



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



2025-3709
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,
 Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

Investigative Activity: Involved Trooper Interview
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 12/04/2025
Activity Location: Engle & Martin LLC: 4660 Duke Drive, Suite 101, Mason Ohio 45040
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty #173

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 03, 2025, at 1526 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and SA Josh Welty (SA Welty) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OHSP) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Josh Engle, from the law office of Engle & Martin. The interview took place at 4660 Duke Drive, Suite 101, Mason, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Sgt. Brian Parsons
Radio Channel Utilized: N/A	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: 2024 Dodge Durango	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: No other occupants
Assignment: Trooper - Georgetown Post (Brown & Adams County)	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]

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In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: No
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: N/A	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): No	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Class B - Issued patrol pants, shirt, hat (not worn), tie, body armor, and duty belt.	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Taser, Baton (ASP)
Ballistic Vest: Tactical Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: No	Partner: No
Injuries: No	Equipment Damage: No
Training or Areas of Specialty: Range Officer.	OPOTC Certification: Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: [REDACTED]	Use-of-Force Training: 2025
Prior Shooting Incidents: No law enforcement related.	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: Yes
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: No	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Sig Sauer	Model: P320
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Duty Belt
Magazine Capacity: 17	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 18
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:

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Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 18	Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 05/08/2025	Type of Holster, if any: Retention Holster

Weapon #2

Make: Sig Sauer	Model: P365
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Concealed
Magazine Capacity: 10	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 11
Extra Magazines: No	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: N/A
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 11	Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 05/08/2025	Type of Holster, if any: Concealed

Weapon #3

Make: Aero Precision	Model: M4E1
Caliber/Gauge: .223 caliber	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Rifle	Method of Carry: Sling
Magazine Capacity: 28	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 28
Extra Magazines: 2 (Not used)	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 28 in each magazine
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 63	Number of Rounds Fired: 21
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 05/08/2025	Type of Holster, if any: N/A

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██████████ stated that he was made aware of the situation by a BOLO (be-on-look-out) for a driver who had threatened some construction workers with a knife. ██████████ was later informed that Adam's County Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of the BOLO vehicle and proceeded towards the pursuit.

██████████ wrote, *"I turned Northbound on SR247 and continued to monitor radio traffic so that I could lend support. I was told the pursuit was in excess of 100 mph and was entering the town of West Union. I was also told the subject had hit some stop sticks but had not stopped."*

After receiving additional information via radio traffic, ██████████ wrote he *"...pulled onto a side road to wait for the suspect vehicle."* While there, ██████████ observed the vehicle pass at a high rate of speed and pulled out behind the vehicle, with lights and siren activated.

██████████ continued to pursue the vehicle until arriving at a residence. Once at the residence, he observed the suspect exit the vehicle and enter the house. At this moment, ██████████ wrote, *"I was advised by dispatch to get away from the residence because the suspect had several firearms."*

██████████ continued to write, *"I returned to my vehicle and retrieved my rifle and tactical vest. I moved away from the house towards a wooded area and took cover behind a tree."* ██████████ took further cover in a wooded area, approximately 75 yards from the residence, with ██████████

██████████ also wrote, *"I observed the male subject on the balcony of the third floor. I could see him holding something, but could not tell exactly what was in his hand. I heard the suspect yelling but I could not make out what he was saying. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect."* SA Holcomb asked if he could describe the item in Lindner's hand; he stated it appeared he was holding something in his hands but could not describe the color or size.

██████████ further wrote, *"I believed that I and other officers were in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and the only means of escape from danger was the use of deadly force. I did not believe that I could safely withdraw from the location and adequately protect myself, the other officers on the scene, or other possibly innocent persons in the area. I discharged my rifle. I fired several shots. I observed the suspect stand for a little bit and stopped firing when I no longer could see him."*

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██████████ was asked to describe his line of sight; he explained he could see the southeast side, and the balcony on the west side of the house. He further explained he was looking through vegetation but could see a silhouette when Lindner came out on the balcony.

SA Holcomb asked ██████████ additional follow up questions.

██████████ was asked why his body worn camera (BWC) was turned on after the shooting and not prior to. He stated that due to the position they were laying, estimated time of arrival for the tactical team, and the battery of the BWC not lasting long, he made the decision to turn off the BWC to conserve battery. He planned to reactivate the BWC once the tactical team arrived. ██████████ further explained once the subject came out of the house and fired, they returned fire, and then immediately activated BWC.

██████████ was also asked if Lindner said anything when entering the residence. He indicated no. He further explained that Lindner was entering the threshold of the door as he was exiting his vehicle.

SA Holcomb asked how long Lindner was on the balcony yelling. ██████████ stated it was possibly seconds but could not understand what he was saying. He further explained that Lindner yelled and several seconds passed before a gunshot was heard, coming from his [Lindner] direction.

SA Holcomb asked ██████████ whether he had any prior contacts (personal or professional) with Christopher Lindner; he stated no.

██████████ stated he followed all OHSP policies and procedures on the day of the incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1542 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. A written statement was provided. The audio recording and statement was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

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- Attachment #1: CIN - [REDACTED]
Attachment #2: OSP [REDACTED] - Written Statement
Attachment #3: 2025-12-03 - OSP [REDACTED] Interview (2025-3709)

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).



Signature of interviewee

12/03/2025 1525
Date / Time

SA Josh Welty #173
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA Josh Welty
BCI Agent (Signature)

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 3, 2025

I am a [REDACTED] with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I have served in that position since [REDACTED]. I have been employed as a full time sworn law enforcement officer with the Highway Patrol since [REDACTED]. I graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus, Ohio in [REDACTED].

I am currently assigned as a Trooper on [REDACTED]. I work throughout Adams and Brown Counties.

I am providing this statement voluntarily. I have prepared the statement to the best of my recollection. I have not yet had the opportunity to review all of the videos of the incident and it is possible that this review might refresh my recollection in the future.

I am familiar with the Highway Patrol's policies and procedures on use of force. My most recent training on use of force occurred in 2025. I have also attended various in-service trainings. I most recently completed my firearm qualifications in 2025.

On November 14, 2025, I was working [REDACTED]. The weather was overcast but not raining. I was wearing my uniform. I carry my Sig Sauer P320 9mm pistol along with 3 magazines each holding 17 rounds. One magazine is contained in the firearm, 2 magazines are carried on my duty belt. My firearm had 18 rounds (1 in the weapon and 17 in the magazine).

I also had with me an Aero Precision AR-15 locked in the trunk of my vehicle. I had 3 magazines containing 28 rounds each. One magazine is in the rifle, and two magazines are carried in the tactical plates vest.

I was in Adams County when I heard a BOLO for a driver who had threatened some construction workers with a knife. I was not in position to respond so took no action. Later, I was informed that Adams County Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of the BOLO vehicle. I proceeded towards the pursuit. I was informed of the possible identity of the suspect.

I turned Northbound on SR247 and continued to monitor radio traffic so that I could lend support. I was told that the

pursuit was in excess of 100 mph and was entering the town of West Union. I was also told that the subject had hit some stop sticks but had not stopped.

I activated my lights and sirens and continued northbound. I was then advised that the vehicle was approaching me on SR247. I pulled onto a side road to wait for the suspect vehicle. I did not believe that I had sufficient time to deploy stop sticks. I observed the suspect vehicle pass me at a high rate of speed. I got behind the vehicle with my lights and siren activated. I could not observe any other law enforcement units.

The suspect continued southbound on SR247 at speeds in excess of 70 mph. I was advised that the vehicle was likely going to a residence on Brush Creek Road. A sergeant from Adams County Sheriff's Officer advised that we should try to prevent the suspect from getting in his house.

The suspect proceeded southbound on Brush Creek Road at a high rate of speed. The suspect turned into a gravel drive and then what appeared to be an ATV trail through a wooded area. The suspect then turned onto a gravel driveway leading into the residence. The vehicle stopped and as I pulled up I observed the suspect leave the vehicle and enter the house. I drew my service pistol but did not give commands.

I approached the vehicle and determined that it was clear. I was advised by dispatch to get away from the residence because the suspect had several guns. I returned to my vehicle and retrieved my rifle and tactical vest. I moved away from the house towards a wooded area and took cover behind a tree. I observed the house while I waited for additional officers to arrive. [REDACTED] assisted me in leaving my location. We then took up positions in a creek bed to watch the house.

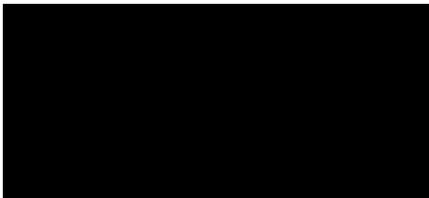
I maintained our position and were told that the OSHP SRT was enroute with a two hour ETA. I maintained cover on the house with my rifle while waiting for SRT to arrive. We were concerned that the suspect had several weapons and possible thermal optics. I observed a male subject on the balcony of the third floor. I could see him holding something, but could not tell exactly what was in his hands. I heard the suspect yelling but I could not make out what he was saying. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect.

I believed that I and other officers were in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and the only means of escape from danger was the use of deadly force. I did not believe that I could safely withdraw from the location and adequately protect myself, the other officers on the scene, or other possibly innocent persons in the area. I discharged my rifle. I fired several shots. I observed the suspect stand for a little bit and stopped firing when I no longer could see him. I was unable to tell if the suspect had been hit. When I stopped firing I changed magazines and secured the magazine that I had fired from in my vest.

Brown County deputies were able to fly the drone near the suspect. I was informed that the suspect was down. We assembled a team to enter the house and provide medical assistance. I, along, with [REDACTED] Adams County Deputies, and Winchester Police officers met at the back door in order to make an entry.

[REDACTED] tried to kick the door in. [REDACTED] was eventually able to unlock a door and enter the residence. I entered the residence. We tactically moved through the residence and found the suspect on the third floor balcony. The suspect was laying on his back with a rifle near his feet. I observed two handguns on the bed and several loaded magazines. The suspect appeared to be dead. Another officer said that the suspect had an unsurvivable wound and determined that medical assistance was not warranted. We cleared the rest of the house and left the residence.

I spoke to some of the other officers and members of the SRT. I secured my rifle and vest in the back of [REDACTED] cruiser. At one point I put original magazine that had been fired from back in the rifle. I cleared the rifle and put the round that had been in the rifle back in the original magazine. I did not receive medical attention. I returned to the Patrol Post where I gave my firearm to BCI.



12/03/2025