



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



2024-2727

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1370 Belmont Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio 44504, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Declination Letter
Involves: Linderman, Shane
Activity Date: 10/06/2025
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: Lehnhart, Eric #084

Narrative:

On Monday, October 6, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart received an electronic mail (e-mail) from Mahoning County Prosecutor's Executive Administrator Anita Krohn (Krohn). Krohn's e-mail contained a letter from Mahoning County Prosecutor Lynn A. Maro, addressed to Youngstown Police Chief, Carl Davis.

In her correspondence, Prosecutor Maro stated:

As a result of finding [REDACTED] actions to be justified, I am writing to advise you that this office is closing the matter and that this office has no intention of presenting the case to the Mahoning County Grand Jury.

The correspondence received from the Mahoning County Prosecutor is attached to this investigative report. Please refer to this document for further information.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2025-10-06 Linderman Declination Letter

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October 6, 2025

Chief Carl Davis
Youngstown Police Department
116 W. Boardman Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

RE: Officer involved critical incident- Shane Linderman
DOI: 09/10/2024
Officer: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Davis:

The Officer involved critical incident concerning the decedent, Shane Linderman, and Youngstown Police [REDACTED], was received for review by our office on June 4, 2025. A review of the matter was conducted by myself and others in my office whose opinions I trust.

I have been informed that under the prior administration of the Prosecutor's Office, every officer involved critical incident was submitted to the Grand Jury. That is not the policy of this office. It is the policy of this office to review the cases carefully and earnestly, and to present to the Grand Jury only those cases where even arguably a claim can be made that there was conduct that might be criminal.

This is not one of those cases. I have reviewed the videos numerous times as well as the eyewitness statements, reports and records associated with the investigation. [REDACTED] conduct was completely appropriate and justifiable. Officers were dispatched to Dollar General on Belmont Avenue reference a fight with a knife. While in route, dispatch advised Officers that a male had slit his own throat and had also slit the throat of a female. Officers were further advised the male still had the knife. [REDACTED] arrived on scene to find a female laying on the ground, seriously injured, and Mr. Linderman kneeling over that person. Mr. Linderman also had a visible neck wound. [REDACTED] repeatedly instructed Mr. Linderman to get off the female and to show his hands. Not only did Mr. Linderman refuse to comply, he began "slashing" with the unknown item in his hand. A store employee advised that Linderman still had a knife and a boxcutter. Linderman was

still on top of Stopperich and refused to comply with any commands. Mr. Linderman then rushed at [REDACTED]. This left [REDACTED] in the unfortunate position of having no choice but to discharge his weapon in order to save himself and others. I further find that the amount of force used was sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to quell the immediate threat to [REDACTED] and to others. As a result of finding [REDACTED] actions to be justified, I am writing to advise you that this office is closing the matter and that this office has no intention of presenting the case to the Mahoning County Grand Jury.

Sincerely,



Lynn A. Maro
County Prosecutor

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cc: Captain Jason Simon
SA Eric Lehnhart
[REDACTED]