

Investigative Report

2025-0151

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 350 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601, Stark County



Investigative Activity: Review of Police Report and Photographs

Involves: Alliance Police Department (O)

Activity Date: 01/28/2025

Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) received a copy of photographs taken at the scene of the officer-involved critical incident from Alliance Police Department (APD) Captain Don Wensel (Wensel). SA Valente reviewed the photographs and noted the following:

There were 76 digital photographs included in the collection. The photographs were reported to have been taken by APD Detective Johnson. The photographs depicted images of Stacy Pride (Pride), Mason French (French), blood, ballistic impacts, defects, and damage to the area where the shooting occurred. The collection of photographs was saved as Refence Item C. Three images from this collection of photographs are included below depicting the subject and victim as they were found by Detective Johnson.







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On February 11, 2025, SA Valente received a copy of the Alliance Police Report documenting the officer-involved critical incident from APD Captain Wensel. SA Valente reviewed the police report and noted the following:



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The report number was The report was nine pages long and contained narratives written by APD Detectives Johnson, Welsh, and Busche.

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The APD police report was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

References:

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C - Collection of Scene Photographs Taken By APD

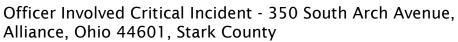
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Supervisor Approval: SAS Charles Moran #67 2/14/2025 3:33 PM



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Attachments:

1. Alliance Police Report

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Reviewing Supervisor:



Officer:

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714

MR. 02/18/1964 St: Zip:

OH 44672

Cell Phone:

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City: ALLIANCE St: Zip:

OH 44601

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Employer Phone:

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Page # 4 Property Involved with Incident



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UCR Property Code:

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Keys found in coat pocket of Mason French

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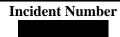
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Reviewing Supervisor: Bureau Supervisor: Officer:





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The female victim's apartment was 515. Directly across the hallway at room 516 I spoke with Twilla Wareham who advised me that she heard the female crying, "Don't shoot me."

Shortly thereafter she heard a few gun shots and then shortly after that she heard more gun shots. She did not witness any of the events. She does not know the female victim. Wareham called 911.

Wareham's neighbor in 514 is Kenneth Boggs. Boggs advised that he only heard the gun shots.

Officer Vesco advised me that he spoke with Debbie Barton in room 508. He stated that she advised she called 911 after hearing the commotion in the hallway. She did not witness any of the events.

Officer Vesco and Brown provided me their accounts of what occurred. See their narratives and POVs for details of their recollections. Officer Brown and Officer Donley cleared apartment 515.

I collaborated with BCI to provide information regarding personnel present at the scene, interviews with residents, call times and any other information they required to conduct their investigation. Similarly, I provided this information to Tammy from the Stark County Coroner's Office when she arrived.

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| This is a full list of APD officers present at the scene: |
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| Chief X |
| Captain Wensel |
| Captain Hilles |
| Lt. Shatzer |
| Sgt. McCord |
| Officer Minich |
| Officer Vesco |

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Det. Busche

Det. Johnson

Det. Welsh

Det. Molea

Prosecutor Weyer was also present.

Det. William Johnson 300

By: DET WILLIAM T JOHNSON **Badge**# 0300 **Date:** 01/17/2025 **Time:** 09:23:5 No. 001 **Page #:** 7

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On 01/16/2025 I was arriving at work and did hear the radio dispatch for possible shots fired at 350 S. Arch. I asked Det Johnson if he wanted to go with me to the apartment building due to the nature of the call.

Det. Johnson and were enroute and did hear Ptl. Brown say on the radio, "Shots fired Shots fired!". We arrived and got into the elevator with Lt. Shatzer to go the 5th floor. We exited the elevator and the hallway was full of smoke and the fire alarm was activated. We made contact with Ptl. Vesco and Ptl. Brown and they directed us to the north end of the hallway where there were two subjects lying on the floor. Both subjects had obvious gunshot wounds and were found to be deceased by EMTs.

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I then made contact with the building manager, Kristy Grigsby, to help me identify both decedents. Grigsby stated that the female that lives in apartment 515 was Stacy L. Pride but she did not know who the male could be. After speaking with other officers on scene the name Mason French became a possibility. I contacted dispatch and checked Facebook for a photo of French. I found a birthdate on FB and gave it to dispatch with the name and they sent me his BMV photo and information, the male decedent did fit the description and he was identified as French.

Ohio BCI was contacted and the scene was secured until they arrived.

| By: DET SETH J BUSCHE | Badge# 0286 | Date: 01/31/2025 | Time: 09:38:4 | No. 003 | Page #: 1 | |
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