



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



2025-2000

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Tiedeman Road at I-480  
West, Brooklyn, OH 44144, Cuyahoga County

**Investigative Activity:** Response to Hospital and Follow-up  
**Involves:** John Welsh (O), Joseph Marek (O) Toni Jackson (O)  
**Activity Date:** 06/24/2025  
**Activity Location:** Metro Health Hospital, 2500 Metrohealth Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44109  
**Authoring Agent:** **Special Agent Joseph Lamping #184**

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) and SA John Tingley (SA Tingley) responded to Metro Health Hospital to locate and interview three parties that were involved in a traffic collision, which preceded the officer involved critical incident (OICI) on Tiedeman Road near Interstate 480. Prior to leaving the scene of the OICI, no identifying information was available aside from the basic demographic information of each party involved in the motor vehicle collision. They were described as an older white male, a younger white male, and a younger black male.

SA Lamping contacted a charge nurse at Metro Health, who said that the three individuals were transported to the hospital around 1100 hours by the Brooklyn Fire Department. Only one of the individuals, John Welsh (Welsh), was still receiving treatment at the hospital. Joseph Merrick (Merrick), Welsh's grandson, had already been treated and released. According to the staff, the third transported individual did not have any information associated with him in the hospital system and appeared to no longer be at the hospital.

Agents Lamping and Tingley contacted Welsh in his hospital room. Welsh made the agents aware that he was in a great deal of pain and on pain-management medications. Because of the medications and Welsh's state, an interview was not attempted. Welsh did state that he only recalled being struck by a Chevrolet Silverado, being confused/disoriented, and then being transported to this hospital. SA Lamping asked if he could contact Welsh's grandson, who had been discharged from the hospital, and Welsh informed the agents that Merrick is a special needs individual. Welsh further explained that he did not feel that an interview would be successful, as it was likely to make Merrick highly upset/uncomfortable. Welsh also told us that he was severely injured and would be going to either the intensive care unit (ICU) or the ICU step down for an unknown amount of time. Based on the statements made by Welsh, it did not

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appear that he, or his grandson, would be able to provide any details relevant to the OICI investigation.

When SA Lamping and SA Tingley returned to the scene of the OICI, they met with Detective Luke Wittasek (Det. Wittasek) from Parma Heights Police Department (PHPD). Det. Wittasek was able to provide some information about the black male that was transported by the Brooklyn Fire Department. The male was reported to be Toni Jackson (Jackson) from Michigan.

On Thursday, June 26, 2025, SA Lamping spoke with Det. Wittasek who was able to locate a possible phone number for Jackson. Det. Wittasek also reported that he was attempting to obtain EMS-run logs from the Brooklyn Fire Department to obtain more detailed information about Jackson. SA Lamping placed a call to Jackson. However, it was sent immediately to voicemail. A message was left requesting a call back in reference to the motor vehicle accident that Jackson had been involved in.

On Friday, June 27, 2025, SA Lamping was contacted by Det. Wittasek. Det. Wittasek reported that he located Jackson and was planning to interview him at his place of employment. SA Lamping requested that Det. Wittasek provide Jackson with his contact information as Jackson had not yet reached out to SA Lamping. Later in the day, Det. Wittasek told SA Lamping that Jackson was not in possession of his phone as he had left it in one of the vehicles that had been towed from the scene. Jackson told Det. Wittasek that he was not on scene at the time of the shooting.

### References:

None

### Attachments:

None

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