



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



2025-3318  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 681 4th St. SW, Warren,  
OH 44483, Trumbull County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Involved Trumbull County Sheriff's Office  
[REDACTED]

**Involves:** [REDACTED] (S)

**Activity Date:** 10/30/2025

**Activity Location:** Trumbull County Sheriff's Office 150 High St NW, Warren,  
OH 44481

**Authoring Agent:** SA Ryan Emahiser #36

**Narrative:**

On Monday, October 30, 2025, at approximately 14:00 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser (SA Emahiser) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Danielle Chaffin, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Warren Police Department. The interview was audio and video-recorded, and the recording has been uploaded to Axon Justice located in Reference Item F.

[REDACTED] was read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form, which has been uploaded to this case file and attached to this report.

*Prior to the interview, agents reviewed available video footage of the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) to assist in the formulation of relevant questions for the interview of the officer.*

*This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not intend to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in 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.*

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**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> ██████████	<b>Rank:</b> ██████████
<b>Badge Number:</b> █████	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> █████
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> █████	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Ronald Carr
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> Main Sheriff	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> Ford Interceptor	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> None
<b>Assignment:</b> ██████████	<b>Normal Shift:</b> ██████████
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Present	<b>Spotlight:</b> Present & Utilized
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present & Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present & Utilized
<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>	<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> No Corrective Lenses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> BSSA Sheriff Uniform, black shirt gray pants	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Taser, Flashlight, Radio, magazines, handcuffs x2, baton
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> Outer Carrier	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Not Present
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> none	<b>Partner:</b> None
<b>Injuries:</b> none	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> none
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Sheriff's Office Entry Team/Swat, CIT	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> ██████████
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> No	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Regular required trainings
<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> no	<b>Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident:</b> N/A

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

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Glock	<b>Model:</b> 22
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> .40 caliber	<b>Serial:</b> ██████████
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Right Hip
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 15	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 16
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 15
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 11	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 4
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Right-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> 8/13/2025	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Level 3
<b>Attachments:</b> TLR Light	

**Narrative:**

██████████ stated that he was getting ready to begin his shift that day (as he routinely does) and he was monitoring radio traffic prior to beginning his regular shift beginning at ██████████ hours. ██████████ said that he heard that TCSO deputies were involved in a vehicle pursuit, so he responded prior to his shift starting and headed to the area of the vehicle pursuit. ██████████ stated that according to relayed information on the radio he heard that the subject involved in the vehicle pursuit was alleged to have made suicidal statements and alleged to have two firearms in the vehicle. ██████████ said that he lives in Warren and recognized that the vehicle pursuit was in the area of Todd Avenue (Ave) and Highland Ave., not far from where he resides. ██████████ stated that when he arrived in the area of Highland Ave. in his marked TCSO cruiser, he observed numerous police cruisers pursuing a vehicle with emergency lights and sirens activated.

██████████ said that as he began to assist in pursuing the vehicle he observed a Warren Police Department (WPD) Officer deploying spike strips in the path of the vehicle being pursued. ██████████ stated that there was verbal confirmation he heard over the radio that the fleeing vehicle was successfully spiked. ██████████ advised that after the pursued vehicle's tires were spiked, the vehicle began to slow, turning onto he believed Fourth or Fifth Street (St) and stopped partially in the oncoming lane of

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travel. ██████ said that he observed a male, later identified as Brad Bailey (Brad), exit the pursued vehicle holding something, and after ██████ activated his cruiser spotlight, he identified that the object Brad was holding in his hand appeared to be a **"black gun."** ██████ advised that Brad ran around the front of the pursued vehicle and ran toward a wooded area off the south side of the roadway. ██████ said that officers then began to pursue Brad on foot while verbally shouting commands such as **"Stop! Drop the gun!"** ██████ also began pursuing Brad on foot, and Brad ran to Fourth St. still carrying a firearm in his hand. At that time, ██████ said that the WPD canine was also running in that immediate area and passed Brad. ██████ stated that Brad was running eastbound along Fourth St. ██████ saw a WPD cruiser with emergency lights activated approaching Brad from the east. ██████ advised other units over the radio that Brad **"still had the firearm in his hand,"** as ██████ believed that the involved agencies' radio frequencies were patched together, but he later learned that WPD was not patched into TCSO's radio frequency.

██████ explained that he was advising this over the radio so that the eastbound WPD cruiser headed toward Brad would be aware that Brad still had the firearm in his hand as Brad ran in the direction of the WPD cruiser. ██████ said that as the WPD cruiser, later determined to be driven by WPD ██████, approached Brad the cruiser went off the roadway and onto the curb where Brad struck the cruiser with his body. ██████ stated that Brad then went around to the driver's window of the WPD cruiser occupied by ██████, and Brad began striking the WPD cruiser driver's window multiple times with the black handgun. ██████ demonstrated how Brad was holding the black handgun as Brad was striking the WPD cruiser driver's window, depicted below.



Figure 1: ██████ demonstrates how Brad Bailey was holding the firearm while striking the WPD cruiser driver's window, while occupied by ██████

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██████████ stated that after Brad stuck the WPD cruiser driver's window multiple times with what ██████████ believed was the butt of the black handgun, Brad turned toward ██████████, ██████████, and Champion Township Police Department (CTPD) ██████████ who had all been pursuing Brad on foot. ██████████ explained that as Brad turned toward the three officers Brad ***"brandished the firearm, pointed it towards myself, ██████████ and whoever else was behind us. Uh, at that time I heard what I believe the shot towards us at that time I returned fire, uh, discharging the, the rounds and then had to stop shooting 'cause ██████████ came in front of me at that time"*** (11:27). ██████████ advised agents that he believed he fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon. ██████████ said that he then moved up to ██████████ with light body contact so that ██████████ knew that ██████████ was present next to him. ██████████ said that officers present then began giving Brad, who was lying face down on the ground with his hands tucked beneath his body, verbal commands to drop the gun.

██████████ stated that, as he and other officers present approached Brad, whose hands were still tucked under his body, ██████████ was able to see the lower part of the black handgun still in Brad's hand. ██████████ advised that as they made physical contact with Brad, ██████████ removed the firearm from Brad's person and tossed the firearm away from Brad's immediate area for safety. ██████████ stated that he and other officers present secured Brad with handcuffs and then began providing life saving measures to Brad. Officers then removed the handcuffs from Brad to facilitate providing more in-depth CPR and other life saving measures to Brad.

SA Emahiser asked ██████████ if, at any point during the foot pursuit up to when Brad was struck by gunfire, ██████████ heard any statements made by Brad, and ██████████ said he did not hear any statements made by Brad. SA Emahiser asked ██████████ if he thought it was odd to ██████████ in the moment when ██████████ removed the lower part of the black handgun from Brad's hand. ██████████ just recalled it being odd to him that Brad only had the bottom portion of a handgun in his hand.

SA Emahiser asked ██████████ to explain how Brad pointed the black handgun at ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ after Brad was striking the WPD cruiser driver's window with the black handgun. ██████████ advised that Brad turned left from the WPD cruiser driver's window that Brad had been striking to face ██████████ and the other two officers. ██████████ said that as Brad was turning toward them Brad's black gun was up in the air in his right hand as depicted below in the demonstration by ██████████.

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Figure 2: ██████████ demonstrating how Brad Bailey had the gun positioned after striking the WPD cruiser driver's window, and beginning to turn toward ██████████ and ██████████

██████████ advised that as Brad turned toward him, ██████████ and ██████████, Brad extended his right arm pointing the black handgun directly in their direction as demonstrated by ██████████ below.



Figure 3: ██████████ demonstrates how Brad Bailey pointed the black handgun at ██████████ and ██████████ as Brad Bailey turned toward them.

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SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if at any point, prior to Brad pointing the black handgun at him [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], did [REDACTED] observe Brad pointing the black handgun at any other people and [REDACTED] said that he did not. SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he has had any previous interactions with Brad, and [REDACTED] advised that he had not.

SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he felt that when Brad pointed the black handgun directly towards [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there was a threat of serious physical harm to anyone. [REDACTED] responded that there was a serious threat of serious physical harm to himself and the other officers in [REDACTED] proximity. SA Emahiser asked [REDACTED] if he felt that his use of force was appropriate and [REDACTED] responded, "yes sir."

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] for what reason he attempted to radio the WPD cruiser that was approaching Brad from the east as Brad was running towards them. [REDACTED] responded "**for him (Brad) running at him (WPD cruiser) with the firearm in his hand, presenting a direct threat to the Warren City officer after continual commands to drop the firearm, stop running. Um, the Warren City officers, the officer was at a disadvantage, one being inside the car and two the subject already had the firearm out and presented while running**" (18:10).

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] about when he observed Brad striking the WPD cruiser driver's window with the black handgun, and asked [REDACTED] if he had any ability to take any action against Brad at that moment. [REDACTED] stated "**No sir I could not. From my angle where I was at, uh, there was no angle for a shot without putting the Warren City officer that was still seated in the driver's seat at harm.**"

After no additional questions the interview was concluded.

The interview was video-recorded and uploaded to Axon evidence in Reference Item F. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

#### References:

Reference Item F – Officer Interviews folder > [REDACTED] subfolder - stored in Axon Justice

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**Attachments:**

1. Criminal Investigation Notification TCSO [REDACTED]

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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).

[Redacted Name]

Printed Name of Interviewee

10/30/2025 14:00 hr  
Date / Time

[Redacted Address]

SA Ryan Emahiser  
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature]  
BCI Agent (Signature)