



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



2025-2909
Officer Involved Critical Incident - Stanhope-Kelloggsville
Rd. & Anderson Rd., Denmark Township, OH 44032

Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Initial Response
Involves: Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (O), Jerry Pegram (S),
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Activity Date: 09/08/2025
Activity Location: Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road and Anderson Road,
Denmark Township, OH 44032
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Monday, September 08, 2025, at approximately 1530 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sheriff William R. Niemi of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road and Anderson Road, Denmark Township, Ohio 44032.

BCI Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1700 hours. The following BCI Agents also responded to assist: Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Charles Moran, SA Charles Snyder, SA Cory Momchilov, SA Joe Goudy, SA Dan Boerner, and SA Jeff Smith. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Jerry Pegram (Pegram), three deputies from the ACSO, and one trooper from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). The incident resulted in the death of Pegram.

Due to the location of the incident, no neighborhood canvass was conducted. The intersection of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road and Anderson Road is located in a rural area which is sparsely developed. The shooting incident took place off the roadway in a wooded area. No civilian witnesses to this incident were located, nor were any video surveillance devices observed in the area. SA Lamping and SA Boerner were able to conduct one witness officer interview on scene.

A copy of the request for assistance letter was attached to this investigative report.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Request For Assistance and Press Release

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William R. Niemi
Sheriff

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September 8, 2025

To: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

Re: Request for Assistance

Attn: SA Joseph Lamping

Dear Agent Lamping:

Our agency is requesting assistance from BCI with the investigation into a fatal officer involved shooting involving (3) Deputy Sheriff's that occurred on September 8th, 2025 at the intersection of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Rd. and Anderson Rd., Denmark Twp., Ashtabula County, Ohio.

I appreciate your time and effort handling this investigation for our agency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William R. Niemi", written over a horizontal line.

William R. Niemi
Sheriff
Ashtabula County, Ohio



ASHTABULA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

William R. Niemi, Sheriff

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

9/8/25

Officer Involved Shooting, Stanhope-Kelloggsville at Anderson Rds., Pierpont Twp., Ashtabula County, Ohio

Pierpont Twp. At approximately 1441 hrs, Sheriff's Deputies attempted to stop a motorcycle with no registration at Dwight & E. 48th St. in Ashtabula City. The male driver of the motorcycle led Deputies, and an Ohio Highway Patrol Trooper on a pursuit that ended at approximately 1504 hrs. at the intersection of Stanhope-Kelloggsville and Anderson Rds, where the male rider drove the motorcycle into a ditch, causing the motorcycle to catch fire, and then fled on foot, while brandishing a firearm. Deputies, perceiving a threat, fired at the suspect who was later pronounced deceased by emergency personnel.

Ashtabula County Sheriff's Detectives and Ashtabula County Coroner's Office responded to the scene. BCI was called to assist with the investigation. No further information is being released at this time.

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