



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



2022-1480  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek  
Township, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Mark E. Evers (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/20/2022  
**Activity Location:** Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,  
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County  
**Author:** SA Richard Ward, #55

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1354 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward and Ken Smith met with Franklin Police Officer Alex Butler at the Warren County Sheriff's Office, 822 Memorial Drive, Lebanon, for the purpose of an interview. Butler responded to an officer-involved critical incident in the evening hours of July 12, 2022 where Clearcreek Twp. Police Officer Eric Ney was shot by Mark Evers.

Officer Butler has been employed with the Franklin Police Department for over seven years and is currently a K-9 officer. Butler hours vary with a training day on Wednesdays. On July 12, 2022, Butler stated he was on duty and responded 5945 State Route 48 on a shots fired call; arrived with Franklin Police Officer Shelby Davis and additional Springboro Police units. Butler stated a male individual was observed on scene and secured by a Ohio State Patrol Trooper. Butler stated Springboro Police Sergeant Kulhman arrived, took command of the scene and instructed Butler to stay with Sergeant Cordero and ask if anyone else is present. Cordero informed Butler the person [David Ward] just secured by the trooper had attempted to get the suspect, Mark Evers to speak with officers. Cordero informed Butler that Evers pulled up in a Gator, pulled a gun, shot and that when the incident occurred. Butler told Cordero to stop talking and then instructed to assist with clearing out-buildings on the property.

Officer Butler stated he stood by in the inner scene until BCI arrived. Agent Ward asked Butler if had seen a handgun near Evers and Butler stated Evers had been handcuffed. According to Butler, Kulhman had indicated a handgun was placed in the particular area near the right side of Evers, but he never observed the handgun.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Officer Butler at 1402 hours. Attached below is the audio recorded interview with Butler.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-20 / Franklin Police Officer Alex Butler Audio Interview

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# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**