



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



2025-1049

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Interstate 275 / State Route
32, OH, 45245 (Clermont County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records
Involves: [REDACTED] (S), Kelsey L Hildal (S), Ohio State
Highway Patrol (O), Trooper Jason Byron (W)
Date of Activity: 04/15/2025
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On April 15–16, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier received requested records from OSHP Trooper Investigator Michael Butler. As a result of the request, the following items were received and reviewed:

- OSHP Incident Report# [REDACTED] (attachment #01)
- OSHP Traffic Reconstruction Materials and Diagrams in zipped file (attachment #02)
- Requested any history of previous contact with the subject – No records located

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: OSHP Case # [REDACTED] (Inv. Butler Narrative)
Attachment # 02: OSHP Traffic Reconstruction Material

Exhibit 1



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

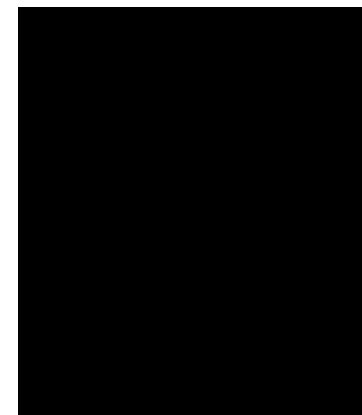
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE NOTES

INCIDENT NUMBER	REPORT DATE / TIME	PHOTO POUCH NUMBER
[REDACTED]	4/1/2025 2253 hours	DHQ0801-22086

On April 1, 2025, at 22:53:38 hours, the Batavia Post 13-Dispatch Center received multiple calls to 911 in reference to a vehicle traveling the wrong direction on Interstate 275 near mile post 59 in Clermont County. One of the callers indicated there was a small SUV driving northbound in the southbound lanes of travel. [REDACTED] was dispatched to the area in attempt to locate the vehicle.

While attempting to locate the wrong way driver, [REDACTED] was traveling south on Interstate 275 near mile post 63, still in Clermont County. [REDACTED] notified dispatch he located the wrong way driver (vehicle identified as a 2010 Red Ford Escape) traveling on the east shoulder, north in the southbound lanes. [REDACTED] turned around to follow the vehicle and requested authorization from Sergeant Joseph A. Westhoven (Batavia Post 13) for intentional contact, which was approved.

At approximately 23:16:00 hours, [REDACTED] pulled alongside the suspect vehicle which was traveling northbound along the east shoulder of the southbound lanes. While [REDACTED] was approaching the suspect vehicle in the same direction, contact was initiated with the Ford Escape; pinning the vehicle against the median barrier wall. After the vehicle was stopped, [REDACTED] informed dispatch the suspect driver, later identified as Kelsey L. Hildal (D.O.B. 12/23/1990), had a firearm. Union Township officers were arriving on scene when [REDACTED] fired his service weapon multiple times, striking Hildal. [REDACTED] patrol car was then moved, which caused Hildal's vehicle to coast forward. As Hildal's vehicle was rolling forward, a responding officer from the Union Township Police Department fired at the Ford Escape, which ultimately came to final rest against the concrete wall on the west shoulder. First aid was administered to Hildal after she was removed from the vehicle and the firearm was secured. Union Township Fire and EMS were dispatched to the scene and the southbound lanes of Interstate 275 were shut down. The 2010 Red Ford Escape was determined to be registered to Kelsey L. Hildal (OH Registration: JVV3278).



Kelsey L. Hildal (OHLEG photo)

The following agencies responded to the scene for assistance:

- Ohio Department of Transportation
 - Traffic Control
- Miami Township Police Department
 - K-9 Officer
- Clermont County Sheriff's Department
 - Responding agency
- Clermont County Prosecutor's Office

- Investigator Ken Mullis (also an investigator with the Clermont County Coroner's Office)
- Clermont County Coroner's Office
 - Investigator Ken Mullis
- Union Township Fire Department and EMS
 - First aid
- Clermont County Dog Warden
 - Secured animals located in Hildal's vehicle

I was contacted by Lieutenant James Schlotterbeck (Cincinnati Operations – Office of Criminal Investigations) to respond to the scene. I was informed [REDACTED] was dispatched to a wrong way driver on IR 275 in Clermont County. [REDACTED] initiated intentional contact with the wrong way driver and the driver of the vehicle, Kelsey L. Hildal, brandished a firearm. I was informed [REDACTED] discharged his weapon and Hildal was shot. I was also notified that Hildal was wearing a chest guard and a helmet when the encounter occurred. Lt. Schlotterbeck informed me that he was going to notify General Headquarters - Office of Criminal Investigations in Columbus.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) was contacted to respond to the scene to handle the investigation related to the officer-involved shooting. BCI Agent Lauren Frazier is the lead investigator in reference to the officer-involved shooting. (BCI Case# 2025-1049)

Once I arrived on scene, the southbound portion of Interstate 275 was closed and traffic was being diverted on to State Route 32. A crime scene perimeter was already established, denoted by yellow crime scene tape placed across the interstate; north and south of where the incident occurred. Officer Hale with Union Township Police Department started a crime scene log to account for who was entering/exiting the crime scene. I spoke with Sergeant Joseph Westhoven, who informed me he was going to take [REDACTED] to Mercy Anderson Hospital in reference to a cut on his hand. Sergeant Westhoven left the scene with [REDACTED]

I spoke with Trooper Jason C. Byron (Batavia Post 13) at the scene and he informed me Hildal's firearm was placed on the hood of [REDACTED]'s patrol car, which was inside of the marked off crime scene area. Trooper Byron explained to me the magazine collected from Hildal's firearm was secured in the trunk of his vehicle. Trooper Byron indicated the magazine was loaded, but did not provide how many rounds were in it. I then met with BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier to provide her with the information I had gathered.

[REDACTED] Dash Cam Video was reviewed. The following is a synopsis of the video:

23:13:14 – [REDACTED]'s emergency lights are activated. His patrol car is facing southbound on Interstate 275. He turns around in a crossover to go north on Interstate 275.

23:13:20 – [REDACTED] radios to dispatch asking if (call) came from the Comm Center (Clermont County Communications Center) or if there is an officer with it. Dispatch informs him, "coming from UT" (Union Township).

23:14:14 – Dispatch informs [REDACTED] the caller is now saying the car may have pulled over by the Beechmont exit. [REDACTED] pulls up to a crossover on Interstate 275, south of the Eastgate Boulevard exit. Two marked cruisers with Union Township can be seen sitting stationary in front of [REDACTED]'s patrol car.

23:14:24 – Dispatch informs [REDACTED] that they (Union Township) have an officer in the area and they are not seeing anything. [REDACTED] asks dispatch where the caller is currently located at. [REDACTED] turns around in the crossover to head south on Interstate 275.

23:14:31 – [REDACTED] asks dispatch where the caller is currently located at. Dispatch advises they are at the 54 (mile post) now.

23:15:18 – The suspect vehicle can be seen traveling the wrong direction (north) on the east shoulder of Interstate 275 in the southbound lanes, towards [REDACTED] confirms signal 100 (wrong way driver) over the radio. The suspect vehicle can be seen on the east shoulder, traveling in the opposite direction against traffic with multiple vehicles on the roadway. [REDACTED] turns around in the road to follow the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle has their hazard lights activated at this time.

23:15:26 – [REDACTED] requests for the approval of intentional contact to Sergeant Westhoven over the radio.

23:15:34 – Sergeant Westhoven approves the request for intentional contact.

23:15:55 – [REDACTED] activates his sirens (emergency lights still activated), as well as the air horn and pulls alongside the suspect vehicle.

23:16:00 – Intentional contact is made with the suspect vehicle. The speed display indicating the patrol car speed on the dash camera is 32 mph.

23:16:05 – After intentional contact was made with the suspect vehicle, Kelsey L. Hildal can be seen holding a firearm in her right hand. [REDACTED] was able to stop the suspect vehicle, pinning the vehicle between the patrol car and concrete median wall.



Still image of Hildal holding a firearm in her right hand when intentional contact was made

23:16:09 – [REDACTED] notifies dispatch the vehicle is stopped and that she (Hildal) has a gun. [REDACTED] tells Hildal to show him her hands and to not move. [REDACTED] provides his location to dispatch, as stationary at the 63.4 (mile post) and she (Hildal) has a signal 61 (weapon).

The incident subsequently ended in an officer-involved shooting involving [REDACTED] and Hildal. The facts and circumstances surrounding the shooting are being investigated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI).

Calls to 911 reporting the wrong way driver

Multiple phone calls were made to emergency dispatch centers, to include Hamilton County Communications Center, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Clermont County Communication Center, and Union Township Police Department. The first call of

record originated in Hamilton County at 22:19 hours. The last call of record was made in Clermont County at 23:12 hours. Hildal's vehicle was stopped on Interstate 275 and State Route 32 at 23:16 hours.

Synopsis of E 1275 at Five Mile (BOLO) Phone2 040125 Audio File

Call made to Hamilton County Communications Center at **22:19 hours**: A female caller explained she was traveling on Interstate 275 nearing the Five Mile Road exit and she observed a vehicle traveling the wrong direction on the interstate. The dispatcher asked the caller to clarify if she was on Interstate 275 and her direction of travel. The caller explained she was not from the area and was traveling towards Beechmont Avenue (north). The dispatcher asked the caller if she wanted to provide her contact information. The caller identified herself as Victoria Brueggen, and her phone number, [REDACTED]. The caller reported the wrong way vehicle to be a gray or dark red SUV. The phone call was terminated after one minute and four seconds of duration.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

Synopsis of E 1275 at Five Mile (BOLO) Phone1 040125 Audio File

Call made to Hamilton County Communications Center at **22:20 hours**: A male caller immediately began explaining he was traveling on the highway and recently passed Five Mile Road, where he observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way on the interstate. When asked which direction he was traveling, the caller stated he was traveling towards Beechmont Avenue. The dispatcher asked the caller to describe the vehicle which was traveling the wrong direction. The caller said, "I'm not really sure, it looked like an SUV. It didn't look like a city-worker truck. It looked like somebody driving the wrong way through the left lane." The caller confirmed the vehicle was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. The dispatcher requested the caller's contact information. The caller identified himself as Gary. The caller did provide his last name, but it is unintelligible and there was not a request for spelling or clarification. A contact phone number was not provided by the caller. The dispatcher advised the caller there would be a broadcast issued for the wrong way driver. The phone call was terminated after one minute and twelve seconds of duration.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

Hamilton County BOLO:

At **22:21 hours**, an all-county broadcast was sent out by the Hamilton County Dispatch Center in reference to the wrong way driver, advising to be on the lookout for a dark colored SUV traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes from 5 Mile (exit 69). * The section of IR 275 in Hamilton County runs east to west. The section of IR 275 in Clermont County runs north to south. *

911 calls made to Union Township (Synopsis of 99 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 22 46 23 by Duration asc Audio File)

A total of 8 calls to 911 were captured on this recording. The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April, 1, 2025, at **22:46:23 hours**. A male caller advised dispatch he was driving on Interstate 275 and there was another vehicle on the opposite side, driving into oncoming traffic. The caller advised the other vehicle was traveling north in the southbound lanes and described the vehicle as going 80 mph. The caller advised his name is Matthew. After the call disconnected, there was another caller that connected with dispatch. The caller advised the wrong way driver was passing Eastgate. Another caller connected with dispatch and advised of a wrong way driver and explained the vehicle "zoomed" by. A female caller connected with dispatch and advised the vehicle was traveling in the wrong direction, passing exit 65 by the Beechmont exit. A female caller connected and informed dispatch the vehicle was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes, passing mile marker 61.4. A female caller connected a wrong way driver was traveling north on IR 275, passing mile marker 62. A male caller connected and informed dispatch that a vehicle was traveling the wrong way on Interstate 275. A female caller connected with dispatch and advised of a wrong way driver in the Milford area on Interstate 275. Dispatch advised the caller they received multiple calls and were trying to get someone out there.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 call made to Union Township (Synopsis of 89 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 22 47 43 by Duration asc Audio File)

The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April 1, 2025, at **22:47:43 hours**. The male caller immediately reported a wrong way driver on Interstate 275 south between State Route 32 and exit 65. The caller explained the vehicle was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. The caller described the vehicle as a dark vehicle, possibly a crossover or SUV. The caller also described the wrong way driver to be traveling at a high rate of speed on the left shoulder. The dispatcher advised she would disseminate the report to law enforcement, and the audio file concluded after fifty-four seconds.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 calls made to Union Township (Synopsis of 98 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 22 48 34 by Duration asc Audio File)

A total of two calls were captured on this recording. The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April, 1, 2025 at **22:48:34 hours**. The male caller advised he was traveling southbound on Interstate 275 and explained he was reporting a vehicle traveling northbound in the southbound lanes, fly by him going 100 mph. The caller described the vehicle as a tan Ford Ranger. The caller advised his name is Clayton and provided his phone number, [REDACTED]. An additional call came in as soon as the previous one disconnected. The caller advised he was driving northbound on Interstate 275 and there is another vehicle traveling northbound in the southbound lanes, going towards Milford. The caller advised the other vehicle slowed down and stopped in the road and was, "dodging traffic." No identifying information was provided by the caller.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 calls made to Union Township (Synopsis of 100 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 23 09 20 by Duration asc Audio File)

A total of two calls were captured on this recording. The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April, 1, 2025 at **23:09:20 hours**. The male caller advised he was traveling eastbound (north) Interstate 275 and reported there is a car traveling in the opposite direction on the westbound (south) side. The caller said all he could see was the headlights. Dispatch advised they were attempting to get someone out there. Another caller immediately connected. The female caller advised dispatch that a red Ford SUV was traveling in the wrong direction on Interstate 275. The caller advised she was coming up on the Eastgate exit and provided the license plate as JVV3278. The caller advised dispatch she could see a state trooper. The caller provided her name as Makala Monday. Monday indicated the trooper was behind the suspect but then pulled off in to a crossover. Monday informed dispatch she lost sight of the suspect vehicle. Dispatch informed her they were trying to get an officer in the area to locate the vehicle.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 call made to Union Township (Synopsis of 87 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 23 09 44 by Duration asc Audio File)

Call made to Union Township: The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April 1, 2025, at **23:09:44 hours**. The male caller explained he was traveling on Interstate 275 near mile marker 60, traveling towards Milford, Ohio. The caller further reported he observed a wrong way driver. The dispatcher requested a vehicle description and the caller explained he couldn't provide one. The caller did add he observed the wrong way driver to be traveling towards the Eastgate area. The dispatcher confirmed the wrong way driver was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Interstate 275. The dispatcher did not request identifying information and explained she would dispatch the incident to officers. The audio file concluded after forty-nine seconds of duration.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 call made to Union Township (Synopsis of 95 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 23 10 35 by Duration asc Audio File)

Call made to Union Township: The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April, 1, 2025 at **23:10:35 hours**. The caller informed dispatch, eastbound 275 at the 61.8, there is a wrong way driver heading towards Eastgate from Milford. The caller advised the vehicle looked like it was

an SUV and the vehicle was in the median, next to the fast lane. Dispatch advised she had officers trying to get them stopped.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

911 call made to Union Township (Synopsis of 91 Dispatch 2 2025 04 01 23 11 47 by Duration asc Audio File)

The audio recording began with a computer-generated voice that declared the time and date. The time and date declared was April, 1, 2025 at **23:11:47 hours**. A male caller reported he was driving west (south) on Interstate 275 and reported passing another vehicle going eastbound (north) in the westbound (south) lanes. The caller was not able to provide a description of the vehicle due to the headlights. The dispatcher advised they have received multiple calls and they are trying to get someone in the area now.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

Synopsis of I275M63+ 1CLER CALL 1 Audio File

The call was made to the Clermont County Communications Center at **23:12 hours**. A male caller explained he was traveling on Interstate 275 in the Milford/Eastgate area. The call connection was unstable, and the dispatcher voiced such. The dispatcher asked the caller which direction he was traveling. The caller said he was traveling north from Eastgate to Milford. The connection again partially failed, and the dispatcher asked for clarification once more. The male caller explained a motorist was traveling south in the northbound lanes. The male caller described the vehicle only as a car (not a truck or SUV). The male caller explained the wrong way driver was traveling towards the Eastgate area. The male caller provided his cellular phone number, [REDACTED] and identified himself only as Chris. The call was terminated after one minute and twenty-six seconds. This call was later identified to have also been placed with the Union Township Police Department at 23:12 hours on April 1, 2025. The caller was later identified as Christopher Erickson through an OSHP traffic citation on October 3, 2024, where he self-reported the same phone number.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

Synopsis of I275M63+ 1CLER CALL 2 Audio File

The call was made to the Clermont County Communications Center at **23:12 hours**. A female caller explained she was traveling on Interstate 275 near a mile marker. The caller did provide a numeric for the mile marker, however, the phone connection partially failed. The dispatcher explained the phone connection was poor and asked the caller if she was reporting a wrong way driver. The caller confirmed she was calling to report a wrong way driver. The dispatcher explained she would relay the report. The call terminated without a phone number or name gathered by the dispatcher. The call had a duration of thirty-nine seconds.

-End Synopsis of 911 Phone Call-

The following is a summary of what was observed on the ODOT camera footage in the area:

Synopsis of IR-275 at 8 Mile Road ODOT Video Footage

The video footage accurately depicted the area of Interstate 275 and 8 Mile Road. The video footage was of poor quality, as the camera captured the video in a grayscale format as a result of the nighttime conditions. The video footage began at 22:40 hours on April 1, 2025. At 22:45:35 hours, a vehicle was observed operating at apparent highway speeds while traveling north within the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. The video footage concluded at 23:00 hours.

-End Synopsis of Video Footage-



IR 275 at 8 Mile Rd - Still image of Hildal traveling north on IR 275 in the southbound lanes

Synopsis of IR-275 at SR-125 ODOT Video Footage

The video footage accurately depicted the area of Interstate 275 and State Route 125. The video footage was of moderate quality. The video footage was captured in color, with diminished video quality proportionate to the distance from the camera. The video footage began at 22:40 hours on April 1, 2025. At 22:46:17 hours, headlights were observed which were consistent with a vehicle traveling north in the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. At 22:46:37 hours, the vehicle was positioned closest to the camera and appeared to be a red-colored SUV. At the same time, brake lights became illuminated on the back of the red-colored SUV. While examining the video footage, the vehicle appeared to again be traveling at highway speeds as it maintained a pace with the northbound commercial motor vehicle. The video footage concluded at 22:50 hours.

-End Synopsis of Video Footage-



IR 275 at SR 125 - Still image of Hildal traveling north on IR 275 in the southbound lanes

Synopsis of IR-275 at Barg Salt Run Road ODOT Video Footage

The video footage accurately depicted the area of Interstate 275 and Barg Salt Run Road. The video footage was of poor quality. The video footage was captured in grayscale, likely as a result of the lack of ambient light in the area. The video footage began at 22:45 hours on April 1, 2025. At 22:49:46 hours, a vehicle traveling south in the northbound lanes of Interstate 275 was observed. The vehicle appeared to have been traveling in the left shoulder of the northbound roadway. The wrong way vehicle appeared to be traveling at a velocity greater than traffic in the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. The video footage concluded at 22:55 hours.

-End Synopsis of Video Footage-



IR 275 at Barg Salt Run Rd – Still image of Hildal traveling north on IR 275 in the southbound lanes

Synopsis of IR-275 at SR-32 ODOT Video Footage

The video footage accurately depicted the area of Interstate 275 and State Route 32. The video footage was of good quality, as the camera captured the video in a color format and the area was illuminated. The video footage began at 22:45 hours on April 1, 2025. At 22:48:06 hours, a vehicle was observed traveling north on Interstate 275 in the southbound lanes. Several other motorists seemingly recognized the wrong way vehicle and slowed to negotiate the vehicle in a safe manner. At 22:48:18 hours, the vehicle was near center-frame of the video footage. The vehicle occupied the left-most lane of southbound Interstate 275. At 22:48:28 hours, the vehicle exited camera frame and was observed traveling mostly in the left lane of the roadway, and partially in the left emergency shoulder. The fog line was broken, indicating the vehicle was traveling on the shoulder. At 23:15:06 hours, a responding law enforcement vehicle was observed traveling south on Interstate 275 at a high rate of speed with emergency overhead lights activated. At 23:15:21 hours, headlights were observed which were consistent with a vehicle traveling north in the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. Another responding law enforcement vehicle was also observed, identified by activated emergency overhead lights. The first mentioned law enforcement vehicle surpassed the wrong-way vehicle without incident. The additional law enforcement vehicle was observed traveling north in the northbound lanes of Interstate 275, abreast with the wrong way vehicle. At 23:15:33 hours, a third responding law enforcement vehicle was observed traveling south in the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. This third law enforcement vehicle was approaching the wrong way vehicle. The wrong way vehicle was observed traveling with emergency hazard lights activated. Prior to the vehicle's meeting, the camera changed directions and began to face east. At 23:18:48 hours, the camera changed directions again and began to face north. When the video became stabilized, the wrong-way vehicle was observed pinned against the median barrier, positioned within the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. The wrong way vehicle was pinned against the median by a marked OSHP cruiser, which was facing south on Interstate 275. Multiple officers were observed outside of their vehicles. At 23:18:52 hours, the OSHP cruiser began to move, freeing the wrong way vehicle. At 23:18:55 hours, the wrong way vehicle began to travel north in the southbound lanes in the direction of law enforcement officers. At 23:18:58 hours, an officer near the passenger side of the wrong way vehicle appeared to fire multiple rounds at a downward direction towards the wrong way vehicle. The wrong way vehicle appeared to coast across the roadway in a perpendicular manner. The wrong way vehicle struck the concrete barrier on the west side of the roadway at 23:19:15 hours. Officers surrounded the wrong way vehicle, and a canine exited the wrong way vehicle. The video footage concluded at 23:30 hours.

-End Synopsis of Video Footage-



IR 275 at SR 32 - Still image of Hildal traveling south on Interstate 275 approaching oncoming traffic



IR 275 at SR 32 - Still image of Hildal traveling north on Interstate 275 approaching oncoming traffic



IR 275 at SR 32 - Still image of IR 275 at SR 32 after Hildal's vehicle was stopped

The in-car dash camera and Body Worn Camera (BWC) of [REDACTED] as well as the 911 calls referenced above, have been provided to BCI. BCI's investigation is on-going and will be turned over to the Clermont County Prosecutor to be reviewed.

REPORTING OFFICER Sergeant L. Michael Butler	UNIT NUMBER 1762	DATE 4/1/2025
APPROVING OFFICER Lieutenant James S. Schlotterbeck	UNIT NUMBER 956	DATE 4/1/2025

Exhibit 2

Included as a separate file.