



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



2026-1239

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route
250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

Investigative Activity: Video Review – OSHP Helicopter
Involves: Ohio State Highway Patrol (O)
Activity Date: 04/10/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA John Tingley #154

Narrative:

On April 10, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed the video footage from four (4) video recordings from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Aviation Unit related to the March 30, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident which occurred in Harrison County, Ohio.

All the times listed occurred on March 30, 2026, and will be the times as displayed on the video recordings. The videos will be documented sequentially for clarity in understanding the timeline of the search for, location of, and contact with the subject (Michael Decker) who was involved in all three of the OICs which occurred on March 30, 2026. All the video recordings are of locations within Harrison County, Ohio. It should also be noted that the descriptions given are not a word for word translation of the radio traffic communications.

The OSHP personnel on the helicopter were:

Pilot: Sergeant Christopher Hasty (1328)

Tactical Flight Officer – Trooper Taylor Vogelmeier (701)

OSHP Tactical Team Member – Trooper Joshua Baumgarnder

The Law Enforcement (LE) ground units consisted of: BCI Special Agents; OSHP Troopers; Harrison County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Deputies; Ohio Department of Natural Resource Game Wardens (ODNR); and Cadiz Police Department (CPD) Officers.

The photographs displayed in the report are still shots taken from the OSHP Helicopter IR video footage.

SA Tingley reviewed the videos, which are documented/listed as the videos were received from the OSHP Aviation Unit, and noted the following:

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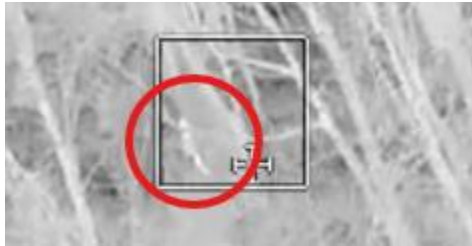
2026-03-30_Harrison County Search_Locate_U701_U1328.ts

The video began at 19:38:26, is 38:13 in length, and began as the OSHP helicopter was moving towards the area of Black Road where Decker had been seen.

At 19:30:37, LE ground units radioed that Decker had been at a camper on Black Road and threatened subjects there with a handgun.

At 19:32:22, LE ground units notified the OSHP helicopter that Decker was moving eastbound from the area of the camper on Black Road.

At 19:34:52, the OSHP helicopter located Decker hiding behind a tree near the intersection of Mine Road and Sinfield Road.



At 19:36:26, LE ground units radioed that Decker was wearing black pants and a brownish/greenish coat.

An OSHP helicopter crew member then began directing LE ground units to the area where Decker was.

At 19:42:12, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that Decker had a pistol in his right hand. (Outline of object/pistol seen within red circle.)



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At 19:48:42, the OSHP helicopter crew confirmed with LE ground units that Decker was north of Mine Road and west of Sinfield Road.

At 20:00:06, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that Decker was still armed with a pistol.

At 20:02:21, the OSHP helicopter crew started calling to Decker over the helicopter's public address (PA) system telling him that he was surrounded and to surrender.

At 20:05:43, the OSHP helicopter crew, responding to an inquiry from LE ground units, verifies that the perimeter had Decker contained.

The video concluded at 20:08:39 as Decker was standing beside a tree.

2026-03-30_Harrison County Search_Suspect in Custody_U701_U1328.ts

The video began at 20:08:27, is 49:18 in length, and began as the OSHP helicopter maintaining an overwatch of Decker.

At 20:09:28, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that Decker was still standing stationary around the base of a tree.



At 20:15:06, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that Decker still had a gun in his hand.

The LE ground units then began moving towards Decker's location guided by the OSHP helicopter crew.

At 20:35:42, LE ground units stated they were moving in on Decker's position.

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At 20:37:35, the OSHP helicopter crew continued guiding LE ground units towards Decker's position.

At 20:40:47, the OSHP helicopter crew began giving commands to Decker over the helicopter's PA system to surrender.

At 20:44:14, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that they were about one hundred and fifty (150) feet from Decker.

At 20:48:24, an LE ground unit member requested that the OSHP helicopter fly lower to provide cover noise for the LE ground units as they moved through the woods to Decker's position.

At 20:50:49, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that Decker had a weapon in his right hand.

At 20:51:02, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that they were about seventy-five (75) feet from Decker's position.

At 21:51:39, the OSHP helicopter crew notified LE ground units that they were about fifty (5) feet from Decker's position.

At 20:53:01, LE ground units can be seen moving in towards Decker's location. (Decker is located within the red circle. Other figures seen are LE ground units including a K-9.)



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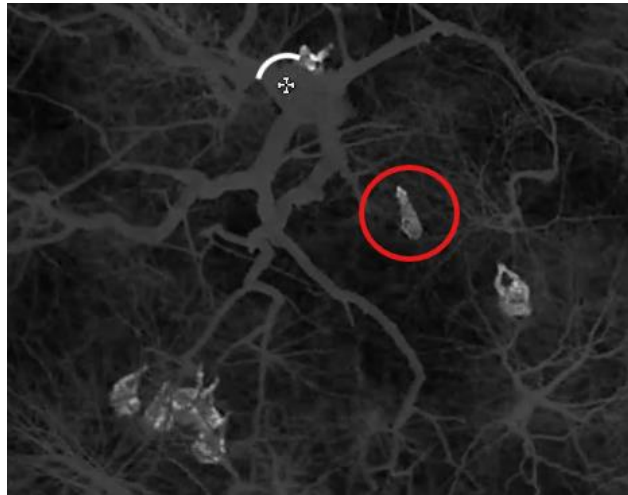
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At 20:53:02, the CPD K-9 was released and moved towards Decker. (K9 seen within the red circle.)



At 20:53:03, CPD [REDACTED] fired a single round from his duty weapon. (Muzzle flash from firearm discharge seen within red circle.)



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At 20:53:13, LE ground units reached Decker's position with Decker lying on the ground near a tree. (Decker's pistol seen within the red circle.)



At 20:53:37, LE ground units called for the Medic/Squad to get as close as possible to the scene of the incident.

At 20:53:45, a LE ground unit member radioed that one (1) shot had been fired.

At 20:56:48, LE ground units radioed that they were providing first aid to Decker.

The video then concluded with LE ground units with Decker.

Screen Recording 2026-04-13 134140.mp4

The video began at 20:53:00, is 00:27 in length, and is a shorter version of the information contained in the previous video review and covered the time when LE ground units made contact with Decker.

20:53:00, video began as LE ground units were moving in on Decker.

20:53:02, the LE K-9 was deployed.

20:53:03, CPD [REDACTED] fired a single shot.

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At 20:53:13, LE ground units reached Decker's location.

The video then concluded with LE ground units providing first aid.

2026-03-30_Harrison County Search_Ending_U701_U1328.ts

The video began at 20:57:36, is 19:59 in length, and began as the LE ground units were working on providing first aid and getting Decker to the Medic/Squad.

At 20:59:03, the decision was made to stage the Medic/Squad at the bottom of the hill near the intersection of Mine Road and Sinfield Road due to the difficult terrain where Decker was located.

At 21:00:08, the OSHP helicopter crew notified units that the Tactical Team was carrying out Decker on a stretcher.



The OSHP helicopter crew then attempted to help the team carrying the stretcher with Decker with directions to the pipeline cutout/clearing.

At 21:10:35, a pickup truck arrived at the location on the pipeline cutout/clearing where the team carrying the stretcher with Decker had arrived.

At 21:14:02, the OSHP helicopter secured from the area and began traveling back to US 22 in order to drop off the OSHP Tactical Team member.

The video concluded as the OSHP helicopter was coming in to land.

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All four (4) of the OSHP helicopter videos are attached as Reference Item I to this report. Please review the individual videos for further details.

References:

Reference Item I - OSHP Helicopter Videos - Stored in AXON JUSTICE

Attachments:

None

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