



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



2026-0240
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4800 Duvall Rd., Lot
303, Ashville, OH 43103 (L)

Investigative Activity: File to Prosecutor
Involves: Chase Dalton, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Activity Date: 03/24/2026
Activity Location: Pickaway County Prosecutor's Office (143 East Main
Street, Circleville, OH 43113)
Authoring Agent: SA Joshua Welty, # 173

Narrative:

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 1226 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) provided the Pickaway County Prosecutor's Office with a single thumb drive containing BCI investigative reports, documents, and items as of March 24, 2026. In addition to the thumb drive, an Axon (evidence.com) share was completed, sharing 686 items through Axon with Prosecutor Jayme Fountain.

Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau sent notification to the involved agencies (Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, Ashville Police Department, and South Bloomfield Police Department) informing them the case has been referred to the prosecutor.

At this time, BCI is awaiting further direction from the prosecutor's office as to any additional follow-up investigation they may wish and any decisions regarding possible grand jury presentations or prosecutions relative to the incident.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 1: PCSO OICI Notification 3.24.2026 BCI 2026-0240

Attachment # 2: Ashville PD OICI Notification 3.24.2026 BCI 2026-0240

Attachment # 3: South Bloomfield OICI Notification 3.24.2026 BCI 2026-0240

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Office: 844-BCI-OHIO

March 24, 2026

Sheriff Matthew Hafey
Pickaway County Sheriff's Office
600 Island Road
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Dear Sheriff Hafey,

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office requested BCI to investigate the officer-involved critical incident resulting in the death of Chase Dalton (BCI case # 2026-0240). As of March 24, 2026, the findings of that investigation was forwarded to the Pickaway County Prosecutor's Office for review. Absent any requests from the prosecutor's office for follow-up investigation, BCI's involvement in this matter has concluded.

Consistent with BCI's protocols, this investigation sought the facts and circumstances of the incident and does not include any determinations of fault – the legality of the actions involved will be determined by the prosecutor and/or grand jury. Should you wish a copy of our investigation, it can be provided to you if the prosecutor consents or upon becoming a public record. The return of any items being held as evidence – such as an officer's firearm – can also only be facilitated with the permission of the prosecutor, or once the adjudication of the case is complete.

BCI's investigation does not address any potential policy or procedure violations by your personnel, focusing solely on criminal statutes. Additionally, BCI is not involved in any decisions pertaining to internal discipline or return-to-work decisions which your department may choose to make.

Thank you for considering the skills and expertise of BCI in helping you resolve this important matter. I appreciate your concerns in handling this matter in a way that promotes public trust. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 614-633-5586.

Very respectfully yours,

Kevin Barbeau
Force Investigations Unit – Southern Ohio
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Acting Chief Chris Hempstead
Ashville Police Department
91 West Main Street
Ashville, Ohio 43103

Dear Acting Chief Hempstead,

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Chief Michael Maynard
South Bloomfield Police Department
5000 Park Place
South Bloomfield, Ohio 43103

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