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

To: Dennis Watkins, Trumbull County Prosecutor
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 From: SA Ryan Emahiser, Special Agent, Ohio BCI
 Date: February 2, 2026
 Involves: Brad Bailey (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S)
 Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 681 4th St. SW, Warren, OH 44483, Trumbull County (L)
 BCI Case Numbers: Force Investigations Unit (FIU): 2025-3318
 Crime Scene (CSU): 2025-3318
 Cyber Crime (CCU): 2025-3318
 BCI Laboratory: 25-38958

Investigative Request

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, Sheriff Michael G. Wilson of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on October 12, 2025 in the area of 681 4th St. SW, Warren, OH and resulted in the death of Brad Bailey (Brad).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the October 12, 2025 officer-involved shooting in Trumbull County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Emahiser received assistance in the investigation from SA Joseph Lamping SA Darien Spann, SA Douglas Burke, SA Daniel Boerner, SA Jesse Bynum, SA John Saraya, and SA Orland Almonte. BCI Special Agents Larry Hootman and Edward Lulla of the Crime Scene Unit CSU processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence.

BCI Computer Forensic Specialist Natasha Branam of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of Brad Bailey's Apple iPhone recovered by CSU from the white Buick Regal involved in the incident. BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit Analyst Jessica Smith assisted with the review of the information obtained from the extraction of Brad Bailey's Apple iPhone. The investigation was supervised by FIU Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene including surveillance video obtained
- Attempted interview of Brad Bailey's wife Sarah Bailey
- Review of responding Emergency Medical Services call records
- Special agent attendance at post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.

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- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 2. Firearm operability testing
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training, firearm qualifications, and disciplinary records (if any)
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Reviewed tips, social media posts, and pertinent statements made in the media regarding the incident
- Research of the replica handguns possessed and used by Brad Bailey

Incident Summary/Overview

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, at approximately 00:34 hours the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) dispatch received a total of four 911 calls regarding a domestic dispute occurring at 7123 Oakfield North Road NW, Bristol Township, Ohio. One of the calls to 911 was made by the resident, Sarah Bailey (Sarah), and Sarah advised the dispatcher that her husband Brad was acting as if he was on drugs, had pushed her, earlier that night Brad tried to run Sarah off the road, and Brad had stolen her phone.

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Sarah told the dispatcher that she and Brad had been in a physical struggle over Sarah's phone, that Brad had been charged with domestic violence in the past, and that there was something wrong with Brad. Sarah told dispatchers that while Brad was in the residence that he grabbed a razor or a knife, that Brad was on parole, and that Sarah felt that Brad was either on drugs or was suffering from a mental disorder at the time. The dispatcher asked Sarah what kind of drugs Brad used in the past and she advised that Brad had previously been a heroin addict, has done crack, and that he does pills. Sarah advised the dispatcher that she allowed Brad to stay in the residence in another room due to their arguing, but that Brad came into her room trying to touch her inappropriately then accused Sarah of sleeping with someone else.

TCSO Deputies arrived at the residence, spoke with Brad and Sarah separately, and Brad agreed to leave the residence and stay in Champion Township at a residence near McDonald's where he had been doing remodeling work for his employer. TCSO [REDACTED] dropped Brad off in Champion Township, near the intersection of State Route 305 and State Route 45, due to needing to respond to another domestic dispute call in Trumbull County. Champion Township Police Department (CTPD) was aware that Brad had been dropped off in their jurisdiction, and CTPD Officer (Ofc.) Rudesill even had an amicable encounter with Brad shortly after being dropped off by [REDACTED] around 01:00 hours.

Law enforcement did not have any additional contact with Brad after his interaction with Ofc. Rudesill until a 911 call was received by dispatchers from Sarah Bailey's cell phone at 06:08 hours. The first 911 call only recorded an altercation going on between a male and a female, probable to be Sarah and Brad, with the male subject asking for keys. The first call was terminated, and a second 911 call from Sarah's daughter Leah Poage (Leah) using Sarah's cell phone was received at 06:10 hours. Leah told dispatchers the following:

"Um, just last night, early this morning, around midnight, one o'clock, my mom and her husband had gotten into a fight. I'm 16. Um, I had woken up and they've been fighting all week. I was dead asleep. I woke up to a bang and I thought originally... that... it was, I'm sorry, I'm really shaky. I thought that it was them bringing the dogs back, including the door, you know, routine. I come out. 'cause the banging had not stopped. They're on the ground fighting, you know, and whatever she called the police, they get here, they take him, and then, you know, we calm down and we went back to sleep. I'm up now. I'm getting up for work. Um, he just stormed into the house, took all of our phones. We managed to wrestle him to get, this is my mother's phone that I'm calling on. He took the house phone, all of our cell phones. Um, he wrestled all of us. He pushed my aunt to the ground, like on

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top of her pounding on her. My mom's trying to get him off. I was trying to run back here to get on the phone with Keith..."

Sarah also frantically called 911 at the same time from another cell phone and told dispatchers the following:

"I, I think my daughter got somebody on the other line. I need the cops here now... My husband just came here and choked me, busted the window, just hit my sister in the face, and he took all the phones...Banging on the fucking wall, trying to get in the house. He broke the window and came in the window. He grabbed me by my throat and pulled me all the way across the yard. He's got some kind of weapon to his head saying he's gonna die and we need to go."

Sarah then is heard on the 911 call yelling at Brad "***DON'T COME NEAR ME***" several times, Brad is heard on the background of Sarah's 911 call saying "***I'm gonna die today...I'm gonna die today...I got my guns, I'm ready...***" The dispatcher asks Sarah if Brad had a gun in his possession and Sarah told the dispatcher "***They're fake... Yeah, but I don't know if they're real.***" Sarah then told the dispatcher that Brad left the scene in her white Buick Regal towards State Route 45. Sarah also told dispatchers that there was blood all over the residence that belonged to Brad, likely from Brad breaking into the residence through the broken window.

While dispatchers are still on 911 with Sarah, they are continuing to relay critical information to the responding TCSO Deputies, including information that Brad is alleged to have two small guns, possibly toy guns and possibly a 9mm. Dispatchers also relay to responding units that the **possible "toy guns" do not have orange tips and may be BB gun type toys.**

As TCSO [REDACTED] and Lewis arrive at the Bailey residence they obtain statements and evidence of Brad's actions of physical violence and breaking and entering into the residence. Sarah, Leah, and Sarah's sister, Albri Lafferty (Albri), provided written statements of the events to deputies as well. Sarah told Deputies that Brad broke into the bedroom window of their house, while she was sleeping, and chased Sarah through the house as she ran for the house phone to call 911. Sarah told deputies that she attempted to run outside to her vehicle as Brad continued to chase her while Brad was yelling "***we're all going to die today***" and "***you fucking whore you fuck everyone we're going to die.***" Sarah stated that she tried to get into her white Buick Regal but the vehicle was locked, which was when Brad caught her and grabbed her by the throat lifting her off of the ground. Sarah advised the deputies that she attempted to fight back but Brad then slammed her onto the back of the vehicle then slammed her to the ground.

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According to the TCSO report, Leah came out of the residence and saw Brad assaulting her mother, Sarah, while Sarah was screaming for help. When Brad saw Leah with a phone, Brad chased Leah into the residence and began physically wrestling with Leah for her cell phone, then chasing Leah into her bedroom where Brad kicked in her locked door. Brad then lunged for Leah's cell phone and took the cell phone, then Brad began physically fighting with Sarah in the residence living room. Albri told deputies that she tried to separate Brad and Sarah when Brad pushed her, causing Albri to fall striking her head on an object. Albri said that she tried to kick Brad to stop him from assaulting her sister Sarah when Brad punched her in the right eye. Brad then exited the residence front door, then climbing back into the bedroom broken window and **"swinging a gun around."**

In the report DS Lewis stated that he attempted to call Brad's cell phone, with the first attempt Brad hanging up on DS Lewis. The second attempted call to Brad DS Lewis advised the following:

"I then called Brad a second time and advised him to pull the car over and speak with the officers. Brad said "fuck you" then asked to speak with Sarah. I advised him he was not speaking with Sarah and he needed to pull over. Brad told me he was going to get out with his guns and was going to die. Brad then hung up on me."

In the TCSO report, DS Lewis explained the charges that were going to be pursued from the morning incident at the Bailey residence; three (3) counts of ORC 2919.25 Domestic Violence M-1, and one (1) count of ORC 2903.18 Strangulation F-4.

While Deputies were still at the Bailey residence, at 06:44 hours according to a video review of obtained Body Worn Cameras and dispatch records, CTPD Ofc. Rudesill located Brad driving the involved white Buick Regal, belonging to Sarah, in Champion Township. Ofc. Rudesill activated his emergency lights and sirens attempting to perform a traffic stop on the white Buick drive by Brad. The white Buick driven by Brad immediately fled from Ofc. Rudesill, and dispatchers advised CTPD units that Brad had intentions to **"commit suicide by cop"** and that Brad may have a firearm with him.

Ofc. Rudesill pursued the white Buick into the city of Warren, and dispatchers advised Warren Police Department (WPD) that a vehicle pursuit was entering their jurisdiction and provided additional details of the pursuit. Ofc. Rudesill was eventually joined in the vehicle pursuit by CTPD [REDACTED], TCSO [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] who took lead on the vehicle pursuit. According to reviewed records, video, and statements by the involved officers, Brad drove through several Warren City blocks attempting to evade police. While attempting to evade police, Brad traveled at high

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rates of speed and swerved the white Buick in the direction of at least one oncoming CTPD cruiser, causing the driver of the cruiser, [REDACTED], to drive off of the roadway to avoid being struck by the white Buick.

Pursuing officers requested that WPD deploy vehicle spikes in an attempt to disable the vehicle and end the vehicle pursuit. At 06:57 hours WPD Ofc. Justin Fenstermaker deployed his assigned vehicle spikes which successfully disabled the white Buick, causing the vehicle to noticeably slow. Within seconds, the white Buick came to rest in the middle of Fifth Street SW, in front 706 Fifth Street SW, and according to involved and witness officers, Brad exited the driver's door of the white Buick with a black handgun in his possession. Brad then fled northbound on foot into a wooded area, while being pursued by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and Ofc. Rudesill. Below is an overview depiction of the block area between Fifth Street SW and Fourth Street SW where this and the OICI occurred.



Figure 1: Red Square is the approximate resting location of the white Buick, the wooded area where Brad fled on foot to evade police is depicted in yellow, and the OICI area is depicted with a red circle.

Reviewed video shows officers pursuing Brad through a thick wooded area full of debris, while it is still dark as depicted by the below captured video.

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Figure 2:CTPD [redacted] BWC: [redacted] and [redacted] pursuing Brad Bailey through the debris filled wooded area, while still dark. [redacted] is depicted by the blue arrow.

As Brad fled police through the thick wooded area he was encountered by Ofc. Fenstermaker who was a distance away from Brad with his WPD canine. Ofc. Fenstermaker yells for Brad to stop and Brad yells at Ofc. Fenstermaker **"FUCK YOU, I'LL SHOOT YOU MOTHER FUCKER!"** Up to this point Brad has not complied with any of the pursuing officers' commands to stop, show his hands, or drop the handgun in his possession.

As Brad flees Ofc. Fenstermaker, and the officers coming through the wooded area, Brad runs eastbound down Fourth Street SW in the direction of westbound WPD cruiser with emergency lights and sirens activated driven by [redacted]. Below is a screen capture from [redacted] cruiser dash camera video showing Brad running in the direction of [redacted] oncoming cruiser.

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Figure 3 [REDACTED] Dash Cam Uni [REDACTED] As [REDACTED] pulls westbound onto Fourth Street, responding emergency lights and sirens, Brad Bailey (red arrow) can first be seen down the street moving towards [REDACTED] approaching WPD cruiser.

Pursuing Officers radio and yell that Brad has a gun and Brad is headed directly into the path of an oncoming cruiser. As Brad still running approaches the front of [REDACTED] cruiser Brad can be seen in the video reviewed carrying a black handgun, as depicted in the screen capture from [REDACTED] dash camera video below.



Figure 4 [REDACTED] Dash Cam Uni [REDACTED] Brad Bailey running towards WPD [REDACTED] cruiser displaying a black handgun in his right hand. The black handgun is circled in yellow.

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As seen in the screen capture above on the right, Brad makes contact [REDACTED] cruiser front, and Brad moves to the driver's door of [REDACTED] cruiser and points the black handgun directly at [REDACTED] seated in the cruiser as seen below. In the video the handgun appears to be a true handgun.



Figure 5 [REDACTED] BWC 2076891-0; Brad Bailey clearly pointing the black handgun at [REDACTED] seated in the WPD cruiser driver's seat, Brad Bailey is depicted in the yellow circle pointing the black handgun at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] fearing that Brad was going to fire the handgun pointed at him, can be seen in reviewed video raising his left arm in a defensive motion expecting to be shot by Brad. This can be seen in the screen captured video image below.

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Figure 6 [REDACTED] BWC 2076891-0; [REDACTED] left arm, depicted by the blue arrow, being raised to shield himself from what he was perceiving as imminent shots being fired by Brad Bailey (red arrow).

Brad continues to point the handgun at [REDACTED] as pursuing officers on foot are nearing Brad and Brad begins to strike [REDACTED] driver's door window with the handgun. On the slowed down video reviewed it is evident that as Brad was striking the window forcefully with the handgun that the handgun was breaking apart, leaving Brad with only the lower portion of the handgun in his right hand. Brad then moves to attempt to open the rear driver's side door of [REDACTED] cruiser that is likely locked.

When Brad cannot open the rear driver's side cruiser door, he turns towards the officers pursuing him on foot with the remaining portion of the separated handgun in his right hand and based on the involved officers interviewed, Brad pointed the handgun toward the pursuing officers. According to the involved officers interviewed, after Brad had made statements about shooting officers, and pointed the handgun at officers, the officers feared for their own lives and lives of their fellow officers. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] fired their weapons at Brad and Brad was struck by the gunfire. Involved officers rendered life saving measures to Brad when they deemed safe to do so, however Brad eventually succumbed to his injuries

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after being transported by EMS to Mercy Health St. Joseph's Hospital. The captured screen shot below shows the moment immediately before involved officers fired their weapons at Brad, and Brad can be next to [REDACTED] cruiser after turning and facing pursuing officers with his right arm likely pointing toward the officers.



Figure 7:Thad Stephenson Dash Cam Unit59-0; Brad's right elbow (red arrow) can be seen showing that his right forearm was likely extended toward the officers. Brad's left arm is fully extended out as he was moving toward the pursuing officers (blue arrows).

Shortly after the OICI occurred BCI was contacted to conduct the criminal investigation of the incident, and Agents responded to begin the investigation.

Decedent

The decedent is Brad M. Bailey and at the time of the incident he was 41 years of age. Brad had an extensive history of prior contact with law enforcement to include being the suspect of incidents involving domestic violence, theft, drug related crimes, operating vehicles under the influence, resisting arrest, threatening suicide, and aggravated vehicular assault. Brad was arrested on several occasions for those suspected crimes, had been sentenced to serve time in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC), and at the time of the incident was under the supervision of the ODRC's Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

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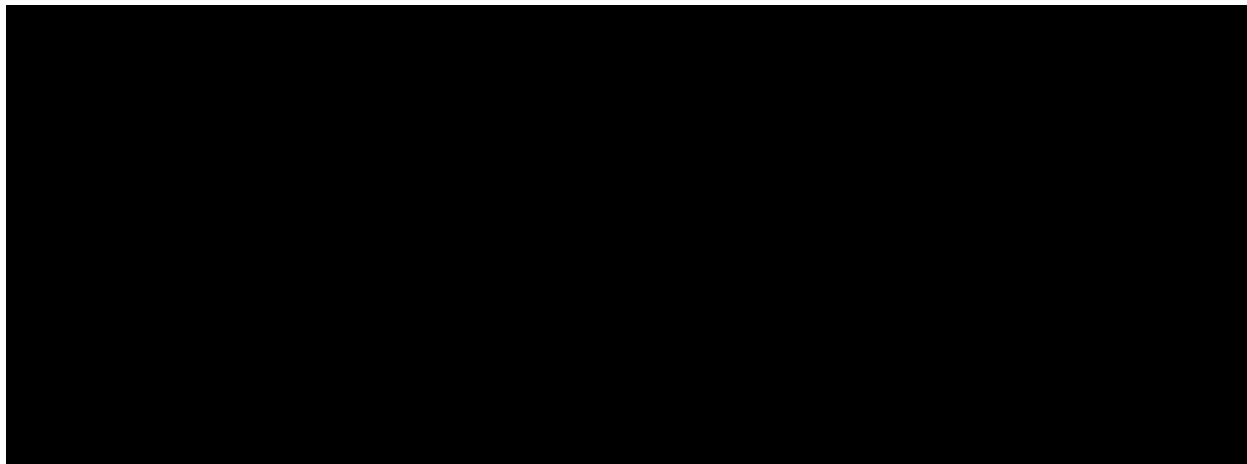
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Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent Brad Bailey was obtained from the Trumbull County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Brad Bailey was determined to be [REDACTED]. The manner of death was ruled [REDACTED]. The toxicology report indicated [REDACTED].

The coroner's report also indicated the following in the diagnosis section of the report:



BCI Agents attended the autopsy of Brad Bailey and collected the following items that were submitted for evidentiary purposes and comparisons.

1. Six projectiles placed in a plastic bottle
2. Brad Bailey's DNA card

Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple Agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

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Firearms Related Evidence Recovered



Figure 1: 600 Block of 4th Street SW

After the photographic documentation was completed, SA Lulla located several plastic pieces from a Wuyutoys replica handgun evidence items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.

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Figure 2: Items 1 & 2



Figure 3: Items 3, 5, 6

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Below are the corresponding evidence items SA Lulla collected belonging to the Wuyutoys replica handgun that was used in the OICI by Brad.



Figure 4: Evidence items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 pieces of the replica handgun

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Agents also recovered a second replica handgun from the front passenger floorboard area of the white Buick driven by Brad Bailey, as pictured below.



Figure 5: Replica GX4 XL Handgun found in passenger floorboard area of white Buick Regal (Photo LGH_1981)

The replica handguns could not be submitted for laboratory firearms testing as they are not true functioning firearms. Research was conducted by Agents that discovered that these Chinese made plastic replica handguns are modeled after true firearms company manufactured handguns. The researched information also showed that these replica handguns function mechanically as a true firearm but firing foam darts. As seen in the evidence photos above, evidence item #6 is the barrel portion of the replica handgun used by Brad during the incident. The barrels of both replica guns appear to have been manipulated and would not have shown the orange paint originally applied to the barrel to indicate the replica gun as a toy. Below are side by side comparison photos of both replica handguns possessed by Brad and the modeled true firearm manufactured handguns they are modeled after. The photos of the replica handguns and true firearm handguns are sourced from manufacturer websites.

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Figure 6: **Left Photo** – Real Taurus 9mm GX4 XL, **Right Photo** – Chinese made GX4 XL Shell Ejection “Toy Gun” direct replica of real-world handgun



Figure 7: **Left Photo** – Real Walther 9mm PPQ, **Right Photo** – Chinese made PPQ Shell Ejection “Toy Gun” direct replica of real-world handgun

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The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, involved vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, some identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. The actual report of the findings should be referred to, but below is a synopsis of the findings:

The firearms collected from the involved officers were submitted for operability and ballistics testing, and all involved officer firearms were found to be operable. Ballistics testing of bullets collected at Brad Bailey's autopsy showed that two (two) bullets fired from [REDACTED] firearm struck Brad, and three bullets fired from a probable Glock struck Brad. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who all fired their weapons, used Glock Model 22 Gen 4 9mm. The Firearms Forensic Scientist was unable to determine the source Glock Model 22 for the three additional fired bullets recovered from Brad Bailey's autopsy.

Brad Bailey's Apple iPhone Recovered

Agents also located Brad Bailey's Apple iPhone in the front passenger floorboard area of the white Buick driven by Brad during the OICI, next to the second replica handgun recovered. The Apple iPhone was submitted into evidence, and a search warrant was executed on the device for BCI to perform a physical extraction of the data on the iPhone. The BCI Cyber Unit performed the physical extraction and provided the data into a readable format to investigating Agents, and with the help of BCI's Criminal Intelligence Unit the information was reviewed.

In reviewing the information found on Brad's iPhone it was apparent that Brad and Sarah had ongoing domestic disputes via text messages and phone calls, and Brad was continually accusing Sarah of having an affair. Brad's messages to Sarah, and others, appeared to be in desperation of his relationship ending and appeared to be at least abusing pain pills. On the day prior to the OICI, amidst disputing with Sarah, Brad texted Sarah "***I think I'm gonna buy a toy gun paint it black and go run after a cop,***" and "***I'm serious. I think I'm just gonna kill myself.***" Brad also texted that he was not going to return to prison and stated that if Sarah pursued a protection order against him for his actions his life would be over.

The information on the iPhone also showed that Brad had made calls and texts from the time that he was dropped off in Champion Township by TCSO Deputies following the earlier domestic dispute call up to and during the initiation of the vehicle pursuit

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by CTPD Ofc. Rudesill. Based on the activity on the iPhone it is doubtful that Brad slept at any point following the earlier call after midnight at the Bailey residence.

Witnesses

On the date of the OICI, Agents conducted a neighborhood canvass of residences around the immediate area of the OICI, with numerous residents being interviewed. Out of the residents interviewed only two had actually seen any of the events leading up to the OICI, with one only seeing the vehicles passing her residence and hearing gunshots and the other observing the same while also seeing muzzle flashes in the distance. Neither of those two witnesses observed any actions by the involved officers or Brad firsthand.

Agents went to the Bailey residence and later made telephone contact with Sarah Bailey and she initially was willing to participate in an interview and a date was set for the interview. Agents had additional contact with Sarah due to her white Buick Regal used by Brad in the OICI incident being held for evidence, and Agents coordinated with the prosecutor and WPD to return the white Buick to Sarah as soon as reasonably possible. In conversations with Sarah, she also provided Brad's iPhone passcode to Agents that was successfully used in the physical evidence extraction of the iPhone. Prior to the agreed date for the interview with Sarah, Sarah advised that she had retained Attorney Aaron Meikle. Agents contacted Attorney Meikle and left a voicemail requesting an interview date, however as of the writing of this prosecutor's summary no response has been received from Attorney Meikle.

Officer Interviews

The following paragraphs are extremely abbreviated versions of involved officers' accounts of their actions pertaining to this incident and/or discharging their weapon. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

TCSO [REDACTED] has been a Deputy for [REDACTED] and has been involved in a prior OCIC in [REDACTED] with no charges stemming from that incident. [REDACTED] told Agents that he had previous TCSO call for service involving Brad several years prior involving a domestic dispute or suicidal subject call, with Brad fleeing the Bailey residence in that situation as well and threatening suicide. [REDACTED] said that shortly after midnight on the date of the OICI, he and DS Lewis were dispatched to the Bailey residence for a domestic dispute. [REDACTED] said that upon their arrival he and DS Lewis spoke with both parties, and Brad told [REDACTED] that Sarah had been cheating on

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Brad. ██████ explained that Brad eventually agreed to leave the residence for the night with plans to stay at a remodel located near the McDonald's in Champion Township. ██████ advised that he transported Brad to the area of S.R. 305 and S.R. 45 near a gas station and dropped Brad off as he and DS Lewis were being dispatched to another Domestic Dispute. ██████ said that he told Brad, "good luck" and then ██████ drove to the pending call.

██████ told Agents that when the second incident occurred and Brad fled the Bailey residence in the white Buick, after the domestic violence and strangulation incidents that TCSO planned to charge Brad for, ██████ requested that TCSO dispatch obtain a phone "ping" for Brad's phone. Dispatchers eventually located the phone in Champion Township, which CTPD Ofc. Rudesill eventually located and the vehicle pursuit with Brad was initiated.

██████, and Ofc. Rudesill explained to Agents that Brad's driving while fleeing was erratic and at high speeds within the Warren City residential areas, and at least one time Brad swerved into the path of an oncoming police cruiser. ██████, and Ofc. Rudesill were also present when the white Buick driven by Brad came to rest and Brad exited the driver's door of the vehicle with what they described as a black handgun. ██████ and Ofc. Rudesill chased Brad, who was ignoring verbal commands to stop and drop the gun, northbound through the thick wooded area to Fourth Street SW. ██████ who was the closest in proximity to Brad, said that Brad stopped running several times and would begin to point the handgun in the general direction of the pursuing officers. All the officers interviewed explained these moments as being chaotic, with officers both verbally and over the radio advising that Brad had a gun.

While ██████, and Ofc. Rudesill were pursuing Brad on foot eastbound on Fourth Street SW, WPD ██████ explained that he had been trying to find the other law enforcement officers involved in the vehicle pursuit. ██████ has been a police officer for ██████ and has also been involved in a prior OICI with no charges stemming from that incident. ██████ stated that he was aware at the time that the subject being pursued was possibly in possession of a handgun but was not aware that Brad had threatened to use it, which he attributed to WPD not being patched into TCSO's radio channel. ██████ told Agents that as he began to see other law enforcement emergency lights, he turned his WPD cruiser westbound on Fourth Street SW activating his emergency lights.

██████ stated the following regarding his first observation of Brad running towards him, which he initially mistook for another WPD officer.

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"Um, so the subject running at me, I realized it was not Fenstermaker. So we have a problem, uh, subject I believe it was partially in the roadway or grassy area. I can't remember. But when he started running eastbound, the only thing I was able to do, try to cut him off with my cruiser. And I believe at some point I might have bumped him with uh, front push bar, uh, just to stop him so I could create some distance and take cover."

██████████, after making cruiser contact with Brad, told Agents that his WPD cruiser then became stuck making him realize he was now at a tactical disadvantage with Brad still approaching ██████████ with a handgun in his hand.

"Um, at that point the subject displayed a firearm or a handgun. Don't ask me the color, don't ask me the brand, I don't know, came up to my window. Excuse me, this part is something I didn't want to talk about. In training, not being in the position. Um, came up to my window, pointed a weapon, uh, to the left side of my head. Um, my training throughout the whole career in special SWAT schools and any other situations was distance cover, return, fire... But I tried to get away. Car wasn't moving. So do you want to draw your weapon right away? And a subject or suspect entered the self-preservation. So I did what I was trained. Uh, I believe it was my left hand I put up and was kind of trying to figure out how I'm gonna draw. I had my hand like this. He started attempting to smash my window."

██████████ also said the following regarding what he was going through his mind when Brad pointed the handgun at his ██████████ head.

"If I told you I wasn't scared and I didn't believe that my life is over, I'd be talking a lot of crap and lying to you. Uh, my daughter went through my head. My, my other daughter, my wife. To me, I was done. That was it. You know, you spent ██████████ not to be in this. And I'm sorry, I'm, I'm getting pissed. Um, because this is the first time I actually talked about this situation. Didn't even tell my wife a hundred percent. Um, that gun to my head was, I don't wanna cuss but it was fucked up."

While this was occurring ██████████, and ██████████ were quickly approaching and witnessed Brad point the handgun at ██████████ seated in the WPD cruiser, and Brad begin to strike ██████████ window with the handgun. ██████████ believed that at some point while Brad was striking the window with the handgun that the handgun went off. ██████████ and ██████████ believed that Brad was going to shoot ██████████ but then Brad turned towards them with what they believed was the handgun in his hand, pointing the handgun at them, and they fired

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their weapons. At nearly the same time as Brad had moved slightly from [REDACTED] cruiser, [REDACTED] opened his driver's door and saw Brad then immediately heard gunshots that [REDACTED] believed were coming from Brad and his handgun. [REDACTED] at that moment was unaware that the other involved officers were near the front area of his cruiser, firing their weapons based on their perceived threat to life actions by Brad.

[REDACTED] who has almost [REDACTED] experience as a Deputy Sheriff described the moment that he and the other involved officers fired their weapons at Brad advising Brad *"brandished the firearm, pointed it towards myself, [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] came in front of me at that time."*

[REDACTED], who has been a police officer with CTPD for [REDACTED] also described the moment when he and the other involved officers fired their weapons at Brad stating *"I thought, 'cause like when he came up and was hitting the gun, I thought he was gonna kill that officer. Honestly, there's no telling what he could have done... At that point I was, I was worried for the safety of myself and the officers around me."*

All of the involved officers interviewed explained that they felt that they had no choice but to use deadly force based on the intentional actions by Brad and the serious threat to life they perceived Brad posed to themselves and the other officers involved in that moment. None of the involved officers interviewed were aware at the time of the interview that the handgun that Brad used during the OICI was actually a replica handgun, but some noted that they recalled being confused because of the handgun being in pieces following the OICI.

Conclusion

Based on the facts and circumstances collected in this investigation it is apparent that Brad Bailey likely intended on creating a situation that would induce a police-involved shooting. Brad had previously threatened suicide involving police, and Agents did locate text messages from the day prior to the OICI where Brad threatened creating a police-involved shooting incident in Brad's own words writing *"I think I'm gonna buy a toy gun paint it black and go run after a cop."* Brad was in desperation due to his domestic issues with his wife Sarah and knew that any legal ramifications from his actions involving Sarah could result in his incarceration and likely return to prison. The replica handguns that Brad possessed and used during the OICI were clearly

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manipulated to remove the minimal orange safety paint originally adhered to the barrel portion of these replica handguns.

Approximately 48 seconds transpired from the time Brad Bailey fled from the White Buick until the moment that the involved officers fired their weapons, and this occurred while officers pursued Brad through residence yards and through a thick wooded area. Brad was seen with the black "replica" handgun in his possession even pointing it in the general direction of pursuing officers, and Brad also yelled to one officer **"FUCK YOU, I'LL SHOOT YOU MOTHER FUCKER!"** in response to their commands to stop. Brad still refused to obey any commands by officers to stop, drop the weapon, or to show his hands. As Brad ran up to [REDACTED] WPD cruiser he pointed the handgun directly at [REDACTED] head as seen in the body worn camera video reviewed.

The speed and timing of the events are also critical to the limited amount of time that the involved officers have to process and make their decision to use deadly force. Brad's possession of the replica handgun with manipulated removal of any safety marking, his threats of shooting officers, pointing the replica handgun at the involved officers, and their statements describing their experiences and beliefs that officer(s) would be seriously injured or killed were reasons that officers described why they responded with deadly force.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent Ryan Emahiser.

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