



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



2024-3294

Investigation - Officer Involved Critical Incident - Portage
Bike Trail Near North Freedom St., Ravenna, Ohio:

Investigative Activity: Response to Hospital

Involves: [REDACTED]
Officer Matthew Myers (W), Officer Joshua Twigg (W), Larry
Burghy (W)

Activity Date: 10/22/2024

Activity Location: University Hospitals Portage Medical Center 6847 N.
Chestnut Street, Ravenna, OH 44266

Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum #179

Narrative:

On October 22, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ravenna Police Department (RPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred in the area of Portage Bike Trail near North Freedom Street, Ravenna, Ohio.

BCI Special Investigations Unit and BCI Crime Scene Unit agents responded to assist. The shooting incident involved a subject, Matthew Fries (Fries), and police officers from RPD. As a result of an interaction between Fries and witness Larry Burghy (Burghy) near the scene, Burghy was transported to University Hospital Portage Medical Center (UHPMC) for treatment of lacerations. RPD Officers were not believed to have any physical injuries but were transported to UHPMC as a standard protocol.

On October 22, 2024, at approximately 1230 hours, Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum (Bynum) and SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) arrived at UHPMC. At approximately 1235 hours, SA Bynum and SA Fletcher met with RPD [REDACTED] in an exam room at the Emergency Department (ED). [REDACTED] was asked if she would like to give a statement, but at the advice of her FOP representative, she requested to speak later. Crime Scene Special Agent Laurna McClintock photographed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in uniform from multiple angles and collected and photographed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] duty firearm, magazines and ammunition.

At approximately 1245 hours, SA Bynum and SA Fletcher met with RPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in an exam room at the ED. [REDACTED] was asked if he would like to give a statement, but on the advice of his FOP representative, he requested to speak later. Crime Scene Special Agent Laurna McClintock photographed [REDACTED] in

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At approximately 1305 hours, SA Bynum and SA Fletcher met with RPD Officer Matthew Meyers in an exam room at the ED. Officer Meyers was asked if he would like to give a statement, but on the advice of his FOP representative, he requested to speak later.

At approximately 1310 hours, SA Bynum and SA Fletcher met with RPD Officer Joshua Twigg in an exam room at the ED. Officer Twigg was asked if he would like to give a statement, but on the advice of his FOP representative, he requested to speak later.

At approximately 1315 hours, SA Bynum and SA Fletcher met with witness Larry Burghy in an exam room at the ED. Burghy was asked if he would like to give a statement about the incident and he stated he would. Burghy's statement is in the report labeled "2024-12-02: Witness Interview Larry Burghy". Burghy consented both verbally and on a written consent form that is attached for the collection of his DNA profile as a standard for comparison.

References:

1. Reference Item C - Witness Interviews

Attachments:

1. 2024-10-22 Larry Burghy Consent Form

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OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION

CONSENT TO COLLECT BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

FOR DNA ANALYSIS

I, Larry Burghy HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY
SA J. Bynum AND SA A. Fletcher

WHO HAVE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS AUTHORIZED AGENT(S) OF THE OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION OF MY **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT NOT TO HAVE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES TAKEN FROM ME WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT.**

KNOWING OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SUCH A SEARCH, I WILLINGLY GIVE PERMISSION AND CONSENT TO THE ABOVE NAMED AGENT(S) TO OBTAIN THOSE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE(S) THEY DEEM NECESSARY FOR DNA TESTING PURPOSES TO WIT:

victim of stabbing

THE ABOVE NAMED AGENT(S) FURTHER HAVE MY PERMISSION AND CONSENT TO TAKE FROM MY PERSON THE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES LISTED ABOVE WHICH THEY **DESIRE FOR DNA TESTING PURPOSES IN THE CASE OR CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION.**

THIS WRITTEN PERMISSION TO OBTAIN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT IS GIVEN BY ME TO THE ABOVE NAMED AGENT(S) VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY THREATS OR PROMISES OR COERCION OF ANY KIND.

SIGNED BY ME ON THIS 22 DAY OF October, 2024, AT 1:54 AM/PM

LOCATION OF CONSENT: U# Portage 6847 N. Chestnut St Ravenna OH

SIGNED: [Signature]

WITNESS: [Signature]

ADDRESS: Homeless

WITNESS: [Signature]

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

DOB: 10/18/71

SSN: [Redacted]

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