



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



2022-0727

Officer-Involved Critical Incident-914 Salt Spring Road, Youngstown,  
Ohio 44509

Investigative Activity: Document Review

Activity Date: April 1, 2022

Activity Location: 914 Salt Springs Road, Youngstown, Ohio

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Al Banský #115

**Narrative:**

On April 1, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent (SA) Al Banský (Banský) received a written statement from Youngstown City Police Officer (Ofc.) Andrew Balog (Balog). Ofc. Balog was identified as one of the officers who arrived after the officer-involved critical incident shooting.

According to Ofc. Balog, while on patrol, he was advised by radio dispatch that Struthers Police Department was in pursuit of a vehicle because the "suspect attempted to strike a Struthers Officer with his car." Ofc. Balog was also advised the pursuit was on Steel Street and Salt Springs Road and shots were fired.

Minutes later, Ofc. Balog arrived on scene and observed two Struthers' cruisers and the suspect's vehicle at the intersection. As Ofc. Balog exited his vehicle, he observed one officer at the driver's side of his cruiser with his service weapon drawn and another Struthers' officer at the side/rear of his cruiser.

Ofc. Balog exited his cruiser, drew his service weapon and assisted the officers, while he heard "loud verbal commands for the driver to show his hands." After the suspect did not answer/respond to commands, officers approached to see if the suspect had a firearm. Ofc. Balog advised he did observe a "firearm on the floor board, next to the suspects feet." According to Ofc. Balog, it "appeared two tasers were deployed at the suspect."

Note: On April 25, 2022, SA Banský participated in a phone conference with Ofc. Balog, regarding his statement. Ofc. Balog advised, while he was giving commands to the suspect to show his hands, officers didn't receive any response from the suspect. Ofc. Balog advised that as he was approaching the suspect's vehicle, he heard the suspect's "last breath."

Ofc. Balog also advised as he looked through the suspect's vehicle window, he observed a "black firearm on the driver's floor area."

Ofc. Balog's written statement received was attached to this report. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

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Voluntary Statement of Victim / Witness

Date: 01-01-22 Time: 2035 Incident #: 22Y013461

Voluntary Statement of: Andrew Baloy 1195

Address: YPD Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN / ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I am making this voluntary statement to Captain Simon whom I know to be an Officer of the Youngstown Police Department.

I Ofc Baloy YPD Car 205 was on routine Patrol when radio advised Struthers PD was in pursuit of a vehicle on the East side. Radio further advised they were chasing the vehicle because the suspect attempted to strike a Struthers officer with their car. The pursuit made it to 680 Northbound and was passing Glenwood exit. I began to make my way to 680 and as I made it to 680 at the Glenwood exit dispatch advised the pursuit was now on Steel St. I got off at the Glenwood exit and dispatch advised of shots fired and that there was a shooting at Steel St and Salts Springs Rd. I activated my overhead lights and sirens ~~from~~ from Edwards St and Mahoning Ave. I arrived on scene shortly after. Upon arrival I observed two Struthers cruisers as well as the suspects vehicle at the intersection. I exited my cruiser and observed one officer at the drivers side of his cruiser with his service weapon drawn. I observed the other Struthers officer near the passenger side rear of his cruiser. I drew my service weapon and assisted the officer at his drivers side. Officers gave loud verbal commands for the driver to show his hands. After the suspect did not answer/respond to commands officers approached to see if he still had the firearm in his hands. Officers did observe the firearm to not be in his hands. The firearm was observed on the floorboard next to the suspects feet. It should be noted as soon as we were advised of shots being fired AMR ambulance was dispatched. It should also be noted as I first came up to the Struthers cruiser I observed wires from a Taser coming out of the drivers side and passenger side front windows.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voluntary Supplement

It appear two Fasers were deployed at the suspect. More officers arrived to assist. The Struthers officer I assisted grabbed his shield to approach the vehicle during the incident. As more officers arrived we began to secure the scene. ~~After~~ arrived shortly after where they said the suspect was deceased. The scene was turned over to detectives.

I have read or have had read to me the foregoing statement consisting of \_\_\_ pages, handwritten by Officer Baluy. It is true to the best of my belief and knowledge and I willingly initial the first \_\_\_ pages and sign the last page.

Witness:

Signed: