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**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
 Investigative Report



2026-1239  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route  
 250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

**Investigative Activity:** Involved Officer Interview - [REDACTED]  
**Involves:** [REDACTED]  
**Activity Date:** 04/14/2026  
**Activity Location:** Harrison County Sheriff's Office - 978 East Market Street,  
 Cadiz, OH 43907  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 14:48 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Harrison County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Maxwell Martin, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the HCSO. The interview was video recorded.

[REDACTED] was provided with the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification Form. Upon reviewing the form, he signed it and agreed to participate in the interview.

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:**

<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Rank:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Badge Number:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Sergeant Smith
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> XS041 (main)	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> HCSO marked Ford Taurus	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> Driver- [REDACTED]
<b>Assignment:</b> Patrol	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Operational & Utilized	<b>Spotlight:</b> Not Present

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<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> ██████████	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> ██████████	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> None
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> 6-8	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> ██████████	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> ██████████
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> None	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> Glasses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Standard Buckeye State Sheriff's Association uniform	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Gun, taser, handcuffs, flashlight, radio, tourniquet, spare magazines
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> Concealed Armor	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Present & Used
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> None	<b>Partner:</b> None
<b>Injuries:</b> Shoulder injury, possible fracture and tear	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> None
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> D.A.R.E.	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> ██████████
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> None	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Annual updates
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> None	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> None
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> None	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview:</b> None
<b>Alcohol in Past 24 Hours?</b> None	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> None

**Officer's Firearm:**

<b>Make:</b> Smith & Wesson	<b>Model:</b> M&P 2.0
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> Unknown at time of interview
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Holster
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 17+1
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> Two	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 17
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 16	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 2
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned

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<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> Unknown at time of interview	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Level three retention
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**Narrative:**

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if he had reviewed his body worn camera footage prior to participating in the interview. He advised that he reviewed it once, and it did not differ from his memory of the incident.

[REDACTED] was asked to detail the incident to the best of his recollection. He stated that he was stationary on US 250 near Plum Run Road when he observed a blue SUV approaching him. He recalled seeing a female driving the vehicle, and an older white male sitting in the rear passenger area. He noted that as the vehicle passed him the male leaned forward between the driver and passenger seat and looked at him.

[REDACTED] described the look the male gave him:

*And the look that he gave me was just like, like, it's almost like you're a kid, like, and you get caught in trouble and they're like, oh shit, there's the cops. (09:11)*

[REDACTED] found the look that the male gave him, along with where he was sitting, suspicious, almost as if he had been trying to hide. [REDACTED] pulled out behind the SUV after a few cars passed his location. He said that the SUV began to follow the pickup truck in front of them so closely that the pickup truck in front of them had to move out of the way to allow them to pass.

[REDACTED] turned on his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop for following too closely. The SUV came to a stop on US 250 near Eslick Road. [REDACTED] approached the vehicle and attempted to speak to the female driver. He said that the window wouldn't open, so he had to open the driver's door to effectively communicate with her. He recalled the following about the initial interactions with the occupants:

*I tell her the reason. She's like, oh yeah, like, you know, seemed, you know, fine. But I noticed the guy in the backseat's like, like eyeing me up, you know? And then I think at one point he, he lit up a fresh, uh, a fresh cigarette. He's getting on his phone, he's texting, just, you know, some of the stuff that I've been taught over the, you know, the years, like these are some red flags, so, and why? And plus, he's in the back seat and there's no one in the front seat. (11:16)*

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██████████ carried on with his interactions with the driver. He stated that she did not have her license or proof of insurance on her, but she provided her social security number. After she was successfully identified, ██████████ asked her to make contact with someone who could send her proof of insurance. While she made arrangements for the insurance to be sent over, ██████████ asked her to step out of the vehicle and walk to the front of his cruiser. He then asked her if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, and what her and the passenger were doing. The driver told ██████████ that the male passenger is an exterminator. ██████████ asked the driver who the male passenger was, and he believes she identified him as "Randy." She claimed not to know the male well and could not provide his last name.

██████████ asked the female for consent to search the vehicle, which she provided. He then approached the rear passenger and asked him for his name. The passenger identified himself as Randy. ██████████ said that the male was initially cooperative but then became confrontational. When the male was informed that ██████████ had consent to search the vehicle he became, "defensive" and asked what his probable cause for the search was. ██████████ told the passenger that the driver had consented to the search and then asked the passenger to step out.

██████████ recalled that once the male exited the vehicle, he made some alarming movements. He noted that the male's hand was down by his waistband and out of view towards his back. ██████████ asked the male if he had any weapons and the male said that he did not. ██████████ said that the male's hand was still by his waistband, and that he was refusing to move it. ██████████ then attempted to grab the male's hand:

*So, I went and I went to grab his hand. And as soon as he did that, or as soon as I did that, we kind of got locked up, you know, and then like, uh, shoving match, if you will. We go from the, um, the back seat area and we kind of, we work our way to the back of the vehicle and we're kind of locked up. And I just, you know, I got, you know, a couple feet away from him and I thought he was just, you know, a guy wanting to fight. So, I start to draw my taser. I wear it on my left side as I'm going for my taser in a cross draw. I like unclip it with this hand, and then I start to disengage it and get ready to pull it out. He presents a firearm from his left side. (15:36)*

██████████ provided greater detail about the male presenting the firearm towards him:

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*He pulls that gun out and he instantly aimed it right at like, it was anywhere from like my head to my chest area. And I remember it vividly, like, oh, sorry, before I do this though, I remember looking him dead in his eyes and they were just gray. And this was right before, you know, he's actually presents it. I look him right in his eyes. His eyes are just gray. And I can see his lips like starting to curl like, you know, like violent, uh, like violent indicators. This guy's about to do something violent. I remember seeing that. And then he draws his, uh, hand or he draws that handgun out with his left hand and starts to present it like this. (16:19)*

██████████ utilized an inert firearm to demonstrate how the male presented the firearm:



██████████ continued to describe the male's actions:

*And I, that's right when I seen the firearm and I'm like in a cross draw with my taser, and I'm like, this guy's got a gun. I've got a taser. I'm in trouble. 'cause now he's got his gun drawn on me already. I, I vividly remember it was a black semi-automatic pistol, and it had a red dot sight on the back. And it might've been a, uh, vortex because I think I remember seeing the Vortex logo, but I remember seeing that red dot*

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*and just so many things are going through my mind. Like, this guy, I'm done. I'm toast. This guy has his gun on me. I'm not gonna be his react, my reaction time. So, he gr... he goes and he grabs, he's facing this way, he goes and he grabs and starts to present it and get like a two-hand grip. And I remember seeing his finger that this part of his finger trigger sticking through the trigger guard. Like, I'm done. Like, I'm toast. I don't even have my gun out yet. So, he starts to, you know, draw down to get a two-hand grip on me. And I'm still mid-cross draw with my taser. I throw that taser down and what I did was with my left hand, I went and hit his hand. So, it had been this way. I hit his hand and knocked him off target like that. (17:04)*

██████████ demonstrated pushing the firearm away from him:



██████████ further described the encounter:

*And as soon as I got, knocked his hand and he got him kind of like off balance, I took as many steps as I could to make space. And then I started going down over that steep embankment. And as soon as, as soon as I went over that embankment, he fired a shot at me. And when he shot, I went down and I hit my, I landed on, I think somewhere on this left shoulder. (18:18)*

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After [REDACTED] hit the ground, he recalled turning over and his glasses, body worn camera, and other equipment fell. He thought that the male would be approaching him to continue his attack, so he drew his weapons and attempted to obtain a two-hand grip on it:

*And that's when I realized my left arm isn't working. I was like, he, he shot me, my left arm's paralyzed. I can't even grip my pistol. So, I, I was convinced I was hit. So, I, uh, I one handed and I drew up and pointed at him. He was standing a few, quite a few feet away from his car. Like I said, I think he was kind of walking toward, I don't know if he was walking towards me to finish me off or what, but I went, I shot two shots right at him. And I, I thought I swore I seen him go down. Um, I thought I hit him. And then after that I got on the radio. I said, uh, [REDACTED] something like that. I said, [REDACTED] shots fired. I need help. I'm hurt bad.' (19:41)*

[REDACTED] recalled the male entering the driver side of the vehicle and fleeing the scene. The female driver was frantic and asked [REDACTED] if he was alright. She then checked [REDACTED] for injuries while he removed his vest:

*I think I'm hit because I can't use my left arm. I need help. So, I started taking my stuff off my uniform, started taking it off. And I'm telling her, check me for holes. Check me for blood. Something's wrong. You know, I was, I was a hundred percent convinced I had a bullet hole somewhere. And she was like, I don't see anything. And I'm like, no, you're missing it. There's something wrong here. My shoulder, I can't even move. I can't, I'm trying to do something with my left hand and it's just not working. (21:09)*

EMS and other law enforcement officers arrived on scene shortly after. [REDACTED] was checked for injuries again by EMS prior to being transported to Wheeling Hospital.

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] when he became aware that the male was not named Randy. He recalled that HCSO Detective Morgan Knight (Detective Knight) arrived at the hospital and showed him a picture that he identified as the male. Detective Knight then informed [REDACTED] that the male's name was Michael Decker (Decker).

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] what it meant to him when someone reached for their waistband. He indicated that it generally means that someone is reaching for a weapon.

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SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if Decker gave any indication of wanting to flee when the initial altercation occurred. [REDACTED] did not feel that Decker had any intent to flee. He also recalled that Decker stated, "I said no." when he went to grab Decker's left hand that was near his waistband.

The interview concluded at approximately 15:12 hours.

Following the interview, SA Lamping completed [REDACTED] Victim's Rights Request Form. The completed form was attached to this report.

The interview was video recorded. The video recording was uploaded to Axon Justice and stored as part of Reference Item E - Recorded Interviews. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is attached to this report.

**References:**

Reference Item E - Recorded Interviews: Subfolder - Law Enforcement Witnesses:  
File - 2026-04-14: Involved Officer Interview - [REDACTED] stored on Axon  
Justice

**Attachments:**

1. 2026-04-14 - Criminal Investigation Notification - [REDACTED]
2. 2026-04-14 - [REDACTED] VRRF

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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).

  
Printed Name of Interviewee

4-14-26 14:49hrs  
Date / Time

  
Signature

SA John Tindicoy  
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA [Signature]  
BCI Agent (Signature)

## OHIO VICTIMS' RIGHTS REQUEST FORM

As a victim of crime, you have constitutionally protected rights. **Some rights are automatic. Some rights require your request.**

This form provides important information about your rights. This form is NOT a public record. If you are a victim of an offense of violence, sexually oriented offense, or protection order violation, law enforcement will review this form with you and ask you to complete this form so that criminal justice officials know which rights you wish to exercise. Law enforcement will provide you a copy of the form. These rights also apply to victims of all other criminal offenses. Law enforcement will provide victims of all other offenses information on how to access the form online or provide a printed form, upon request. Complete the form and provide to the law enforcement agency who is investigating. Keep a copy.

### Requesting and Enforcing Your Rights

- Page two of this form provides a list of rights that must be requested if you wish to exercise them. It is your choice. You can choose to exercise all, some, or none of your rights.
  - PLEASE NOTE: If you are a victim of a violation of a protection order, an offense of violence, or a sexually oriented offense and you do not complete the form or request your rights at first contact with law enforcement, you will be automatically opted in to all "upon request" rights until you opt out of your rights or are contacted by the prosecutor. Once contacted by a prosecutor, you will no longer be opted in and you must request your rights in order to exercise them.
- You can change your mind at any time about which rights you choose to exercise. However, if you choose not to exercise some rights and then request them later, you may give up some rights that only apply during certain stages of the case. If you change your mind, you must call, email, or complete a new form and return it to the investigating officer, prosecutor, court, prison, jail, or community based correctional facility to ensure officials have updated information on the rights you wish to exercise and updated contact information. You can obtain another Victims' Rights Request Form at [ocvjc.org](http://ocvjc.org) or by calling 614-848-8500.
- **If any of your rights are denied, you may ask the advocate or prosecutor to help, seek enforcement on your own, hire an attorney, or request free legal assistance from Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center at <https://www.ocvjc.org/request-for-assistance> or call 614-848-8500.**
- An online resource to help you understand and exercise all of your rights is the [Victims Rights Toolkit](https://www.ocvjc.org/victims-rights-toolkit), <https://www.ocvjc.org/victims-rights-toolkit>

### Appointing a Victim Representative

- You may choose to exercise your rights and/or choose a representative to exercise your rights. A representative can be anyone other than the defendant. You can choose, change, or remove a representative at any time.

### Privacy and Safety

- You may be eligible for a protection order. The investigating officer will provide available resources to assist with obtaining a protection order.
- You may use the form on Page 2 to request redaction (removal) of your name, address, and identifying information from public records related to this case. This request does not apply to crash reports submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety. You must send a separate request with the pertinent information on your crash (name, date, location) to the Department of Public Safety to request redaction of crash reports found at [https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/what-we-do/crash-reports/crash\\_report\\_search](https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/what-we-do/crash-reports/crash_report_search) by emailing [traffstats@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:traffstats@dps.ohio.gov) or calling (614) 466-3536.
- You may be able to keep your address private by obtaining a Safe at Home address. Learn more at <http://www.safeathomeohio.gov> or call 614-995-2255.
- If the defendant, defendant's attorney, or anyone else acting on behalf of the defendant contacts you to talk with you, request an interview, or attempt to obtain any information or materials from you, you have the right to refuse. Immediately contact the prosecutor to let them know you have been contacted. You may also contact <https://www.ocvjc.org/request-for-assistance> or call 614-848-8500.
- You can receive texts, calls, or emails to receive notice of a defendant or offender's release or escape from jail or prison. Register at: <https://www.vinelink.com/#state-selection>

### Arraignment

- **Arraignment is a hearing that can happen within a couple days after the defendant is charged with a crime.**
- If you request notification, law enforcement will notify you of the arrest of the defendant and can provide you a phone number for the clerk of the court to get information on the date, time, and location of the arraignment proceeding.
- During arraignment the judge decides whether or not to release the defendant on bond, determines bond conditions, and whether or not to issue a protection order.
- You have the right to attend the arraignment and tell the judge about any safety concerns and your opinion regarding release, bond conditions, and whether or not you would like a protection order.

### Compensation and Restitution

- **Crime Victim Compensation Fund:** You may be eligible to apply for reimbursement for certain financial losses relating to your victimization, even if the suspect has not been arrested or convicted. You may apply at: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/individuals-and-families/victims/apply-for-victims-compensation> or call 800-582-2877.
- **Restitution:** Upon conviction, the court must order the offender to pay you for certain financial losses relating to your victimization. It is important to keep a record of all expenses incurred as a result of the crime so that the court can use this information to determine what costs are properly included in an order of restitution. <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/JCS/courtSvc/MarsysLaw/SCO-CSD-0002.pdf>



