



**Ohio Attorney General’s Office  
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:** Witness Interview – Walter Pase  
**Involves:** Walter Pase (V), Rebecca Grim (V)  
**Activity Date:** 04/13/2026  
**Activity Location:** 86505 Black Road, Jewett, OH 43986  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

On Monday, April 13, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) and Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) travelled to 86505 Black Road, Jewett, Harrison County, Ohio, to speak with Walter Pase (Pase). Pase had been identified as a civilian that had been confronted by Michael Decker (Decker) on Monday, March 30, 2026. The interview was captured on SA Lamping’s BWC. The video was 11 minutes and 48 seconds in length. The video was uploaded to Axon Justice and stored as part of Reference Item E – Recorded Interviews. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronological order to aid in the readers’ understanding of the incident.

The agents met with Pase at his residence and explained the reason for their visit. Pase agreed to speak with the agents and began to retell his encounter with Michael Decker (Decker):

Pase told the agents he and his girlfriend, Rebecca Grim (Grim), were in their trailer prior to the incident. They exited their trailer to let their dog out and began to walk towards a garage on their property. Pase indicated that when he was in the below area, he observed Decker standing in the highlighted area of the garage:



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Pase stated that as soon as Decker noticed them, Decker pointed a firearm at them and stated "Woah, woah, woah." This resulted in Pase backing up and putting his hands in the air. Pase was holding his dog in one hand and a knife in another. When Decker observed the knife, he became alarmed and made a statement about Pase having a weapon on him. Pase also recalled that Decker was clean shaven at this point and had taken Pase's green winter coat and a can of fruit. He also noted that Decker had hair hanging out of one of his pockets. Pase inquired about the items Decker had taken and Decker indicated that he had already searched several areas of the residence as well as several cars on the property. Pase later located his hair clippers, which he believes Decker used to cut his facial hair, in another of his outbuildings.

Pase attempted to deescalate the situation and calm Decker down. While doing so, he created a diversion by intentionally slicing his finger open on a can so that he would have an excuse to leave Decker's immediate area. The diversion allowed Pase to walk over to his brother's residence and alert him to Decker's presence. When Pase returned, he was able to make it to his trailer with Grim. Decker knocked on the door shortly afterwards, which resulted in Pase calling 911. Decker ran off and hid behind a rubbish pile on the property. At some point, Decker fled the property and law enforcement arrived. Pase recalled being instructed to exit his trailer with his hands up and walk towards the officers.

Pase advised that he was in fear that Decker would harm them during the incident. He also stated that he had no prior dealings/knowledge of Decker.

While completing this report, SA Lamping noted that Pase and Grim were the victims of several offenses. SA Lamping called Pase's phone and ultimately spoke with Grim. He informed Grim that she and Pase qualify as victims, and as such would need to be provided with several forms. Grim provided an email address and agreed to review the forms. A copy of the email SA Lamping sent to Grim was attached to this report. Shortly after the email was sent, Grim sent a reply declining any victims' rights. A copy of the declined rights for both parties is also attached to this report.

**References:**

Reference Item E – Recorded Interviews: Subfolder – Civilian Witness Interviews:  
File – 2026-04-13: Interview of Walter Pase; stored on Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

1. 2026-04-20 - Crime Victim's Right Paperwork Email (Grim and Pase)

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2. 2026-04-20 - Victims' Rights Request Form (Grim and Pase - Declination)

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**From:** Joseph Lamping [Joseph.Lamping@OhioAGO.gov]  
**To:** grimrebecca15@gmail.com [grimrebecca15@gmail.com]  
**Subject:** Crime Victim's Right Paperwork  
**Sent:** Mon 4/20/2026 4:31 PM GMT-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal

Good afternoon,

Per our phone call, I have attached the required paperwork to this email. Should you and Walter decide to invoke any of the rights in the Victims' Rights Request Form, please fill it out and send a copy or photograph back to me at this email address. If you have any questions while completing the paperwork, feel free to call me at my listed cell phone number.

Thank you,



**Joe Lamping**  
Special Agent  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
Force Investigations Unit - North  
Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost  
Cell number: 330-289-7256

## 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> 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/courtSvcs/MarsysLaw/SCO-CSD-0002.pdf>



