



**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 1510 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:**

<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> [REDACTED]
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> N/A	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> Silver Dodge Charger	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> No other occupants

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

**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Sig Sauer	<b>Model:</b> P320
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Duty Belt
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including</b>

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	<b>chamber): 17</b>
<b>Extra Magazines: 2</b>	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17 in each magazine</b>
<b>Discharged During Incident? No</b>	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary</b>
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident: 17</b>	<b>Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged</b>
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed</b>	<b>Ownership: Department Owned</b>
<b>Last Qualification Date: 04/30/2025</b>	<b>Type of Holster, if any: Retention Holster</b>

**Weapon #2**

<b>Make: Sig Sauer</b>	<b>Model: P365</b>
<b>Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm</b>	<b>Serial: [REDACTED]</b>
<b>Type: Semi-Auto Handgun</b>	<b>Method of Carry: Concealed</b>
<b>Magazine Capacity: 10</b>	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 11</b>
<b>Extra Magazines: No</b>	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: N/A</b>
<b>Discharged During Incident? No</b>	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup</b>
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident: 11</b>	<b>Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged</b>
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed</b>	<b>Ownership: Department Owned</b>
<b>Last Qualification Date: 04/30/2025</b>	<b>Type of Holster, if any: Concealed</b>

**Weapon #3**

<b>Make: Aero Precision</b>	<b>Model: M4E1</b>
<b>Caliber/Gauge: .223 caliber</b>	<b>Serial: [REDACTED]</b>
<b>Type: Rifle</b>	<b>Method of Carry: Sling</b>
<b>Magazine Capacity: 30</b>	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 30</b>
<b>Extra Magazines: 2</b>	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 30 in each magazine</b>
<b>Discharged During Incident? Yes</b>	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary</b>
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident: 69</b>	<b>Number of Rounds Fired: 21</b>
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed</b>	<b>Ownership: Department Owned</b>
<b>Last Qualification Date: 04/30/2025</b>	<b>Type of Holster, if any: N/A</b>

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**Narrative:**

██████████ stated he was at the Georgetown Post when he received a BOLO (be-on-look-out) for a black Range Rover. The BOLO "... told that the driver had threatened some construction workers with a knife." He then learned "... Adams County deputies were in pursuit of the vehicle."

██████████ left the Post and started towards the area of the pursuit. While en route, he was informed by ██████████ the suspect, later identified as Christopher Lindner, was "... possibly going to a house on Mineral Springs Road," but as the pursuit continued he ended up arriving at Brush Creek Road.

Once at the residence, ██████████ wrote, "██████████ told me that ██████████ ██████████ was in an unsafe exposed spot. I was ordered to assist in extracting ██████████" Himself, ██████████ extracted ██████████ and then took position in the creek bed to watch the house.

While in the creek bed, ██████████ "...observed the suspect open a glass door and step out holding a long gun." He then wrote; "I heard the suspect yelling but I could not make out what he was saying. I was able to observe the suspect raise the rifle to chest level. I observed him pull the trigger, saw the rifle recoil, and saw a puff of smoke. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect and yelled, 'shots fired'." ██████████ described the gun as a long gun, wooden stock, and sizable.

██████████ 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 possible innocent persons in the area. I discharged my rifle. I fired several shots. I observed the suspect recoil from getting hit with two shots and go down. I continued suppression firing until I could no longer see the suspect." ██████████ was asked by SA Holcomb approximately how far he was from the residence. He estimated the distance to be 45-50 yards.

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 they were holding a perimeter, and the BWC's battery life is not sustainable to have it recording the entire time and planned to turn the camera on once things "kicked off."

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██████████ was asked by SA Holcomb how long Lindner was on the balcony yelling. He stated approximately thirty seconds to a minute.

SA Holcomb asked ██████████ to describe his line of sight. He explained his line of sight was obstructed by trees and foliage. He had a good viewpoint on the upper balcony.

SA Holcomb asked in what direction did Lindner point the gun. He stated Lindner faced the deputies, down the driveway, raised the firearm and pulled the trigger. He further explained Lindner was 'screaming' when he raised the rifle in the direction of the deputies and fired one shot.

██████████ stated that he has had no prior contact (personal or professional) with Christopher Lindner.

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

The interview concluded at approximately 1523 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:**

Attachment #1: CIN - ██████████

Attachment #2: OSP ██████████ - Written Statement

Attachment #3: 2025-12-03 - OSP ██████████ Interview (2025-3709)

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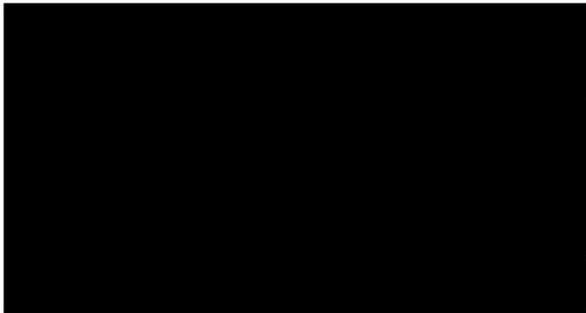


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**Criminal Investigation Notification**

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).



12/03/2025/ 1518  
Date/ Time

SA Josh Welby #173  
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA J. Welby  
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] shift. 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 17 rounds (I did not have time that day to top off my firearm.)

I also had with me an Aero Precision AR-15 locked in the trunk of my vehicle. I had 3 magazines containing 30 rounds each. One magazine is in the rifle, and two magazines are carried in the tactical plates vest.

I was at the Georgetown Post when I heard a BOLO for a Black Range Rover. I was told that the driver had threatened some construction workers with a knife. I next heard that Adams County Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of the vehicle. I left the Post. [REDACTED] left the post at the same time.

I proceeded to Adams County. [REDACTED] said he knew of the individual involved and that the suspect was possibly going to an address on Mineral Springs Road.

I was then informed that Adams County deputies and Winchester Police officers were in pursuit southbound on SR41. I was following [REDACTED] and monitoring the radio traffic.

I, along with [REDACTED] pulled in the driveway. I observed other units from Highway Patrol and Adams County Sheriff's Office on the scene. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] was in an unsafe exposed spot. I was ordered to assist in extracting [REDACTED]

I put on my ballistic plates and retrieved my rifle from the car. I also obtained a ballistic shield from the Sheriff's Office. I, along, with [REDACTED] walked along a creek bed parallel to the residence. We were able to see [REDACTED] and retrieved him using a "leapfrog" technique. I, along, with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] took positions in the creek bed to watch the house.

One agency attempted to fly their drone near the top floor windows of the residence in an effort to observe the suspect. The drone crashed. Brown County Sheriff's Office later arrived with a drone, but they were unable to see the suspect.

I maintained cover on the house with my rifle while waiting for SRT to arrive. I observed the suspect open a glass door and step out holding a long gun. I reported that the suspect was on the deck with a gun. I observed the suspect look at the officers. I heard the suspect yelling but I could not make out what he was saying. I was able to observe the suspect raise the rifle to chest level. I observed him pull the trigger, saw the rifle recoil, and saw a puff of smoke. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect and yelled, "shots fired."

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 recoil from getting hit with two shots and go down. I continued suppression firing until I could no longer see the suspect.

I and [REDACTED] asked Brown County deputies to fly the drone near the suspect. I was informed that the suspect was lying on his back with the rifle by his feet. I was also informed that the

suspect was not moving. I reloaded my rifle and 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] later used his rifle to punch through a window in the door and enter the residence. We tactically moved through the residence and found the suspect on the third floor balcony. I observed the suspect was laying on his back and appeared to be dead. Other officers determined that medical assistance was not warranted. We then left the house.

I secured my rifle and tactical vest in my patrol car. I did not receive medical attention. I returned to the Patrol Post where I gave my firearm to BCI.

