



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



2025-2991

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 513 South Isabella St.,
Springfield, OH 45506 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Officer Kristopher Kitchen (W)
Date of Activity: 09/16/2025
Activity Location: Springfield Police Department – Business – 130 North Fountain Avenue, Springfield, OH 45502
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On September 16, 2025, at 1628 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier and Steven Seitzman interviewed Springfield Police Officer Kristopher Kitchen. The interview took place at the Springfield Police Department. Also present for the interview was Officer Kitchen's attorney, Zachary S. Bayless. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary highlights the key points identified by the authoring agent as most relevant. This summary is not a verbatim transcript. The information has been organized to aid in the overall understanding of the interview and may not reflect the actual interview sequence. For further details, please refer to the interview recording.

Officer Kitchen was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on September 16, 2025, in the City of Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. Officer Kitchen did not discharge his firearm or use force during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Officer Kitchen stated that he was working his regularly scheduled road patrol shift on September 16, 2025, which was [REDACTED]. He was wearing his department-issued navy-blue police uniform and was operating a marked Springfield Police Ford Police Interceptor Utility. Officer Kitchen described both his uniform and police cruiser, both of which made him identifiable as a police officer. He stated that his radio call sign was "522 Edward."

Officer Kitchen advised that he was assigned a partner for his shift, Officer Beau Ray. Officer Ray drove the cruiser, while Officer Kitchen was the passenger. Officer Kitchen advised that he

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and his partner became involved in the incident when he heard [REDACTED] advise over the police radio that he located a vehicle on South Isabella and West Clark Street that had previously fled from him. Officer Kitchen stated that he then heard radio traffic indicating that [REDACTED] engaged in a foot pursuit with the involved subject and discharged a TASER.

Officer Kitchen advised that he and his partner arrived on the scene and were the first to assist [REDACTED], locating him with the involved subject in an alley off South Isabella Street. Officer Kitchen observed that the involved subject was handcuffed and further stated that "there was TASER cords everywhere." He further noted that the involved subject was bleeding profusely from his face. He stated that the involved subject attempted several times to stand and lift his head up; however, Officer Kitchen redirected him and told him to keep his head pointed down to prevent him from possibly choking on his blood.

As additional officers arrived on the scene, the involved subject was put on his stomach to render medical aid. Officer Kitchen advised that he attempted to stop the involved subject's bleeding by using a towel and gauze. During this time, he noted that the involved subject was having apparent difficulty breathing, so the officers rolled him onto his side. At that point, Officer Kitchen observed a laceration on the involved subject's left cheek. Officers then rolled the involved subject onto his left side and continued to render medical aid. Officer Kitchen advised that he and Officer Brad Warnock bandaged the involved subject's face, attempting to stop the bleeding.

Officer Kitchen stated that he learned the only available ambulance was on the other side of the city, so officers decided to place the involved subject in a police transport van. Officer Kitchen and Officer Warnock rode in the back of the van. The officers transported the involved subject to the Springfield Regional Medical Center, where he was placed in a wheelchair and admitted to a trauma room.

SA Frazier inquired whether Officer Kitchen saw [REDACTED] TASER. He answered that [REDACTED] was holding his TASER. He further stated that he observed TASER probes in the involved subject's upper right arm and in the back of his head. He advised that an unknown officer removed the TASER probe from the subject's arm; however, the TASER in his head remained intact until he was released to hospital staff.

SA Frazier inquired about statements the involved subject made. Officer Kitchen answered that the involved subject mumbled incoherently, but he was unable to make out any of the words.

The interview concluded at 1636 hours. The audio recording is attached to this investigative report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-09-16 Officer Kristopher Kitchen Audio Interview

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