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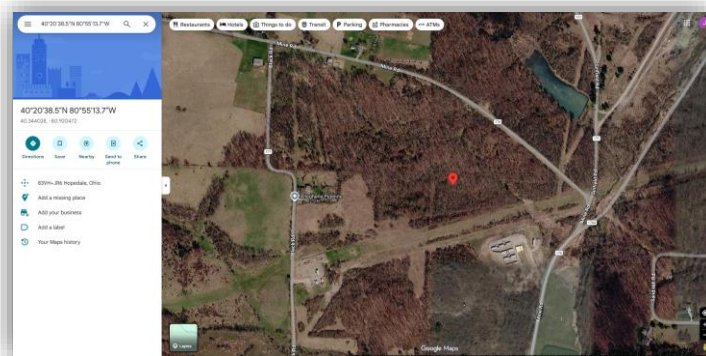
2026-1239  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route  
250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

**Investigative Activity:** Mine Road Scene Response  
**Involves:** Michael Decker (S), [REDACTED] (S)  
**Activity Date:** 03/30/2026  
**Activity Location:** Mine Road, Hopedale, OH 43976  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

On Monday, March 30, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Joe Lamping (Lamping), John Tingley (Tingley), and Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Charles Moran responded to the area of Mine Road, Hopedale, Harrison County, in reference to the search for Michael Decker (Decker). The agents had been informed that Decker, who had active warrants for his arrest, had been located at a commercial complex located at 86427 Black Road, Hopedale, Ohio 43976. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Special Response Team (SRT), accompanied by Cadiz Police [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] partner [REDACTED], responded to the area to search for Decker.

It was discovered that Decker entered an outbuilding on the property where he cut his beard, and at some point, changed his clothing. He fled the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement and went east bound into the woods located between Black Road and Mine Road. OSHP utilized a helicopter with infrared capabilities to locate Decker. All BCI agents remained on the perimeter of the containment area while OSHP SRT attempted to locate Decker. Decker was eventually located near the below red pin:



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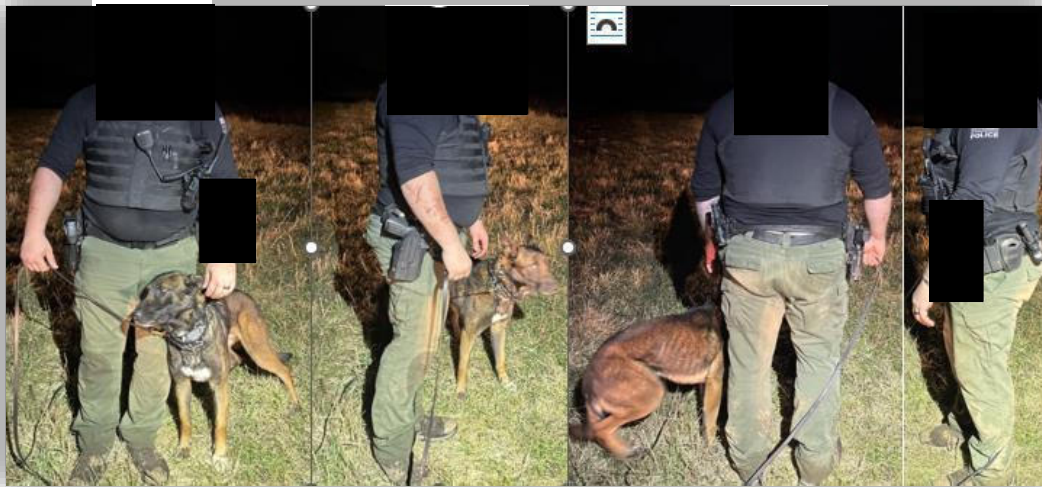


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The OSHP helicopter made several announcements for Decker to come out with his hands up. Following Decker's failure to comply with the orders from the helicopter pilot, OSHP SRT and [REDACTED] made their way to Decker's location. When Decker was located, an additional officer involved shooting occurred.

SAS Moran, SA Tingley, and SA Lamping left the perimeter and responded to the scene of the shooting<sup>1</sup>. Decker had been pronounced deceased prior to the BCI agents arriving on scene, and his body had been transported to Mine Road. SA Lamping and SA Tingley met with [REDACTED], who was determined to be the only law enforcement officer that fired their weapon. SA Lamping obtained photographs of [REDACTED] and Canine [REDACTED]:



SA Tingley accompanied [REDACTED] to Mine Road where he collected [REDACTED] firearm. SAS Moran, SA Lamping, and Harrison County Coroner Investigators were escorted to the scene by an OSHP SRT member. They met with Harrison County Sheriff Mark Touville (Sheriff Touville) and SRT Commander Mason Boyce (Commander Boyce). Commander Boyce explained where Decker was during the shooting and pointed out the location of Decker's weapon. Due to the simplicity and location of the scene, SAS Moran and SA Lamping determined that they would be able to collect the evidence without having to contact the crime scene unit for assistance.

<sup>1</sup> GPS was used to determine the location of the shooting. The scene was located at 40.3440159, -80.9204761.

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The coroner investigators agreed to use their cameras to take crime scene photographs for the agents. These photos were later obtained and uploaded to Axon Justice as part of Reference Item A Crime Scene Photographs.

After the scene was photographed, SA Lamping picked up Decker's firearm, a Sig Sauer P229, and discovered that it had a loaded magazine with a spent cartridge casing stuck in the chamber. The malfunction is pictured below:



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After the firearm was photographed, SA Lamping removed the magazine from the weapon and cleared the malfunction. The malfunction was cleared easily and would not have been difficult for any person with even a moderate knowledge of firearms to clear. In total, two articles were collected from the scene near Mine Road: Decker's Sig Sauer P229 and a black baseball cap. No bullet fragments or cartridge cases were located.

The evidence collected at the Mine Road scene, to include [REDACTED] firearm, was transported to BCI Boardman by SA Lamping. The evidence was secured in temporary evidence at the Boardman Office until it was transported to the Richfield Office by SA Lamping. The evidence receipt for the listed items is attached to this report.

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**References:**

Reference Item A - Crime Scene Photographs: Subfolder - Mine Road Scene  
Photographs; stored on Axon Justice

Reference Item D - [REDACTED] Photographs; stored on Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

1. 2026-03-31 Evidence Mine Road Scene Items 26-28

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