 9:22am dispatch advised that Cora is knocking on the caller's door.

At 9:26am Sergeant Wilson, Deputy Burris, and I were dispatched to 8643 Werger Rd. I was in a double unit with Deputy Burris. While enroute we had our overhead lights and out sirens on. At 9:27am Dispatch advised that the caller told Cora to leave the garage, Cora told him they have to talk. At 9:28am dispatch advised that Cora was knocking on the caller's door again. At 9:30am dispatch advised that the garage door is open, and that Cora is pulling on the door now. At 9:31am dispatch advised Cora is trying to break the window and pull on the door.

At 9:32am Deputy [REDACTED] and Sergeant Whan arrived on scene. At 9:33am Deputy [REDACTED] advised dispatch that he was giving command to Cora, and that she had a gun in her hand. Immediately after Deputy [REDACTED] advised that shots were fired and the subject was down. At this point Deputy Burris, Sergeant Wilson and I were on Stanley Road. At 9:35am Sgt Wilson, Deputy Burris and I were on scene.

Once on scene I noticed Sergeant Whan run from his vehicle with a medical kit back to the garage of 8643 Werger Rd. Sgt Wilson, Deputy Burris and ran into the garage. Once in the garage I saw a female on the ground laying on her back. Deputy Hill was on his knees over her right shoulder, applying pressure to a bullet wound, and a black in color revolver laying approximately 8 feet to the left of female. I noticed that there was blood coming from both of her ankles, two bullet wounds to right side of her torso that Deputy [REDACTED] was applying pressure to, one right above her right breast, and one below her right breast. I requested

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gauze from Sergeant Whan and began applying pressure to the bullet wounds. I requested a chest seal to apply to the wound under the female's right breast. After applying the chest seal, I noticed that that the chest seal was leaking blood. The chest seal was removed, and I started to apply gauze due to the bullet wound hemorrhaging. At some point we did check the back of the female to see if there were any exit wounds, we did not find any. Officer Brown came on scene and come into the garage. Once Deputy Brown entered the garage with his medical bag. I told Officer Brown to put tourniquets on her legs for the wounds that were on her ankles. I wrote the times of the tourniquets on her stomach, due to it being exposed.

Windham Fire Department then came on scene and took over medical care of the female. The female was taken to the ambulance. At that time, I noticed silver in color shell casings on the ground near the rear of the caller's vehicle in the garage. I took Deputy [REDACTED]'s handcuffs off of her as requested by the Windham Medical team. I was tasked with staying with the female and going with her when she was transported.

At 9:56am the Windham ambulance which was transporting female who was identified as Cora Baughman. At 10:27am the ambulance arrived at University Hospital Portage Medical Center in Ravenna City.

Detective Weber came to University Hospital shortly after my arrival. At 10:33 University Hospital Portage Medical Center Doctor Purpura pronounced Cora Boughman as deceased.

At that time Detective Weber and I waited till BCI came on scene and took control of Cora Boughman's body.

At this time, I have nothing more to report, Investigation ongoing.

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NARRATIVE

On 05/14/2022, units were dispatched to a neighbor dispute. An investigation was conducted. No further action required at this time.

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On 05/14/2022, Deputy [REDACTED] was dispatched to a neighbor dispute located at 8643 Werger Rd. in Windham Township. The call was received at 9:13 A.M. The P/R, Richard T. Knerem Jr., advised that he and his neighbor do not get along. The neighbor was later identified as Cora A. Baughman. According to the P/R, Cora was inside his garage and pounding on his door, which leads into his house. At 9:17 A.M., the P/R told dispatch to get someone out here before he has to remove Cora, and if he did, we would need a squad for her. Deputy [REDACTED] was dispatched at 9:18 A.M. At 9:20 A.M., the P/R called back and informed dispatch that Cora was in his garage and was pointing a gun at him. Deputy [REDACTED] advised over the radio that he noticed the update and was now running lights and sirens. Sgt. Whan from Garrettsville PD was dispatched to assist Deputy [REDACTED] at 9:22 A.M. Also, at 9:22 A.M., the P/R advised that Cora was knocking on his door. Deputy Minardi and I were in the squad room at the Portage County Sheriffs Office when we heard Deputy [REDACTED]'s comment on the radio about seeing the update. I looked at the update on one of the computers and this was when Deputy Minardi and I first learned that Cora now had a gun and was pointing it at the P/R.

Sgt. Wilson, who was also at the Portage County Sheriffs Office, was speaking with a male near the front lobby. As soon as I learned that Cora now had a gun, I ran from the squad room towards the front lobby and informed Sgt.

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Wilson. At this time, Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Minardi and I cleared the PCSO and ran lights and sirens to the call. We cleared the PCSO at 9:26 A.M. Sgt. Wilson was in his own cruiser (#12) while Deputy Minardi and I were in our cruiser (#93). I was driving my cruiser.

When we left the PCSO, we headed northbound on Infirmiry Rd., then turned eastbound onto State Route 303. Also at 9:26 A.M., the P/R advised dispatch that he had a picture of Cora pointing the gun at him. The P/R told her to leave the garage, but Cora did not listen. At 9:28 A.M., Cora started knocking on the P/R's door again. A minute later at 9:29 A.M., Sgt. Whan arrived in the area and informed dispatch that he would stand by for Deputy [REDACTED] near the intersection of Weger Rd. and Stanley Rd. While units were still en route, at 9:31 A.M., the P/R advised that Cora was now pulling on the door handle and trying to break the window. The P/R then hung up at this time. Deputy [REDACTED] and Sgt. Whan arrived at the P/R's house at 9:32 A.M.

One minute later at 9:33:21 A.M., Deputy Hill advised over the radio that Cora had a gun in her hand and that he was giving her commands. This was when Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Minardi and I were turning onto Stanley Rd. from State Route 303. Thirty-seven (37) seconds later at 9:33:58 Deputy [REDACTED] called out "Shots fired subject down!" Sgt. Wilson copied the radio traffic and immediately informed dispatch to make notifications.

At 9:34 A.M., Sgt. Whan informed dispatch to start a squad and that the subject is down. One minute later at 9:35 A.M. the squad (Windham FD) was dispatched. Community EMS was also requested. Also, at 9:35 A.M., Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Minardi and I arrived on scene. Cora was lying on her back in the garage, near the front right tire of the truck. The truck was on the western side of the garage, while an SUV was parked on the eastern side. Deputy [REDACTED] was rendering first aid to her while Sgt. Whan was assisting him. Deputy Minardi began helping Deputy [REDACTED] while Sgt. Wilson and I assisted them.

Next, Sgt. Wilson informed me to start obtaining photographs of the scene. Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Whan, Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Minardi continued to administer first aid to Cora. I began obtaining photographs first from the road then towards the house and garage. I then noticed multiple shell casings in the driveway near the garage as well as some shell casings just inside the garage. These shell casings were marked with several different miscellaneous items from Sgt. Wilson and I. The items included pens, cuff key, small flashlight, notepad and ID Card. Since the shell casings were right in the middle of where everyone was walking,

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NARRATIVE

The Portage County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reference a neighbor dispute. While enroute the caller stated that his neighbor had entered into his garage and pointed a gun at him. Upon our arrival an investigation was conducted.

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The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Richard Knerem. Richard, who lives at 8643 Werger Road, in the Township of Windham, County of Portage, State of Ohio stated that his neighbor, Cora Baughman, with whom he does not get along with, had entered into his garage and was still inside. I, along with Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy Burris and Deputy Minardi responded. Garrettsville PD was also asked to respond. Sgt. Whan (GPD) was first on scene but did not go directly to the residence, he staged just down the street from Richard's residence.

When Deputy [REDACTED] arrived in the area, he and Sgt. Whan went to the residence together. Within seconds of their arrival, I heard Deputy [REDACTED] say over the radio, "She has a code 40, commands given", this was at 0933.21hrs. Seconds later radio traffic was transmitted but it was garbled and could not be understood. Then, within seconds of the garbled radio traffic, Deputy [REDACTED] is heard saying, "Shots fired, subject down" this was at 0933.58hrs. Sgt. Whan then radioed requesting for a squad to respond. Based on the radio traffic I requested that dispatch make notifications.

As I pulled onto Werger Rd. I could see Sgt. Whan's patrol car in front of the driveway. Just beyond his patrol car I could see Deputy [REDACTED]'s patrol car turned sideways in the road. Upon our arrival (0935hrs), Deputy Burris, who was the lead car could not access the driveway, so he drove through the yard as did I.

Pulling into the driveway I could see a two-car attached garage and only one door was open. From my point of view, I could see two vehicles inside but could not see Deputy [REDACTED] or Sgt. Whan. Deputy Burris, Deputy Minardi and I ran towards the open garage door. As I approached the garage, I could see spent shell casings just outside the garage on the concrete. As I entered the garage, I saw more spent shell casings in between the two vehicles.

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As I walked further into the garage, I could see a woman lying on the floor at the front bumper of the pickup truck, she laid in a pool of blood. The truck was closest to the west side of the garage. The woman's head was pointed westward. Deputy [REDACTED] was on his knees near the head of the woman applying pressure to a gunshot wound that was to the upper right side of her ribcage. Deputy Minardi immediately joined Deputy [REDACTED] with administering first aid. Sgt. Whan, Deputy Burris and I also assisted. A short time later Officer Brown from Hiram PD arrived and assisted with first aid.

Once all available first aid could be rendered, I instructed Deputy Burris to start photographing the scene. While I waited for Deputy Burris to grab his camera, I took a moment to view the garage. It was at this time that I noticed a revolver on the garage floor within feet of the rear man door to the garage, this door is on the east side of the residence. The gun had blood on it and upon a quick review of the cylinder it appeared to be loaded. When Deputy Burris returned with his camera, he was instructed to photograph all evidence prior to it being marked. This was done in case evidence was accidentally kicked by incoming medical personnel.

After the initial photos were taken Deputy Burris and I used miscellaneous items readily available to us to mark the evidence. Deputy Burris continued to obtain photographs. Afterwards, I instructed Deputy Burris to grab crime scene tape and rope off the property. While Deputy Burris was roping off the property, he was approached by a man that lives in the trailer just to the east of the 8643 Werger Rd. property. The man was later identified as Aaron Baughman. Deputy Burris told me that he (Aaron) wanted to know if his grandmother was okay. I then approached the man and had a brief conversation with him.

Aaron first asked me if his grandmother was okay. I advised Aaron that we were still working on her and that we were doing all we could for her. Aaron then stated, "I heard the Deputy yelling, drop the gun and then I heard shooting." Aaron continued talking stating, "I'm confused because my grandmother has a CCW permit but her gun is inside so she couldn't have had a gun." I advised Aaron that I would have an investigator speak with him when they arrived on scene, I then returned to the garage. The Windham Fire Department, now on scene, took over first aid.

Eventually, Cora was lifted on to a soft cot and taken to the ambulance. I instructed Deputy Minardi to ride with the squad to University Hospital and to

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remain there until further notice. Officer Brown (Hiram PD) started a Crime Scene Log.

When I noticed that the residence had a Ring doorbell, I asked Deputy Burris to talk to the homeowners about the possibility of obtaining the video. A short time later Deputy Burris radioed to me and asked that I meet him at the front door.

When I arrived at the door Deputy Burris informed me that he was talking with the homeowner and caller, Richard Knerem, about obtaining the video and that Richard stated, "Why do you need the video? She was in my garage with a gun!" Deputy Burris said that he explained to Richard that the video holds evidentiary value and that is why he wanted it. According to Deputy Burris this is when Richard told him, "I'll just delete it!" Then according to Deputy Burris, Richard began doing something on his phone. Deputy Burris indicated to me that he felt Richard was attempting to delete evidence from his phone, so he confiscated Richard's phone from his hands.

Based on what I had just learned from Deputy Burris I stepped inside the residence to speak with Richard. I asked Richard why he threatened to delete the Ring doorbell videos. Richard stated, "I didn't mean it." I asked him why would even say it in the first place and Richard replied, "because I can!" Richard continued by stating, "I've been a smartass all my life." I warned Richard that if it were discovered that he deleted anything from his Ring doorbell account he would be charged and arrested for tampering with evidence. Deputy Burris was then instructed to give the cell phone to Det. Springer until further notice.

The crime scene was turned over to BCI upon their arrival and eventually turned over to the Detective Bureau. Deputy Burris maintained the Crime Scene Log until it was turned over to Det. Hanna. I was then relieved from the scene.

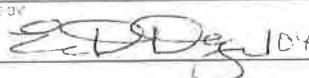
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RE: Windham Township Incident Assist
Date: May 14, 2022

Detective Stringer,

May 19, 2022

On May 14th, 2022, I Ptl. D.Brown #829 of the Hiram Police Department was on patrol in Hiram Township. During this time, I was able to hear Portage County Dispatch request Sgt. Whan #903 of the Garrettsville Police Department to assist one of the Portage County Sheriffs Deputies unit for a neighbor dispute that involved a gun on Werger Rd, in Windham Township. After minutes went by while scanning local channels on the radio, I was able to hear Sgt. Whan radio out "Shots fired, Shot fired, Suspect Down." After hearing those words over the radio and due to an unknown amount of law enforcement on scene, I contacted dispatch via radio to get the numbers of the address on Werger Rd. Once given the address, I contacted Chief Brian Gregory #801 of the Hiram Police Department and briefed him of the situation that I heard over the radio. Chief granted approval to respond.

I arrived on scene where I observed several patrol vehicles in the driveway along with several patrol vehicles on the road, in front of the residence. I radioed to dispatch that I was on scene. I went to my passenger side of my patrol vehicle and retrieved my medical bag and rushed towards the house where I met with Sgt. Wilson #112 of the Portage County Sheriff's Office at the front of the garage. My body camera was activated at this time. I was advised to go left before entering the garage, due to evidence being on the ground. Once inside of the garage, I was able to see that Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Sgt. Whan #903, Sgt. Wilson #112 and Dept. Manardi #123 were providing medical attention to a female on the ground. At this time, I observed a laceration on the female's right leg towards the ankle. I retrieved my tourniquet from my thigh holster and began to apply it on the female's right thigh, approximately 6-7 inches above her knee.

After the tourniquet was applied at 0943 hours, I went to the bathroom and began to wash my hands immediately. Once back to where everyone was at, I was informed that the female was also in need of another tourniquet, this being on her left leg. I was able to go inside of my medical bag where I obtained another tourniquet and handed to Sgt. Wilson while I applied pressure to the lower left leg of the female were a laceration on the females left leg towards the ankle was present. I switched positions with Sgt. Wilson where I continued to apply the tourniquet on the females left leg. All times were logged of tourniquet application. Once the tourniquets were applied, I was notified that the Windham EMS was on scene, I advised the EMS workers to walk around the evidence. As the EMS workers made entry into the garage, I switched positions with Sgt. Whan. Sgt. Whan position was applying pressure on the females mid abdomen on her left side. I maintained pressure on this position until Windham EMS relieved me from my duties. I left the garage and went outside to notify the rest of the EMS personal of Windham to