



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



2025-3318
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 681 4th St. SW, Warren,
OH 44483, Trumbull County (L)

Investigative Activity: Search Warrants Obtained for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and Cell Phone Extraction
Involves: Brad Bailey (S)
Activity Date: 11/12/2025
Activity Location: Trumbull and Summit Counties
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan Emahiser #36

Narrative:

Search Warrants Obtained

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On November 12, 2025, SA Emahiser met separately with judges from Trumbull County and Summit County Courts of Common Pleas who both reviewed and authorized the search warrants to be executed.

Search Warrants Executed

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. On a later date, SA Emahiser provided the BCI Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) with a copy of the search warrant for Brad Bailey's Apple iPhone to perform an eventual extraction of the data on the device. Reports detailing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the findings of the CCU extraction will be completed upon receiving that information.

A search warrant return was submitted to both appropriate clerk of courts, and a copy of each of the search warrants, affidavits, seal, and returns have been uploaded to this case file and attached to this report for review.

References:

None

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Attachments:

1. Brad Bailey Signed Cell Phone Search Warrant, Affidavit, Return
2. [REDACTED]

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SEARCH WARRANT

THE STATE OF OHIO } ss
SUMMIT COUNTY }

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Based on the sworn affidavit made before me, **Tammy O'Brien**, Judge of the **Summit County Common Pleas Court** in the city of **Akron, Ohio**, by **Special Agent Ryan Emahiser** of the **Ohio Bureau of Investigation**, who has probable cause to believe that on/within the premise/vehicle known as:

A black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, currently being held in evidence at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, there is now being concealed certain property, namely:

1. **All telephone numbers, direct connect numbers, identities assigned to the device and any other device information.**
2. **Call and direct connect history information and contact list.**
3. **Photographs, videos, audio files, documents, user dictionary and user created files.**
4. **Photographs, videos, audio files, documents, user dictionary and user created files.**
5. **Text messages, chat logs, and emails.**
6. **Applications, application data, and database files.**
7. **Internet history, bookmarked web pages, and favorite internet sites.**
8. **Wi-Fi information stored on the device.**
9. **Passwords stored on the device.**
10. **Geographical location recorded by the device.**
11. **Any other data, including deleted data, contained on the device.**

which are in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section(s):

ORC 2903.11 Felonious Assault

I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the electronic device above described and that the foregoing grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist.

You are hereby commanded to search within three days of this date the premise named for the property specified, making the search in the (X) day season, (7:00 AM to 8:00 PM) or () night season (from 8:00 PM to midnight and from midnight to 7:00 AM), permission for a nighttime search is granted based on the reasons and facts contained in the affidavit.

It is further ORDERED and authorized for good cause that the three (3) day rule for execution of the said warrant is extended to a reasonable period of time to allow officers to execute and thoroughly search the seized property. Said extension is based on the logistical and technical

difficulties confronting law enforcement.

The Statutory Precondition for Nonconsensual Entry () is, (X) is not, waived based on the reasons and facts contained in the affidavit.

If the property is found there, seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the property taken required by law. You shall make prompt return of this warrant to Judge **Tammy O'Brien** accompanied by a written inventory of any property taken as required by law. Given under my hand and seal of said Court on:

Date/Time: 11/12/25



JUDGE

I certify this to be a true copy of the original
Tavia Galonski, Clerk of Courts.



Deputy Clerk

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

THE STATE OF OHIO } ss
SUMMIT COUNTY } }

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Before me, **Judge Tammy O'Brien**, Judge of the **Summit County Common Pleas Court** in the City of **Akron**, Summit County, Ohio, by **Special Agent Ryan Emahiser** of the **Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation**, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have probable cause to believe that contained in the electronic devices listed below:

A black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, pictured below,



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seized during the search of a vehicle involved in an **Officer Involved Shooting Incident**, currently being held in evidence at the **Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation** in **Richfield**, **Summit County**, Ohio, there is now being concealed certain property, namely:

1. All telephone numbers, direct connect numbers, identities assigned to the device and any other device information.
2. Call and direct connect history information and contact list.
3. Photographs, videos, audio files, documents, user dictionary and user created files.
4. Text messages, chat logs, and emails.
5. Applications, application data, and database files.
6. Internet history, bookmarked web pages, and favorite internet sites.
7. Wi-Fi information stored on the device.
8. Passwords stored on the device.
9. Geographical location recorded by the device.
10. Any other data, including deleted data, contained on the device.

which are in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section(s):

ORC 2903.11 Felonious Assault

Affiant Qualifications

Your Affiant is Special Agent Ryan Emahiser of the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and I have been a Special Agent with BCI since 2012. As a Special Agent, and as a former Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force Officer from 2016 through 2023, I have investigated numerous major violent felony crimes within the state of Ohio that have led to successful Federal and State prosecutions, including cases involving public official corruption, theft and fraud, homicides, human trafficking, child exploitation, and officer-involved critical incidents. Prior to my employment with BCI I was employed as a Wood County Sheriff's Office Deputy for fifteen years working in assignments in road patrol, special response team, school resource officer, and temporary assignments within the detective bureau. During my law enforcement career, I have investigated hundreds of cases, written and executed hundreds of search warrants, and have obtained probable cause for arrests in both State and Federal felony level investigations. Since 1997, I have received continued training and have experience in interviewing and interrogation techniques, arrest procedures, search and seizure law, search warrant applications, and various other crimes and advanced investigative techniques.

I have made arrests and followed through these arrests to indictment and successful prosecution for the mentioned crimes during my employment as a certified peace officer. During my law-enforcement career I have obtained, through established probable cause, search warrants to obtain DNA, biological evidence, cell phone content, digital media, social media account content, and computer evidence to identify, investigate, prosecute, and convict those involved in felony level criminal activity.

Facts to Establish the Grounds for the Issuance of a Search Warrant

1. On October 12, 2025, The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that resulted in the involved suspect, Brad Bailey (Brad), being shot by law enforcement. BCI Agents responded to the scene located in the area of 681 4th Street, Warren, Ohio, where the BCI investigation of the incident and officer involved critical incident was initiated.
2. On October 12, 2025, at approximately 06:00 hrs. TCSO Deputies responded to a 911 Domestic Violence call initiated at 7123 Oakfield North Rd NW, Bristol Township, Ohio. TCSO had been to the same residence the night before for a Domestic Dispute, and during that call the male party involved, Brad Bailey, agreed to leave the residence and was transported to another location in Champion, Ohio, for the night.
3. As dispatchers were on the line with the female caller, Brad's wife Sarah Bailey (Sarah), dispatchers were able to hear what was believed to be a physical altercation. Sarah was eventually able to communicate with dispatchers and advised that Brad had broken into the residence and assaulted and strangled Sarah. Sarah also told dispatchers that Brad had choked her and was acting erratic, saying "he was going to die today." Sarah told dispatchers at one point that Brad was holding a firearm to his head and threatening suicide, and shortly after Brad took Sarah's White 2012 Buick Regal and fled the residence.

4. TCSO Deputies arrived at the Bailey residence, issued a BOLO for Brad and the 2012 Buick Regal with charges pending for strangulation and domestic violence. Dispatchers also issued an alert to Ohio law enforcement stating that Brad Bailey had threatened "suicide by cop."
5. At approximately 06:44 hrs., Champion Township Police (CTPD) located the 2012 Buick Regal believed to be driven by Brad. CTPD attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle, however the vehicle began to flee, and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The vehicle pursuit was joined and subsequently led by TCSO and entered into the city of Warren. Warren Police (WPD) units were called to assist in the vehicle pursuit, and WPD deployed stop sticks disabling the 2012 Buick. The vehicle came to rest in the area of 706 5th Street, Warren, at approximately 06:57 hrs., and Brad exited the driver's door of the vehicle with a firearm in his hand according to officers.
6. At this time of the morning, it was still dark and pursuing officers were using flashlights to locate and apprehend Brad. Brad ran from the vehicle north bound through a wooded residential area, and upon encountering a WPD officer near 5th Street Brad yelled "I'll fucking shoot you" at the WPD Officer. Brad continued to flee pursuing officers until he encountered a WPD cruiser, pointed a firearm at the officer driving the cruiser, and Brad began striking the WPD cruiser's driver window with the firearm attempting to break the window. Brad stopped striking the WPD cruiser window and faced pursuing officers and four officers fired their duty weapons striking Brad multiple times with gun fire.
7. Officers present began providing life saving measures to Brad, and Brad was shortly after transported to Mercy Health St Joseph Warren Hospital by Warren Fire Department where he was pronounced deceased. A short time after that BCI Agents arrived on scene and the investigation was initiated.
8. From reviewing dispatch records and interviews with some of the involved officers it was learned that when Bailey fled the residence he was in possession of an Apple iPhone, phone number (234) 926-0412, and serviced by AT&T. TCSO dispatchers contacted AT&T and requested a phone ping that located the device in the area of Champion, Ohio, at 06:38 hrs. Brad is also alleged to have used his iPhone to make contact with Sarah prior to being involved in the vehicle pursuit. Reading witness statements from Sarah and other household members they described Brad's behavior as erratic and not like himself, believing that Brad may have been under the influence of drugs. Sarah told officers that Brad has previously abused drugs, and Brad's whereabouts prior to breaking into the residence at approximately 06:00 hrs. is unknown.
9. TCSO Deputies are believed to have tried to call Brad's phone in an attempt to de-escalate the situation prior to the vehicle pursuit being initiated, however their efforts over the phone with Brad were futile and the call was ended.
10. While BCI Agents were conducting a search of the 2012 Buck Regal involved in the incident that Brad was driving, Agents recovered a black iPhone that was powered off in the front

passenger compartment area of the vehicle. That iPhone was inventoried and placed into BCI evidence, now located at the Richfield BCI Office.

11. BCI Agents made contact with Sarah Bailey, who confirmed that the black iPhone that was recovered from the 2012 Buick Regal belonged to Brad and also provided a possible passcode for the iPhone to assist in the forensic examination of the iPhone. Agents attempted to interview Sarah in person however she retained an attorney and a date for an interview with the attorney present has not been established as of the writing of this affidavit.
12. Due to the complexity of data that modern cell phones retain, it is likely that there are information and elements pertinent to this investigation on Brad's iPhone that was recovered from the 2012 Buick Regal. iPhone and cellular devices in general will retain GPS and location data while the device is in use and also when the device is communicating with cell towers and exchanging data. iPhone and cellular device in similar situations users will also text, call, and use other applications to communicate with others what their intentions are or to explain themselves for the events that have happened or are about to occur. Cellular device users will at times "screen shot" messages or other items of interest to the investigation to send to others using applications on the device or messaging services.
13. A forensic examination of the iPhone is also likely to show any calls Brad may have made during the events, as well as any calls or voicemail recordings Brad received or may have sent during that time.
14. Cellular devices will also execute system screenshots of the device screen when prompted by certain applications that may also show what applications and forms of communication Brad may have been utilizing prior to and during the events of the domestic violence, the subsequent vehicle pursuit initiated by law enforcement, and the officer involved shooting incident that resulted in Brad Bailey's death.
15. BCI Agents also recovered two replica guns, one that was possessed by Brad Bailey as seen in reviewed law enforcement video and the other from the involved 2012 Buick Regal. Research of the replica guns by BCI Agents has shown that the replica guns may have been purchased using a popular website and cell phone application called "Temu." It is likely that the purchase information of the replica guns used and possessed by Bailey will be located on Brad's iPhone.

Searching Digital Evidence

Based upon my training, experience and discussions with those involved in digital forensics, I know that searching all areas of an electronic device is necessary in order to conduct a complete search for electronic evidence relevant to the investigation for the following reasons:

1. All electronic devices have a "file system," which is how the device organizes directories and files. The "file system" is a representation of the storage device's organization as opposed to the actual data that is stored inside of the files. In other words, the "file system" is like a table of contents or an index in a book; it is a mechanism that keeps track of where

the actual file or data is located on the hard drive. Each “file system” works in different ways and can vary between devices. “File systems” have their own conventions for the naming of files, such as how long a name can be or what characters are permissible in a file name.

2. Keyword searches may assist the examiner in locating electronic evidence, due to the vast amount of storage contained on electronic devices; however, the software and applications used to create or store the files may be such that it is not conducive to finding relevant evidence by solely using a keyword search. Software and applications may save data in a proprietary format, in an encrypted format, or in a compressed format that is not human readable and therefore not conducive to keyword searching. Therefore, the forensic examiner must review and analyze the operating system, software, and application configurations.
3. In addition, the user can take other steps that inhibit law enforcement from discovering the information that is the subject of the search relevant to the investigation. This includes, but is not limited to, renaming files or file extensions, using encryption or compression, password protecting files, using software or applications specifically designed to allow a user to hide portions of the storage area, or to embed a file within another file or files. In other words, a keyword search or merely looking at a file name or file type may lead an examiner to conclude, for example, that a data file contains text, when the file actually contains a picture, or vice-versa. A user does not need extensive computer knowledge to perform these steps and software and applications are readily available for free on the internet that will perform these steps for the user.
4. When a file is deleted, it may still be possible to recover the file because the file system usually just changes the entry related to that file as to where a file is located but does not actually go to the physical location on the storage media and remove the information at that physical location. Therefore, it may be possible to recover deleted data for a substantial period of time after the deletion occurred.

Therefore, personnel executing the search warrant must examine all areas of an electronic device, including but not limited to, scanning storage areas to discover and possibly recover deleted data, scanning storage areas for deliberately hidden files, performing electronic keyword searching through all electronic storage areas, and opening and previewing various file folders or directories and the individual files they contain, because evidence relevant to the investigation can reasonably be expected to be found anywhere on the device.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing information there is probable cause to believe that within the **black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, currently being held in evidence at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richfield, Summit County, Ohio**, there is likely evidence contained within the electronic device relative to the above-mentioned ORC violations, and that evidence could be used to further this investigation. Users of smart phones

communicate, document with photos and text, and the electronic device itself has the ability to log and records information that can be used to further this investigation.

Request for Issuance of a Search Warrant

I submit based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, that there is probable cause to believe that Ohio Revised Code Sections **ORC 2903.11 Felonious Assault**, have been violated and the property, evidence, and instrumentalities of these offenses are located within the **black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, currently being held in evidence at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.** Based upon the foregoing, I respectfully request that this Court issue a search warrant for **the black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, currently being held in evidence at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richfield, Summit County, Ohio,** authorizing the seizure of the items described above.

Request For Modification of Three (3) Day Execution Deadline

This Affiant states that the requested search of the electronic media to be performed by a qualified computer forensic examiner is expected to require more than three (3) days due to logistical and technical concerns. Hence, the “execution” of the requested warrant may require several weeks from beginning to end. If the term “execution” were deemed to occur at the completion of the examination rather than the initiation of the examination, then it would be pragmatically impossible for law enforcement officers to comply with the three (3) day deadline and still properly conduct the search. Therefore, pursuant to revised Code 2933.24(A), this Affiant requests this Court require said seizure and/or search be initiated, by delivering the electronic evidence to the examiner, within three (3) days, unless and until otherwise authorized by this Court.

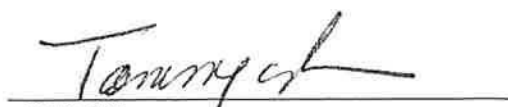
Permission for nighttime search (from 8:00 PM to midnight and from midnight to 7:00 AM)
(X) is not requested, () is requested for the above reasons and facts and these: **[LIST FACTS FOR A NIGHT TIME SEARCH IF APPLICABLE]**

Permission for Waiver of the Statutory Precondition for Nonconsensual Entry (X) is not requested, () is requested for the above reason and facts and those facts detailed below: : **[LIST FACTS FOR A NO KNOCK WARRANT IF APPLICABLE]**



AFFIANT

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence on
November 12 2025



JUDGE

RETURN; RECEIPT; INVENTORY OF SEARCH WARRANT

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**State of Ohio
Summit County ss.**

I, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation **Special Agent Ryan Emahiser**, the person taking property hereunder, received the attached search warrant on the **12th** day of **November**, 2025, and (check appropriate box):

I am returning the Warrant without having executed the same.

Ohio BCI executed it as follows: On the **12th** day of December, 20265, Ohio BCI searched the cellular device:

A black iPhone smart phone, believed to belong to Bradley M Bailey, contained in a clear evidence bag labeled #C00020-1026279 Property #3, seized during an Officer Involved Shooting Incident being investigated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, as described in the warrant, and left a copy of the warrant (check one):

at the premises/cell phone.

at Summit County Common Pleas

Furthermore (check appropriate box): no evidence was seized.

The following is an **INVENTORY** of property taken pursuant to the warrant prepared by Special Agent Ryan Emahiser and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation:

Item No. Quantity and description of property taken

1 - Digital Cellular Phone Extraction

I swear this Inventory is a true and detailed account of all property taken by me on the Warrant; and a copy of this Inventory was deposited with the person or at the premises from which the property was taken as a Receipt of the items taken.

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Signing Agent

This 13th day of January, 2026

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence by

[Signature]

Notary Public/Clerk of Courts/Deputy Clerk

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