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**Officer-Involved Critical Incident - Officer Involved Critical  
Incident - Stanhope-Kelloggsville Rd. and Anderson Rd.,  
Denmark Township, OH 44032, Ashtabula County**

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Anderson Rd., Denmark Township, OH 44032, Ashtabula County  
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### Investigative Request

On Monday, September 08, 2025, Sheriff William R. Niemi of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on September 8, 2025 in the area of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road and Anderson Road. The incident ultimately resulted in the death of Jerry Pegram.

### Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the September 8, 2025 officer-involved shooting in Ashtabula County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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## Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Lamping received assistance in the investigation from Special Agents Charles Snyder, Cory Momchilov, Joe Goudy, Dan Boerner, and Jeff Smith. BCI Special Agent Chad Doran and Crime Scene Technician Michael Rostocil of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit Analyst Charles Thomas also provided assistance. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

## Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the four officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of three officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Special agent attendance at post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports (to be sent upon receipt and review)

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- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subject, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  2. Firearm operability testing
  3. DNA
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident

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**Incident Summary/Overview**

On Monday, September 8, 2025, at approximately 1441 hours, Deputy Michael Chicarell (Deputy Chicarell) of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) observed a red motorcycle, later discovered to be operated by Jerry Pegram (Pegram), in the area of Dwight Avenue and East 48<sup>th</sup> Street in the city of Ashtabula. Deputy Chicarell attempted to initiate a stop on the vehicle, but Pegram failed to comply and led Deputy Chicarell on a pursuit. The pursuit continued for several minutes; eventually ACSO [REDACTED] caught up to Deputy Chicarell and took over the radio communications for the pursuit. As the pursuit went on additional law enforcement officers joined. By the end of the pursuit, an additional three ACSO members joined in the pursuit; Sergeant Brain Sterrick (Sergeant Sterrick), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Additionally, one Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was trailing the pursuit with permission to assist the ACSO if Pegram fled on foot.

During the course of the pursuit, Deputies noted multiple times that Pegram was throwing items from the motorcycle. The deputies described the items as both "packages" and "baggies" at various points. The speeds remained relatively low according to the deputies' radio traffic, and civilian traffic was reported as minimal to non-existent. The vehicle pursuit lasted for 22 minutes and ended at 1503 hours when units reported that Pegram had wrecked his motorcycle in the area of Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road in Denmark Township.

Following the wreck, Pegram exited his motorcycle and fled on foot into a wooded area to the North of Anderson Road. [REDACTED] deployed [REDACTED] and gave chase with Deputies Chicarell, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. While in the woods [REDACTED] engaged Pegram, and [REDACTED] had a short physical altercation with Pegram in an attempt to subdue him. When [REDACTED] arrived in the area, he deployed a taser which was ultimately ineffective. As the officer continued their attempts to detain Pegram, they reported that Pegram reached under his clothing and began to manipulate a black pistol. While Pegram was attempting to control the weapon, [REDACTED] yelled "GUN, GUN, GUN!" Shortly thereafter the officers on scene opened fire, striking Pegram multiple times. Following the shooting, [REDACTED] placed Pegram in handcuffs, and various members of the ACSO attempted to render aid to Pegram. Pegram was eventually pronounced deceased on the scene. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] removed a firearm from a holster that was on Pegram's Person and rendered it safe. The firearm was documented and collected by BCI Crime Scene Agents.

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**Decedent**

The sole decedent in this investigation was identified as Jerry C. Pegram. Pegram, a 54-year-old white male, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The headings below provide further details obtained from the Ashtabula County Coroner's Office and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office.

**Ashtabula County Coroner's Report**

On the day of the incident, Ashtabula County Coroner's Office Investigator Amber Stewert (Investigator Stewart) responded to the scene. Investigator Stewert completed a report which documented her findings on scene. In the report she noted that the death was reported by Jefferson Emergency Rescue District Member Matt Anderson at 1522 hours on September 8, 2025.

Investigator Stewert wrote a narrative documenting her actions on scene. The below snippet contains what SA Lamping deemed to be the most pertinent sections of Investigator Stewart's narrative:

[REDACTED]

Pegram's body was transported to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy was conducted.

**Autopsy Report**

As of Friday, November 21, 2025, the autopsy report was still pending completion with the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. During a previous conversation with Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. David Dolinak, he indicated that the report would likely be completed and ready for release to the Ashtabula County Coroner's Office sometime in late November or early December. Once the report is received from the Ashtabula County Coroner's Office, an investigative report will be completed and forwarded to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office as part of this investigation.

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### Physical Evidence

An assortment of evidence was located at the scene of the shooting. A total of five firearms were recovered, four of which belonged to the responding officers. The fifth firearm, pictured below, was in Pegram's possession during the incident:



### Crime Scene Processing

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

The crime scene unit recovered a large amount of evidence from the scene, most notably a Smith & Wesson Governor Revolver and two .410 caliber shot shells for the weapon. Additionally, 23 fired cartridge casings from 9mm handguns were located at the scene. Two fired projectiles were recovered from the scene, as well as one fired taser cartridge.

Special Agent Chad Doran completed the below diagram which documents the location of the recovered evidence:

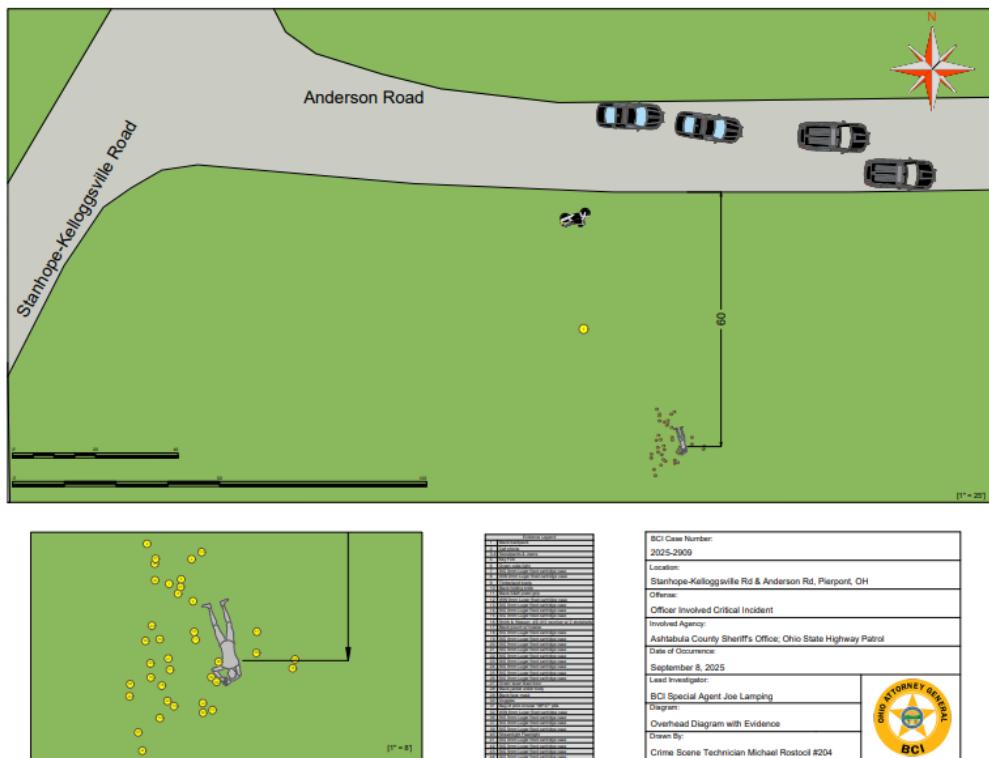
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## BCI Laboratory Analysis

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The firearms section of the BCI Laboratory is still completing some analysis of firearm related evidence. Upon receipt of their report, an investigative report will be completed and forwarded to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office.

The DNA Section of the BCI Laboratory completed an analysis of the firearm and cartridges found in Pegram's possession. The DNA Laboratory report indicated that swabs from several components of the firearm, as well as swabs from the cartridges loaded in the firearm's cylinder, were consistent with a DNA sample from Pegram. Several swabs from the firearm had a mixture of DNA present; however, the report indicates the additional DNA profile was "not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual."

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**Witnesses**

Due to the location of the incident, no civilian witnesses were present for the incident.

**Dispatch-Related Records**

Dispatch records were collected from two law enforcement agencies, the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

**Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Records**

The ACSO records indicated that the incident began at 1441 hours when Deputy Chicarell reported that he was attempting to stop a motorcycle. A pursuit began and ultimately involved an assortment of ACSO personnel to include [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sergeant Sterick, and Lieutenant Johns.

The pursuing deputies noted over the radio that Pegram was disposing of items from the motorcycle at various points in the pursuit. At 1500 hours Deputy Chicarell noted that the driver of the motorcycle was a white male wearing a black cut off shirt, black pants, and a black mask. The pursuit continued until deputies reported that Pegram had wrecked at Aderosn Road. The pursuit lasted for roughly 22 minutes.

At 15:04:33 the fire department was requested on scene as Pegram's motorcycle was on fire. Shortly after at 15:04:51 a transmission of "shots fired" was put out. EMS was requested at 15:05:57 hours. At 1506 hours a request was made for an update on the EMS response to the scene. The only update that the dispatch center was able to provide was that EMS was enroute.

**Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatch Records**

The OSHP dispatch records were similar to the records from the ACSO dispatch center. The OSHP records detailed the direction and speeds of the pursuit that Pegram led the law enforcement officers on and also indicated that Pegram was throwing baggies off of the motorcycle during the pursuit. Transmissions regarding Pegram crashing his motorcycle, as well as shots being fired were located in the recorded radio traffic. It should be noted that there is a time discrepancy between the ACSO and OSHP records; however, the content of the radio traffic is largely duplicative aside from the time stamps of the transmitted information. For example, the OSHP records list the "shots fired" transmission as occurring at 1351 hours whereas the ACSO records list the same transmission as occurring at roughly 1504 hours.

**Law Enforcement Witnesses**

A total of three interviews were conducted with law enforcement officers who witnessed some portion of the incident leading up to the death of Pegram. The

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following summations of the interview should not be considered all-inclusive as they only represent the information deemed most relevant by SA Lamping. The interviews were conducted by SA Lamping, SA Boerner, and SA Fletcher.

**Deputy Michal Chicarell**

Deputy Chicarell was the officer that initially attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Jerry Pegram. He described his initial observation of Pegram as follows:

*So, initially we crossed paths. He was heading north; I was heading south. Um, he had a face covering like a bandana type of face cover and not like a helmet. And it kind of just raised the red flag, I suppose. And then I looked in my rear-view mirror and did not see a license plate. So, I was able to turn around, and I caught back up to him, uh, right along the border of the Ashtabula Township in Ashtabula City. And I confirmed there was no visible registration on the back of the vehicle. So, he turned left onto a side road. It was either east 47th or East 48th, I don't remember the exact side road. And I turned my lights and hit the siren a couple times he started to slow and looked back, and then he, you know, took off (4:54).*

Deputy Chicarell estimated that the pursuit lasted 20 minutes, and he also noted that during the chase Pegram was throwing items off the motorcycle. Deputy Chicarell described the thrown items as baggies or pieces of paper. The pursuit concluded in the area of Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road where Deputy Chicarell recalled that Pegram had crashed. He stated that when Pegram crashed he ran into the woods. As Deputy Chicarell pursued him, he observed that Pegram's motorcycle was still in drive and had the rear tire spinning. Deputy Chicarell stated that he could hear a commotion coming from the woods. As he made his way towards the noise, he was able to observe other officers as well as [REDACTED]. He recounted the incident as follows:

*So, when I saw the deployment and the dog on the bag, I saw, I remember a state trooper, 'cause you can't miss the hat at like, directly like this way from me where I was. And there were several deputies. And as I entered the woods, I initially had my firearm drawn. It was at like a position ready. Um, but when I saw all the deputies up there and the dog, I reholstered because there was nothing for me to have it out for. And I pulled my taser. Um, at that point I heard what I believed to be a taser pop, and I heard taser. Uh, so as I ran up, I, I could still see the, you know, the subject moving and wiggling around.*

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*Um, but my vantage point was behind everybody. Um, I, I did have a moment where I could peek in and see him, the suspect, but there was, for me to get involved, there was almost no way. I was not able to really get into help at that point (11:31).*

Deputy Chicarell recalled hearing rapid gunshots, but he was not able to determine who was firing. He was asked in the interview to describe the actions that Pegram had taken during the incident and he provided the following statement:

*I remember when, uh, [REDACTED] who was up here, from my perspective, um, I remember him saying, yelling out gun. Uh, and when he yelled out gun, I then heard [REDACTED] say, 'don't do it, man. Don't do it. Don't do it, man.' I remember hearing that. Um, I remember seeing the suspect moving. It looked like he was on his back moving. And I saw what looked like a long object and I can't tell if it was under his shirt, under jacket. I just remember seeing something hard and long. And then when I heard him call out gun and don't do it, man, I backed up a little bit and that's when all the, I don't know if I backed up after the gunshots or if I backed up before, but I remember just backing up when I heard all the rapid gunshots going off (12:36).*

Following the shooting Deputy Chicarell stated that officers attempted to render aid to Pegram. He also summoned medical assistance via the radio. Deputy Chicarell also explained that he became nervous for the safety of the officers at the scene. He said that during the encounter Pegram had manipulated an object he thought was either a gun or knife, and that he felt that Pegram had the intent to harm officers with the object. Deputy Chicarell explained that he did not fire his weapon during the incident as there were several officers in front of him resulted in his inability to have a clear shot at Pegram.

**Sergeant Brian Sterrick**

Sergeant Sterrick was the patrol supervisor at the time of the incident. He explained that he initially was aware of the incident as he was monitoring the radio traffic related to the pursuit. He explained that he allowed the pursuit to continue based on the speeds at which it was traveling. Sergeant Sterrick eventually caught up to the pursuit and described the concluding moments of it as follows:

*So, as we were traveling south on, um, Stanhope-Kelloggsville, as we started to come in this corner, he started to take it tight, closer to the left side of the roadway. And I don't know if his, if he was having*

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*mechanical trouble or if he was slowing down or if he was contemplating stop, I don't know. I could tell you that his speed dipped down almost to the point where he came to a stop. I had actually broadcasted, I believe, on the radio at that point that I believe we were stopping at Anderson. And, um, Stanhope somehow some way, he got enough gas going or kicked in or something happened to where he ended up going diagonal across the roadway and, uh, getting into the ditch on the opposite side of the roadway. And that's when he, that's when he fell over on the motorcycle. (7:12)*

After Pegram crashed the motorcycle and fled into the woods, Sergeant Sterrick noted that the motorcycle was still running. He attempted to turn the motorcycle off when it caught fire. Sergeant Sterrick moved his patrol vehicle away from the motorcycle. When he started to walk back towards the motorcycle, he heard gunshots and described them as follows:

*The best way to describe it is if you were to take a pack of firecrackers right now and just toss 'em light, light the fuse and toss 'em, that, that sound, I couldn't tell you how many (11:53)*

Sergeant Sterrick went into the woods with Lieutenant Matthew Johns and spoke with the deputies involved. He did not observe the shooting occur.

**Lieutenant Matthew Johns**

Lieutenant Johns was interviewed at the initial scene. He explained that he was working in the detective bureau when he overheard the radio traffic from Deputy Chicarell regarding the pursuit. He responded to the area to assist and eventually caught up to the pursuit. Lieutenant Johns was present for the crash at Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road. As Lieutenant Johns was working in the detective bureau prior to the pursuit, he was not initially wearing a ballistic vest. He exited his vehicle and put on an external ballistic vest, and when he did so he heard rapid gunshots. Lieutenant Johns made his way into the woods and attempted to render aid to Pegram.

**Involved Officer Interviews**

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of each officer's account of his or her actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview. Additionally, all interviewed officers granted the investigators permission to review any reports that are

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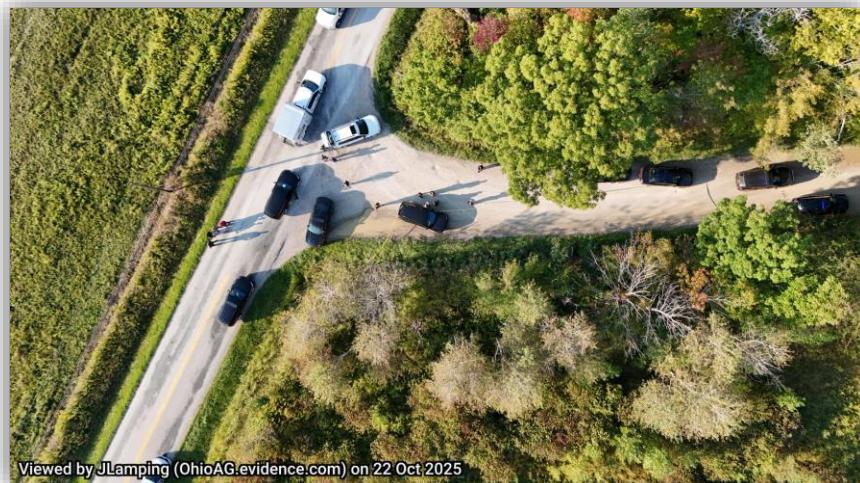
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completed in reference to the incident, and they also granted permission to review any statements made to their supervisors which were captured on camera.

During the interviews, the deputies were provided with an overhead image of the scene captured by the BCI crime scene unit with a drone. They were asked to trace their approximate movements on the scene. The diagram below is an unaltered version of the diagram that the officers were provided:



Viewed by JLamping (OhioAG.evidence.com) on 22 Oct 2025

At the end of each deputy's interview section, a diagram with their recollection of their movements is included.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been a trooper with the OSHP for [REDACTED] and is assigned to the Ashtabula County Post. On the date of the incident, he was on patrol and responded to the area to aid the ACSO.

Once in the area, [REDACTED] was instructed by his supervisor that he was to trail the pursuit and only provide assistance should the fleeing driver, Jerry Pegram, flee from the pursuit on foot. [REDACTED] deactivated his siren, but kept his emergency lights on, and trailed the pursuit. Once the collision occurred in the area of Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road, [REDACTED] exited his vehicle and assisted in the foot pursuit of Pegram. [REDACTED] made his way into the woods where he observed several deputies running and made his way towards a commotion that was occurring. He recalled hearing the deployment of a taser, and that

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it did not appear to be successful. [REDACTED] provided the following statement about the events that occurred after the taser was ineffective:

*I put my taser back and unholstered my firearm, just as I heard one of the deputies yell "gun, gun!" and "don't do it" repeatedly. I quickly stepped beside one of the deputies and moved some brush away and now had a clear view of the suspect: he had a gun holster strapped across his chest, and one of his hands was on the grip of the gun, frantically trying to pull it from the holster. I yelled "stop!" but an instant later the suspect lifted the gun inside the holster such that it appeared the barrel was leveled at one of the deputies. I believed he intended to shoot that deputy as well as the other deputies and me and that one or more of us would be seriously injured or killed and it was at that moment I fired my weapon. One or more deputies fired their weapons at nearly the same time (7:42).*

[REDACTED] reported that he stopped shooting a moment later, when Pegram no longer appeared to be a threat. He advised over the radio that shots had been fired and then went and secured Pegram's firearm. [REDACTED] noted that the firearm had still been in Pegram's holster, that it was a revolver, and that it had two rounds loaded in the cylinder. He again radioed out that shots had been fired, but he did not think that his transmissions were successful. [REDACTED] stated that the deputies on scene rendered aid to Pegram while he went to his cruiser. He eventually returned with additional medical supplies. He also noted that EMS eventually arrived on scene and pronounced Pegram deceased.

[REDACTED] described his recollection of the shooting in greater detail below:

*I believe I fired three rounds during this incident. I fired those rounds in rapid succession, in what I would estimate was approximately one second. My target was the suspect's center mass. I fired in a downward direction such that my backdrop was the wooded ground. I believe I was facing a Southwesterly direction. I initially fired with a one handed (right) grip, then I recall transitioning to a two-handed grip. I do not recall using my gun's sights. I would estimate that I was within 2-5 feet of the suspect at the times I fired. I may have been stepping away from him as fired. The other deputies were to my right, forming a rough semicircle around the feet of the suspect (10:18).*

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██████████ continued on to explain to the investigators that at no point in time did Pegram give any indication that he intended to surrender or comply with law enforcement. He recalled that after Pegram fled and a deputy deployed a taser, Pegram still did not attempt to comply and rather:

*...he continued frantically trying to pull the gun from the holster. It seemed like the gun might be snagged on something. While the gun was still in the holster, the suspect [Pegram] raised it such that I believed the barrel of the gun was leveled directly at the deputy to my right. It was apparent he was either trying to shoot the deputy while the gun was still holstered, or that he was lining up a shot once the gun was unholstered. Based on my training and experience, I know that a gun can be fired from a holster and is still a deadly threat. The other deputies and I were within several feet of the suspect at that time. None of us had any cover or concealment. I believed the suspect intended to shoot the deputy to my right, as well as the other deputies, and me, and that one or more of us would be seriously injured or killed, especially given the close distance and lack of cover (13:16).*

██████████ felt that his actions were in line with his training, and that he had no other reasonable option than the use of deadly force at the time he fired his weapon.

██████████ has been with the ACSO for █████. Prior to his service with the ACSO he had roughly █████ of experience at other law enforcement agencies. While discussing his background, investigators asked █████ if he had any prior use of force discipline. He explained an incident that occurred in █████ in which he was fired and criminally charged in reference to a use of force incident in the jail where he worked. He stated that the case went to trial, and the charges were dismissed by the judge. SA Lamping researched the matter and located court documentation that corroborated █████ account of the incident. It should also be noted that the incident in █████ was related to the physical restraint of an inmate and not an officer involved shooting. A full report was prepared in reference to this incident, titled Review of █████ Incident, which should be reviewed in its entirety.

██████████ involvement in this incident was self-initiated. He explained that he overheard Deputy Chicarell's pursuit over the radio and responded to assist. █████ caught up to the pursuit and was nearby when Pegram crashed on Anderson Road near Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road. Pegram exited his motorcycle and fled into the

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woods North of Anderson Road; [REDACTED] gave chase, ran towards a commotion in the woods, and described what he encountered as follows:

[REDACTED] *I could see him going for an arm or going towards his [Pegram's] upper body. I did deploy my taser initially it was clear and obvious that it was ineffective. Um, he [Pegram] was still reaching and struggling for what appeared to be a firearm (11:04).*

[REDACTED] recalled seeing Pegram manipulating the handle of a firearm after the taser failed to work. He described Pegram's actions in the following manner:

*I saw the handle of a firearm. I saw the male going for it and gripping it. I saw, I do not know if it was in a holster through his pants. I saw a rise pointed directly at me (9:28).*

[REDACTED] did not recall how many rounds he fired. However, he did recall falling down and aiming at Pegram's center mass when he fired. He also noted that Pegram was on his back when the shooting started, but he was not sure if Pegram was lying down or sitting up. He estimated the distance between himself and Pegram as five to eight feet.

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] to provide a demonstration of what Pegram was doing with his hands when [REDACTED] believed he was manipulating a firearm. The screen capture below is a rough approximation made by [REDACTED] of Pegram's actions:



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██████████ provided further clarification of what Pegram was doing with his hands as follows:

*It looked like there was, he had control, possibly losing control, trying to regain control, had control, and then manipulating the item that he had in his hands (14:28).*

██████████ stated that the object Pegram was manipulating appeared to be, "A firearm, the butt of a gun" (14:43). ██████████ went on to describe the handle of the firearm as black with a hammer. ██████████ said that he was initially very close to Pegram, but at the time shots were fired, he had created a little bit of distance from Pegram compared to his initial distance. He also said that he could not recall how he specifically ended up on the ground when the shots were fired.

██████████ was asked if he could recall the position of the other deputies during the shooting. He was not sure if the officers were positioned in a line or an arc but believed that he was somewhere near the middle of the officers as he perceived officers on both sides of him. When asked what he recalled after the shooting occurred, ██████████ became emotional while he described checking on the other officers, himself, and his attempt to render aid to Pegram.

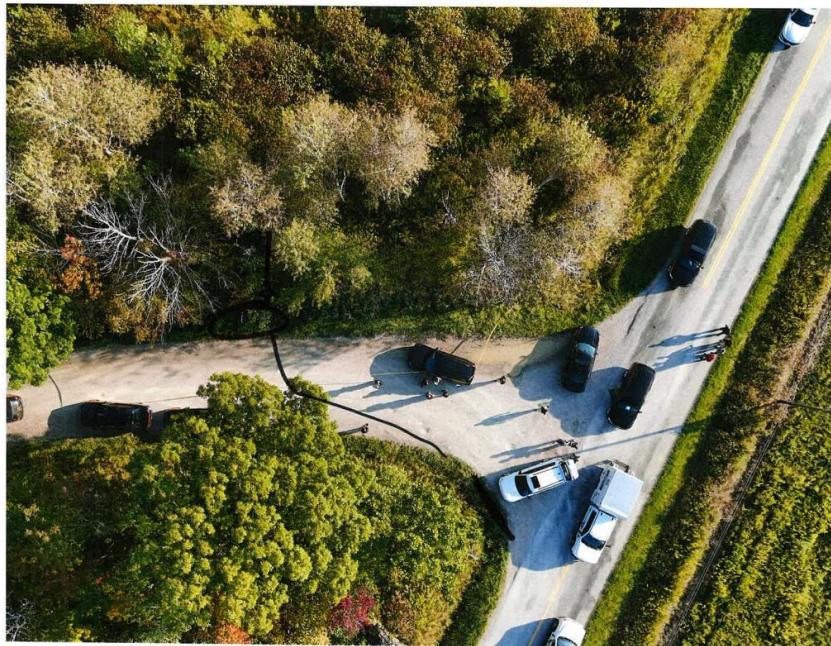


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The image below is of the diagram completed by [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] has been with the ACSO for [REDACTED] and has a total of [REDACTED] of law enforcement experience.

[REDACTED] recalled hearing radio traffic from Deputy Michael Chicarell's pursuit. [REDACTED] reported that he was close to the other pursuing officers when Pegram had crashed his motorcycle at Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road.

[REDACTED] remembered a deputy, possibly [REDACTED] exiting his patrol vehicle and running into the woods shortly after his arrival at the intersection. When he followed the other deputy into the woods, [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] attempting to apprehend Pegram, and he also said that he heard the deployment of a taser. He also recalled the following:

*So, all I remember was somebody yelling "gun, gun, gun." And somebody had, uh, somebody yelled "gun, gun," I believe it was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] And at this point everything like, came almost like a dead stop.*

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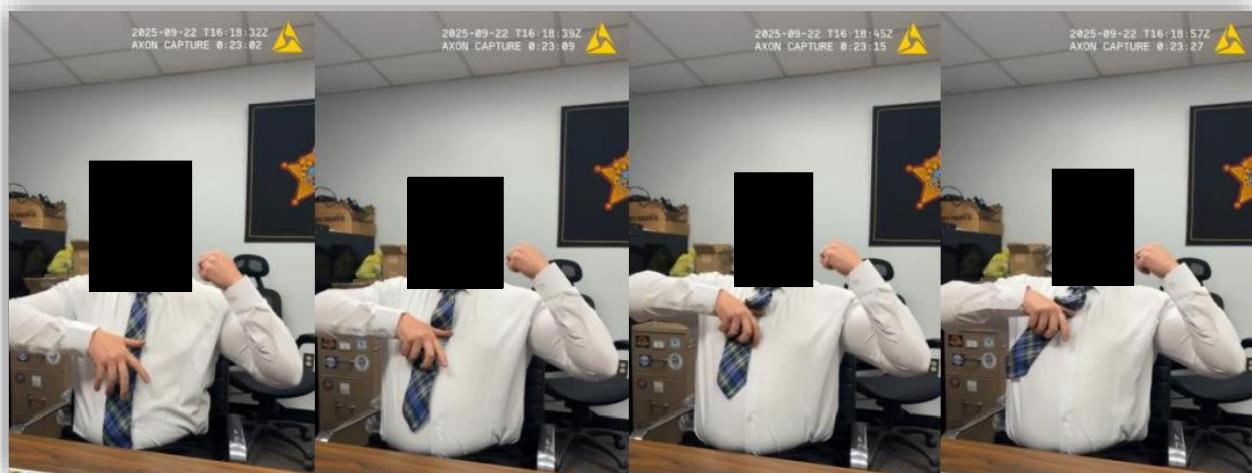
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*And what I remember was, I don't know if this holster was under Jerry's shirt or if it was just the way his shirt was, but from what I think he pulled his shirt up and then I just slow motion watch him.... (22:16).*

During his statement [REDACTED] attempted to describe Pegram's actions. He stated that it would be easier for him to demonstrate the act rather than describe it. The below still images represent an approximation of Pegram's actions as perceived by [REDACTED]



While [REDACTED] was demonstrating Pegram's action he continued with his statement:

*So, I remember like rolling on his back and just like slow motion and he takes his hand and I see the butt of the gun and I watch him grab it and it's like, he's like kind of rocking back and forth and he is like aiming up this holster and I start watching the gun draw and I watch his finger get like over the trigger guard and, and he was given a lot of commands to don't do it, don't do it. From what I remember, I don't remember if I said anything or not. But all I remember was just watching this gun slowly start to come out and then that's where I believed that something that he was going to try to hurt or kill one of us with that firearm (22:54).*

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██████████ could not recall being able to make out any specifics about the firearm while Pegram was manipulating it. When SA Boerner asked ████████ if he was able to confirm that Pegram had a firearm at some point during the incident he stated the following, "I knew, I knew he had a firearm at the time. So, I just wasn't able to tell what kind of firearm it was" (24:19).

SA Lamping asked ████████ how he felt when Pegram began to raise his shirt and started reaching, and ████████ stated, "Uh, like I was about to be shot in the face" (24:42).

██████████ was asked if the muzzle of Pegram's firearm ever crossed over him or another deputy. He stated that he was not sure if it was pointed at himself, ████████ ████████ or the area between where the two were standing.

██████████ was asked why he fired his weapon, and he provided the following statement:

*So, it's, it has to go with everything that he [Pegram] did. And I felt, I felt like there was an imminent threat and that if I did not fire my weapon, that somebody on our side was going to get hurt or killed* (21:56).

SA Lamping asked ████████ how many rounds he fired during the incident. ████████ could not recall the number of rounds fired, but he did recall that he was shooting in a downward direction towards Pegram while aiming at his center mass. ████████ also made the following statement in regard to the timing of the shots being fired:

*And this is where I get lost because I remember hearing, I remember hearing a single shot and I didn't know if it was one of us or him. And I thought it was him. I thought he got a round off. I don't know. I don't ever confirm whether or not that he did. Um, and then that's when I fired my weapon* (31:13).

After the shooting occurred, ████████ recalled there being a brief pause, and that someone said that they cleared the weapon. He said that he was attempting to process what happened, and that ████████ began to render first aid to Pegram. While ████████ was rendering aid, ████████ removed Pegram's face mask.

SA Lamping asked ████████ to describe Pegram's actions during the confrontation and he said the following:

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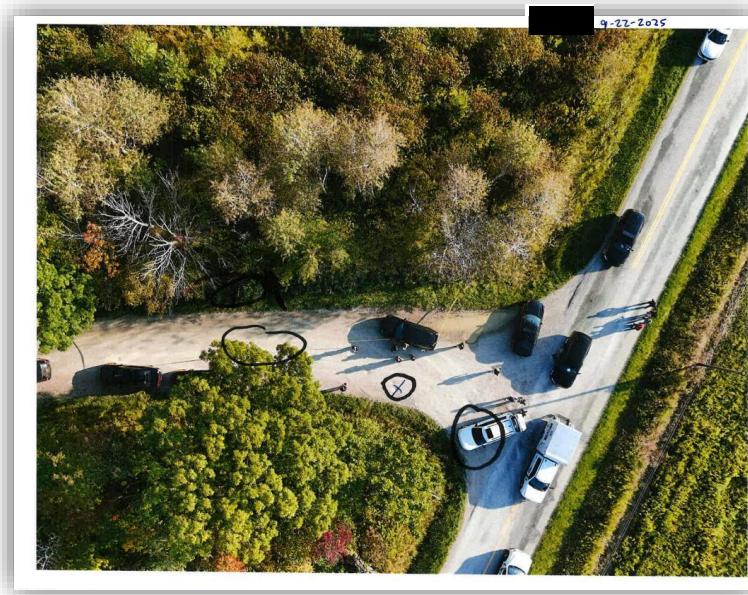
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*Um, but based on his actions, like it's, it was either, it felt as if it was like almost all or nothing for him. It was either he was gonna kill one of us and get away or he was not going back to prison. And that's kind of how I felt throughout this interaction because there were several, uh, clearly marked units behind him during this pursuit. We were all in uniforms that any reasonable person would believe that we are police officers or some law enforcement officers. Uh, and that, uh, his actions ultimately created a major threat to all of us, um, by pointing a gun at us. And, and either he did pull that trigger or he was trying to (32:53).*

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if he felt that Pegram's actions were more in line with someone trying to escape or someone attempting to harm officers and he stated the following:

*It's very hard to say because at the point I, I firmly believe that his intentions were to hurt somebody this day. And it was gonna be one of us. He, I, I don't think he wanted to go back to prison. I, I firmly believe that if he was able to hurt one of us, he was going to. Um, and that's why he had a gun with him (33:59).*

The image below is of the diagram completed by [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been a member of the ACSO for [REDACTED] and has a total of [REDACTED] of experience in law enforcement. He has specialized training related to the use of [REDACTED], and currently is the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] began his recollection of the incident with his self-initiated response to assist Deputy Chicarell. He recalled that Deputy Chicarell was attempting to stop a motorcycle when the driver, Pegram, fled. While fleeing, Deputy Chicarell advised over the radio that Pegram was throwing objects, which [REDACTED] suspected to be narcotics, from the motorcycle. When [REDACTED] was able to catch up to Deputy Chicarell, he took over the radio traffic about the pursuit. [REDACTED] notified the dispatch center that if the driver of the motorcycle fled, he would be deploying his [REDACTED]. During the pursuit, [REDACTED] activated a button that made canine announcements over the loudspeaker of his cruiser. He estimated that he made 10 of those announcements with the speaker.

[REDACTED] explained that Pegram had slowed down to make a left turn from Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road to Anderson Road. Sergeant Brian Sterrick (Sgt. Sterrick) and [REDACTED] attempted to box in the motorcycle, at which time Pegram drove off the road and into a ditch. [REDACTED] reported that Pegram fled into the woods after the crash. [REDACTED] exited his vehicle, deployed [REDACTED], and gave him a command to go after Pegram. They then ran into the woods after Pegram.

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] was able to locate Pegram in the wood line, and that when he did, he bit him on the arm. Pegram was eventually taken to the ground by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] described his attempt to physically control Pegram as follows:

*While he was on the ground, I got on top of him to try to, uh, gain control of him. With the, the male [Pegram] then with his right hand was reaching somewhere in his shirt line, I don't know where he was reaching. Um, I grabbed a hold of that arm, made numerous, uh, verbal commands to stop reaching, stop reaching, he's reaching for somebody (something). That's when I heard other units coming up behind me. I then told him (them) that I think he's reaching for something. Um, [REDACTED] at that point, uh, I believe tased him, which then the cords tased myself, um, which I had let go of the arm. Um, at that point the male was laying on his back, still reaching. Um, he got his shirt up where you could see a holster. Um, I believe I was standing at that point was telling him, stop, reach, don't reach for the*

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*gun. I think I yelled "gun, gun, gun" to let everybody know. Um, he then put his hand on the gun and when his finger went to the trigger and started leaning back is when we fired (18:07).*

████████ noted that Pegram had been making some sort of comments directed towards the deputies when they initially attempted to gain control of him in the wood line. He could not recall the exact statement, but recollected the following:

*On the ground when we were fighting, uh, trying to get to his hand. Um, he just said something in the lines of, you guys are gonna get it. Or there was, it's something in those lines. I mean, don't quote me, that's exactly what he said, but it was somewhere in those lines (27:56).*

████████ reported being nervous when Pegram began to reach for an object while ██████████ was on him. He also felt that Pegram must have been reaching for a weapon, due to his persistent attempts to grab the object. ██████████ also noted that Pegram's actions were not in line with someone being bitten by a canine. He described his actions as follows:

*So normally when the dog bites you, they, they're, they're kind of yelling and, and pain compliance. Um, and they kind of will do what you're in instructing them to do so you can get them secured and get the dog off. With the dog tugging on his left arm, you know, protecting us. He, he wasn't feeling the pain. I mean, he was still, uh, resisting and, and trying to get to whatever he was trying to get to (20:11).*

SA Lamping asked ██████████ what the usual reaction would be from a person being bit by a canine, and he stated that a normal reaction would be for the person to attempt to push the dog off of themselves.

████████ reported that he did not feel that there was any other option than deadly force when shots were fired. He explained that officers had already attempted to use alternate methods to apprehend Pegram including the deployment of ██████████ as well as the use of a taser.

SA Lamping asked ██████████ why he fired his weapon, and he provided the following response:

*So, uh, weapon was fired, um, due to the, the subject, uh, putting his hand on a firearm, pulling, pointing his finger towards the trigger and aiming up toward, like leaning back to aim it towards, uh, deputies.*

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*Um, so, you know, with him doing that, my life and their life was in danger, so I fired to stop the threat (17:18).*

████████ stated that when he fired at Pegram, the shots were angled down because he was standing and Pegram was on the ground. He recalled aiming at Pegram's center mass and estimated that he fired between seven and eight rounds. ██████████ stated that he felt that his rounds would have impacted Pegram's center mass. When asked about the distance of the engagement when shots were fired, ██████████ indicated the distance between himself and the investigators, a distance of roughly five to seven feet. SA Lamping asked ██████████ to describe Pegram's position at the time that he fired his weapon, and ██████████ provided the following response:

*Uh, so he was on his back, um, below us. Um, the, at the time we fired, his right hand was on the pistol. His back was arched and the pistol and holster was kind of facing towards ██████████ (22:27).*

████████ continued to state that he observed the firearm moving up towards ██████████ during the encounter. He advised that this created an imminent danger to the officers on scene. SA Lamping asked ██████████ if he was concerned about Pegram's firearm going off while still holstered, and he stated, *"Or, uh, yes, because, uh, I mean with, if you can get to that trigger, uh, trigger and fire, I mean, a round can go through, through a holster"* (23:00).

Prior to discharging his firearm, ██████████ reported that he provided several verbal commands to Pegram. He recalled telling Pegram to "quit reaching" and something along the lines of "drop the gun." SA Lamping asked if Pegram ever gave any indication that he was going to comply with the orders of the officers on scene. ██████████ said:

*I mean, from the moment of the traffic stop to the moment of, of the running the canine commands to the dog biting him, to the don't reach to the laying on the ground to the don't, don't do that. No. I mean, he had plenty of opportunity to comply and he never did (23:51).*

████████ explained that he and various other officers on scene attempted to render aide to Pegram after the shooting occurred. He also noted that he went to his patrol vehicle to obtain a trauma kit for first aide supplies.

SA Lamping asked ██████████ to describe Pegram's overall actions after the crash, and he described them as follows, *"I mean, I would say reckless and homicidal. I mean*

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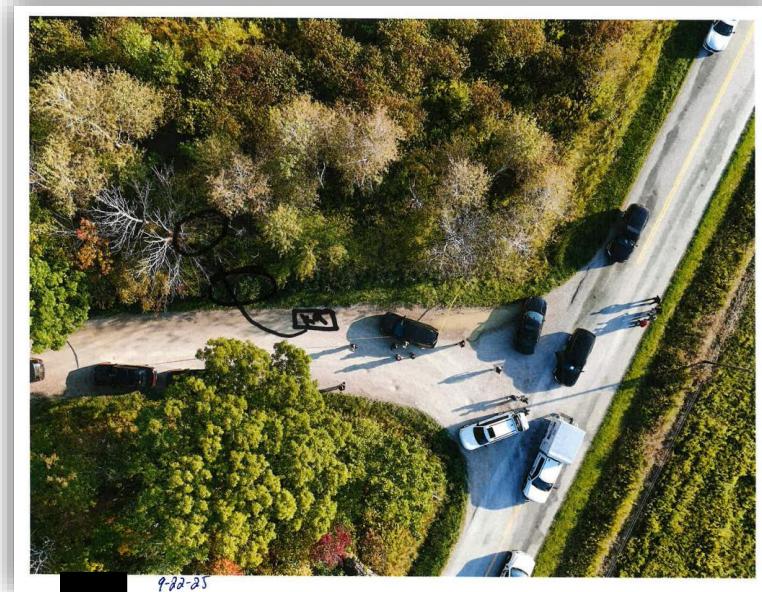
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*for if he's gonna point a gun at law enforcement and, and attempt to shoot them"* (28:16).

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if there was a point that his thoughts on the situation changed from Pegram trying to escape from officers to Pegram attempting to harm officers. [REDACTED] explained his thoughts:

*Um, that would be right when we were on the ground and he kept trying to reach. Um, I think that's when all those thoughts started coming through as to man, I think he was trying to get in the wood line and wait for us. Um, what is he reaching for? I think, you know, thinking that he might have had a weapon at that point was right when I figured that this wasn't a simple fleeing (28:36).*

The image below is of the diagram completed by [REDACTED]:



### Video Recordings

A total of six body worn cameras (BWC) and two dash cameras were reviewed related to this incident. Each video was reviewed in an independent report that covers the footage captured by each officer's camera. The footage captured by Sergeant Sterrick did not provide any images that were of better quality than those of the officers involved, and

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as such their video footage is not examined in this section. In order to fully appreciate the speed at which this incident occurred; it is recommended that each video be watched at full speed prior to reviewing the reports related to them.

The information contained in each section below is not a minute-by-minute accounting of each officer's camera and only contains the information deemed most relevant by SA Lamping. It should also be noted that the times referenced in this report are related to the real time stamp on the video footage from each officer. There is a time discrepancy between the OSHP cameras and the ACSO cameras of approximately one hour. Yellow outlines were added to images by SA Lamping to help the viewer discern important information in certain still images.

**Dash Camera Recordings**

████████████████████ and ██████████ each had dash camera footage related to this investigation. Though the footage does not capture the shooting incident, it did record the pursuit in which Pegram was involved.

**Dash Camera**

████████████████ caught up to the ACSO deputies in pursuit of Pegram at 14:54:22 hours. His dash camera captured Pegram traveling off the roadway through private property as pictured below:



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████████ arrived at Anderson Road and Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road at approximately 15:03:58 hours. Shortly after he exited his patrol vehicle. ██████████ dash camera did not capture any portion of the officer involved shooting.

***Personally Owned Dash Camera***

████████ had a personally owned dash camera installed in his patrol vehicle. He willingly turned the footage over for review.

████████ Dash camera captured the following images that illustrated Pegram's driving during the pursuit:



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**Body Worn Camera Recordings**

The below summations of the BWC footage captured by the involved officers only represents what SA Lamping deemed to be the most pertinent information from each involved officers' recording.

[REDACTED] captured two BWC recordings of the incident. Only the first recording is referenced in this section as the second recording appeared to be erroneous in nature and was not germane to the shooting investigation.

[REDACTED] BWC recording began when he was still in his patrol vehicle. After he exited his vehicle, he made his way into the woods and located the deputies and Pegram. The audio captured by the BWC contained numerous orders being given by ACSO deputies. At roughly 15:04:34 [REDACTED] was heard yelling "GUN, GUN, GUN" and other voices were heard yelling "STOP" and "DON'T DO IT!" At approximately 15:04:40 a hand is seen reaching towards Pegram while [REDACTED] aimed his pistol at Pegram:

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At approximately the same time as the above image, several loud percussive sounds consistent with gunshots were heard on the BWC. Another image from 15:04:40 showed Pegram, possibly holding an object, and directing it towards deputies, pictured below:



The suspected gunshots were heard between 15:04:40 and 15:04:43. Shortly after the suspected gunshots, [REDACTED] approached Pegram and removed a black

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revolver from a holster on his torso. The below five images show the actions [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] took with the firearm in chronological order:



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██████████ BWC also captured an assortment of conversations with other individuals on scene. They typically involved aspects of the shooting and what the other officers observed about the incident. The below conversation provided more clarity on the moments leading into the officer involved shooting and occurred at approximately 15:14:53:

██████████ “He was rolling over on his... Yeah he was rolling back on his back.”

██████████ “Then he actually got the gun out and started coming out with finger on the trigger. █████ went down...”

Another conversation was captured between █████ and █████ at approximately 15:24:35:

██████████ “Hey, you good man?”

██████████ “Yeah, I’m good, thank you bro. One of you guys, one of you guys pulled, I guess [walks away, appears to become emotional while recalling the incident]...”

██████████ “What’s that?”

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“One of you guys pulled me back. Guess the guy was pulling it out. I don’t know who that was. I don’t know if it was you or [redacted]”

[redacted] "It was somebody else 'cause I, I put three rounds in him when I saw that he started pulling it out. I'm gonna, I'm gonna direct traffic. I'm gonna get them out of here" [walks away towards Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road]

*Deputy Michael Chicarell*

Deputy Chicarell's BWC captured the moments leading up to the officer involved shooting. On his approach to the deputies in the woods, his BWC captured [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announcing "taser, taser, taser" several times, and then the sound of a taser deploying at approximately 14:04:25. Also captured on the BWC were an assortment of commands that deputies were issuing to Pegram. They included commands to roll over, and then [REDACTED] was heard yelling "GUN, GUN, GUN" and other voices were yelling "DO NOT DO IT" at approximately 14:04:34.

At approximately 14:04:40, Deputy Chicarell's camera captured a deputy reaching towards Pegram, and Pegram with one hand obscured possibly manipulating an object close to his chest, pictured below:



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At approximately the same time as the above image was captured an assortment of suspected gunshots were captured on Deputy Chicarell's BWC. The shooting lasted from approximately 14:04:40 and ended at 14:04:43.

After the shooting ended Deputy Chicarell called out "shots fired" on the radio. At approximately 14:05:45 Deputy Chicarell called out over the radio requesting medical assistance on scene for Pegram. At approximately 14:05:58 Deputy Chicarell left the scene to obtain medical supplies which he later returned with. He then attempted to render first aid to Pegram with other deputies.

[REDACTED] BWC footage started after the shooting incident occurred. As such it did not capture the events leading to the incident from his perspective. The BWC captured [REDACTED] placing Pegram in handcuffs at approximately 15:05:47 hours. It also captured [REDACTED] searching Pegram, at which time a taser barb and wire were located attached to Pegram's vest, pictured below:



[REDACTED] BWC also captured his, and other deputies, attempts to render first aide to Pegram with the use of trauma supplies such as combat gauze, quick clot, and chest seals.



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[REDACTED] BWC captured a large portion of the incident, beginning with his pursuit of Pegram into the woods from Anderson Road. At approximately 14:04:23 hours [REDACTED] located a group of deputies in the woods.

At roughly 14:04:27 [REDACTED] was heard yelling, "taser, taser, taser" which was followed by the sound of a taser deployment. As [REDACTED] made his way closer to the deputies his camera captured [REDACTED] yelling "roll over now to Pegram" at approximately 14:04:31. The still image below was captured at the same time, and it showed Pegram in a supine position with his right hand concealed inside of his clothing:



At approximately 14:04:33, [REDACTED] yelled, "GUN, GUN, GUN!" [REDACTED] had his pistol drawn and pointed at Pegram, which obscured Pegram's actions on camera. Another deputy yelled, "DO NOT DO IT! DO NOT DO IT!" at approximately 14:04:36. It was not clear from [REDACTED] BWC what exactly Pegram was doing with his hands. A still from that same time frame is pictured below:

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At approximately 14:04:40, loud percussive sounds can be heard, which are consistent with gunshots. The suspected gunshots last until 14:04:43. During the same time frame, [REDACTED] was observed reaching towards Pegram, falling backwards, and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared to fire their weapons, as depicted in the still images below:



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Shortly after the shooting Deputy Chicarell transmitted "shots fired" over the radio, and [REDACTED] approached Pegram at approximately 14:04:58 and removed a firearm from his person. The below images offer a different perspective of [REDACTED] rendering the firearm that was in Pegram's possession safe:

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██████████ BWC captured several conversations between the officers on scene that provided further context to what the officers observed on scene. One such conversation occurred at 14:13:19 between ██████████ and ██████████:

██████████ “Uh, you guys literally, I feel like you really saved my life ‘cause he pulled the gun, that taser was ineffective.”

██████████ “He was trying to go for it.”

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████████████████████ "He was reaching when ██████████ was on the bite."

████████████████████ "I was really hoping he wasn't gonna do that."

Another conversation was captured at 14:17:22 between ██████████ and ██████████

████████████████████ "Guy reached, he took him down. He was going right for the fucking gun as I was coming in the woods. He started reaching again. I tacked him and he..."

████████████████████ "Well, when he laid on his back and I noticed he was trying to get it out and then I saw his finger trying to get over the trigger..."

████████████████████ "Yeah. This, that's when I... He started pulling"

████████████████████ BWC also captured another moment between ██████████ and ██████████ in which ██████████ was expressing his concern for his own safety during the incident:

*"I really feel like you saved my life, you pulled me back right as the guy was pointing the gun at me man"* (14:23:34).

████████████████████ BWC captured the deployment of ██████████ ran into the woods after ██████████ who was biting a bag that Pegram was carrying. Pegram was observed on the ground with his left hand visible, but his right hand concealed. At approximately 14:04:11, ██████████ yelled "*lemme see your hand right now*," while pointing his firearm at Pegram. He then said, "*I'm going to shoot you*" followed by six successive commands ordering Pegram to, "*take your hand outta your pocket*" starting at 14:04:14 and ending at 14:04:23. While ██████████ was issuing the command he closed the distance between himself and Pegram, placed his left hand on Pegram's left arm, and his firearm close to Pegram's head, pictured below:



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During the above interaction, it sounded as though Pegram was speaking, but the noise was muffled due to the mask that he had on. At approximately 14:04:26 [REDACTED] was heard yelling, "taser, taser, taser" while [REDACTED] was still physically engaged with Pegram. At the same time [REDACTED] warned [REDACTED] that, "he's reaching, he's reaching, he's reaching."

As the taser was deployed, Pegram began to roll over at 14:04:30, and while doing so he appeared to be manipulating a hard object concealed by clothing with his right hand:



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[REDACTED] disengaged Pegram, and while doing so the bag that [REDACTED] had been biting was also ripped away. At 14:04:31 [REDACTED] ordered Pegram to, "*roll over now*" while Pegram was in a supine position appearing to reach for something on his chest, as pictured below:



At 14:04:33 [REDACTED] yelled, "GUN, GUN, GUN, GUN!" Several seconds elapsed and Deputies yelled, "DO NOT DO IT" at 14:04:36. The below snippet was taken at 14:04:38 while Pegram appeared to be manipulating some sort of object:



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Various commands were still being issued urging Pegram to stop his manipulation of the item, and during that time at 14:04:40 [REDACTED] hand is observed reaching towards the object that Pegram is manipulating, pictured below:



Also, at 14:04:40, loud percussive sounds consistent with gunshots are heard on [REDACTED] BWC. The suspected gunshots last until 14:04:43. At 14:04:44 [REDACTED] is observed in a supine position with his firearm pointed at Pegram after the shooting had ended:



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[REDACTED] BWC captured [REDACTED] securing the weapon from Pegram, which was documented from better angles on [REDACTED] BWC and [REDACTED] BWC. It also captured [REDACTED] end of several conversations that were previously documented under [REDACTED] BWC section. Once additional conversation of note was captured by [REDACTED] BWC at 14:20:24 [REDACTED] was speaking with ACSO Detective Stein when he said:

*[REDACTED] saved me bro. I deployed [REDACTED] I mean I was right behind them going in the wood. The guy was reaching. [REDACTED] fucking hit him and took him down. I jumped on him trying to get the gun out like, fucking let me see your hand. Back up came and the guy fucking spun with the fucking holster dude and started pulling out to pull the trigger. He was lined up dead to fucking [REDACTED] chest.*

### Conclusion

Based upon documents reviewed, physical evidence recovered, and interviews conducted, investigation 2025-2909 supports the following conclusions, facts, and/or information.

On Monday, September 8, 2025, Jerry Pegram led an assortment of Ashtabula County law enforcement officials on a vehicle pursuit that lasted approximately 20 minutes. During the pursuit Pegram threw object from the motorcycle and drove in a reckless manner. The pursuit culminated in Pegram losing control of his motorcycle and crashing into a ditch along Anderson Road near Stanhope-Kellogsville Road in Denmark Township.

Following the collision, Pegram ran into the woods North of Anderson Road and West of Stanhope-Kellogsville Road. He was pursued by ACSO [REDACTED], Chicarell, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the OHSP. During the foot chase [REDACTED] deployed [REDACTED] in an attempt to apprehend Pegram. When [REDACTED] located Pegram, he bit a bag that Pegram was carrying. [REDACTED] approached Pegram who was reported to be concealing his hands. [REDACTED] provided numerous commands for Pegram to show his hands, and at no point did Pegram comply. [REDACTED] arrived to assist and deployed a taser in an attempt to apprehend Pegram; however, the taser proved to be ineffective. Pegram eventually rolled onto his back at which time [REDACTED] called out, "GUN, GUN, GUN!" A short time later [REDACTED] was observed to reach towards Pegram's concealed hand, and at the same time shots are fired by officers on scene. After the shooting had ceased [REDACTED] secured a Smith & Wesson Governor revolver that was located in a holster on Pegram's person. The firearm was loaded with two .410 shot shells.

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The officers on scene attempted to render aid to Pegram by utilizing trauma gear such as quick clot, combat gauze, and chest seals. EMS was requested on scene; however, upon their arrival they pronounced Pegram deceased.

████████████████████ located Pegram in the woods at approximately 14:04:09; until the shooting occurred at 14:04:40, Pegram had been given over 15 commands to comply with the law enforcement officers on scene. Over those 31 seconds, Pegram did not appear to make any attempt to comply and ultimately reached towards a firearm that was holstered on his body. During that same time frame, the officers on scene deployed a canine, a taser, and physical restraint tactics in an attempt to bring Pegram into custody prior to utilizing deadly force.

During the course of the interviews with the involved officers, they noted that Pegram's behavior made them fear for their safety. They indicated that Pegram had attempted to gain control of a firearm on his person and even noted that at one point the firearm was aimed at ██████████ and ██████████ also noted that even though the firearm was holstered, they were aware that it could have been fired while still in the holster, ultimately posing an immediate threat to ██████████ life when it was pointed at him.

### Contact Information

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