



**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:** Adams Co SO Incident Report Review  
**Involves:** Adams County Sheriff's Office  
**Activity Date:** 11/25/2025  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Chad Holcomb, #61

**Narrative:**

On Monday, November 24, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) received documents from Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Sgt. Randy Walters. The records which were requested included any reports pertaining to the November 14, 2025, officer-involved critical incident, except for any statements made by the officers involved. SA Holcomb reviewed the documents and noted the following:

*"On Friday, November 14th, 2025, the Adams County Sheriff's Office responded to 3757 Mineral Springs Road, Peebles to investigate a complaint. Peebles Police assisted at the scene. When speaking with Mr. Carl Lindner IV. Carl stated that he had been having problems with his brother, Christopher Linder, and was scared for his safety. Carl advised that his brother had been going through a mental crisis and may be armed and also wearing body armor.*

*During the investigation Christopher Lindner was located in his vehicle driving on Mineral Springs Road. Law enforcement attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Christopher at which time he fled at a high rate of speed. After a lengthy pursuit Linder arrived at his residence located at 4175 Brush Creek Road Manchester and ran inside.*

*After a lengthy standoff Christopher Lindner came out of the residence on a third-floor balcony with a firearm discharging it at law enforcement resulting in an officer involved shooting.*

*The Ohio Attorney General's Office is conducting an investigation into the incident."*

Full narratives from all ACSO involved deputies are located in the incident report.

The report for ACSO incident # [REDACTED] was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

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**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment #01: ACSO Lindner Report

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# Adams County Sheriff's Office

## OHIO UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORT

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	AGENCY NAME: Adams County Sheriff's Office				*INCIDENT NUMBER: [REDACTED]						
	*GEOCODE:				INCIDENT NATURE: investigate complaint						
	TOD: 11/14/2025 14:48:00		TOA: 11/14/2025 15:01:00		TOC: 11/15/2025 00:52:00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCIDENT (NON-CRIMINAL) <input type="checkbox"/> OFFENSE				
	*REPORT DATE/TIME			*INCIDENT OCCURRED FROM				*INCIDENT OCCURRED TO			
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
11	15	2025	20:00:00	11	14	2025	14:46:00	11	14	2025	16:58:00
*INCIDENT LOCATION (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip):				3757 Mineral Springs Road, Peebles, OH, 45660							

<b>REPORTEE</b>	*NO. 1	NAME (Last, First, Middle): Elliot, Justin			AGE: 37 D.O.B: 07/06/1988	[REDACTED]	DL#/DL STATE: /	CELL PHONE:
	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip):						[REDACTED]	RACE:
	Sex:			Ethnicity:				
	Height:			Weight:				
	EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt, City, State, Zip):						OCCUPATION/SCHOOL:	PHONE:
Statements Obtained: No	Written: No	Oral: No	Taped: No	Others: No	In Car Video Available: No	Video File Name:		

<b>SUSPECT</b>	*NO. 1	AGE CLASS: Adult		CATEGORY: Suspect			CHARGES FILED?	
	NAME (Last, First, Middle):			Linder, Carl				[REDACTED]
	ALIAS:			GANG AFFILIATION:			CELL PHONE:	
	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip):			3876 Mineral Springs Road, Peebles, OH, 45660			HOME PHONE: 513-846-7950	
	EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip):			PHONE:				
	PLACE OF BIRTH:			DL#/DL STATE: /		OCCUPATION/SCHOOL:		
	*Age: 42 *D.O.B: 04/26/1983	*SEX: Male	*RACE: White	*ETHNICITY: Unknown	*HEIGHT: 5 ft 11 in	WEIGHT: 220		
	SUSPECT OF USING:		MARITAL STATUS:	*RESIDENT STATUS: Resident	*HAIR: Blond or Strawberry	*EYES: Green		
	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS:							
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION:							
POTENTIAL INJURIES:								

<b>WITNESS</b>	*NO. 1	NAME (Last, First, Middle): Linder, Christopher, D		AGE: D.O.B:	SSN:	DL#/DL STATE: /	CELL PHONE:
	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip): 9350 Whitegate Ln., Cincinnati, OH, 45243					HOME PHONE:	RACE:

<b>WITNESS</b>	Sex:				Ethnicity:					
	Height:				Weight:					
	EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt, City, State, Zip):						OCCUPATION/SCHOOL:		PHONE:	
	Statements Obtained: No	Written: No	Oral: No	Taped: No	Others: No	In Car Video Available: No	Video File Name:			

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TITLE:				NARRATIVE TYPE: Initial Narrative			
	SUPPLEMENT: No		SUPPLEMENT #:					
	<p>On Friday, November 14th, 2025, the Adams County Sheriff's Office responded to 3757 Mineral Springs Road, Peebles to investigate a complaint. Peebles Police assisted at the scene. When speaking with Mr. Carl Linder IV. Carl stated that he had been having problems with his brother, Christopher Linder and was scared for his safety. Carl advised that his brother had been going through a mental crisis and may be armed and also wearing body armor.</p> <p>During the investigation Christopher Linder was located in his vehicle driving on Mineral Springs Road. Law enforcement attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Christopher at which time he fled at a high rate of speed. After a lengthy pursuit Linder arrived at his residence located at 4175 Brush Creek Road Manchester and ran inside.</p> <p>After a lengthy standoff Christopher Linder came out of the residence on a third-floor balcony with a firearm discharging it at law enforcement resulting in an officer involved shooting.</p> <p>The Ohio Attorney General's Office is conducting an investigation into the incident.</p>							
	NARRATIVE DATE: 11/19/2025 06:33				OFFICER: 01-07 - Walters, Jr., Randolph Lee			

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TITLE: Deputy Barlow				NARRATIVE TYPE: Supplement			
	SUPPLEMENT: No		SUPPLEMENT #:					
	<p>On November 14, I, Deputy Barlow, was enroute to assisted Deputy Smalley with a complaint on Mineral Springs Road in Peebles, Ohio. After meeting up with Deputy Smalley, Deputy Barlow went to go drive around and look for the vehicle that was involved in the complaint. When driving around, a Black Land Rover flew by and Deputy Barlow turned around to attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle didn't stop, resulting in the start of a pursuit. The pursuit went all the way to an address in Manchester, Ohio. The subject got out of the vehicle and fled inside of the residence, and barricaded himself inside. While during the stand off, there was an officer involved shooting that occurred. Later that evening, Deputy Barlow cleared the scene. I Deputy Barlow gave a Interview with Agents from Ohio BCI at the scene.</p>							
	NARRATIVE DATE: 11/19/2025 06:33				OFFICER: ACSO 01-20 - Barlow, Torie			

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TITLE:				NARRATIVE TYPE: Supplement			
	SUPPLEMENT: No		SUPPLEMENT #:					
	<p>On November 14, 2025, I Sergeant Mike Estep assisted other units with a fleeing suspect Christopher Linder who had barricaded himself in the residence at 4175 Brush Creek Road in Monroe Township, Adams County, Ohio. Upon my arrival I was assigned to the perimeter.</p> <p>After a lengthy standoff with Christopher Linder resulting in an officer involved shooting.</p> <p>The Ohio Attorney General Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification is handling the incident.</p>							
	NARRATIVE DATE: 11/21/2025 08:50				OFFICER: 01-05 - Estep, Michael			

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TITLE: Deputy Smalley				NARRATIVE TYPE: Investigative Notes			
	SUPPLEMENT: No		SUPPLEMENT #:					

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	<p>On Friday, November 14th, 2025, I responded to 3757 Mineral Springs Road, Peebles to investigate a complaint. Peebles Police Officer Copley arrived first on scene to assist. Upon my arrival I spoke to Mr. Carl Linder IV. Carl stated that he had been having problems with his brother, Christopher (Chris) Linder and was scared for his safety. Carl stated that his brother, Chris had just drove by his home and was honking his horn. Carl stated that his brother had been going through a mental crisis and may be armed and also wearing body armor.</p> <p>Dispatch advised that Chris had just been at Thunder Ridge causing problems and trying to purchase firearms. The owner turned him away and he did not purchase any new firearms at this time.</p> <p>Carl advised that on October 1st, 2025, Chris had pulled a firearm out on their grounds keeper, but he did not report the incident. Carl stated several times that his brother was out of his mind and capable of anything. He also advised that Chris's wife had an active restraining order against him because of his behavior.</p> <p>Carl stated that he did not know his brother's address on Brush Creek Road but advised not to let Chris reach his home. He stated that if Chris gets inside his home, it would be bad, and his brother was capable of killing people. I advised Carl that I was going to shut his gate, but if his brother wanted through, he would bust through the gate. Carl stated that he understood and if Chris busted through the gate he would have to be taken out.</p> <p>While I was speaking with Carl multiple officers were in active pursuit of Chris Linder trying to get him stopped. The radio traffic was not always readable and at one point I thought Chris might be trying to double back to Carl's address. At this time, I advised Carl to stay inside his home, and I went out and got my rifle out of my cruiser. After listening to radio traffic. Chris was moving away from Carl's address. I put my rifle away and went and advised Carl of this information.</p> <p>Carl had put on his ballistic vest when I was outside getting my rifle out of my cruiser. After he was advised that Chris was moving away from our location, he took the vest back off.</p> <p>Carl gave information about Chris's driveway, which I was unable to pass on to other units at this time. Carl called his father and while speaking with him he was placed on speaker phone. Mr. Linder stated that his son, Chris needed mental help and was in the middle of a mental crisis. Mr. Linder asked if it would help for him to try and call Chris and talk him down. I advised Mr. Linder that if he thought it would help for him to call Chris and see if he could get anywhere with him. At this time Carl hung up with his father.</p> <p>Carl advised later that his father had called him back and attempted to speak with Chris over the phone, but Chris was not making any since while speaking with his father.</p> <p>I stayed at 3757 Mineral Springs Road with Carl Linder until the standoff was over with Chris Linder on Brush Creek Road. I then cleared the scene and responded back to the sheriff's office.</p>	
	<p>NARRATIVE DATE: 11/24/2025 07:46</p>	
	<p>OFFICER: 01-14 - Smalley, Crystal</p>	

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	<p>TITLE: Sgt. Walters</p>	
	<p>NARRATIVE TYPE: Investigative Notes</p>	
	<p>SUPPLEMENT: Yes</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENT #: 4</p>
	<p>On November 14th, deputies from the Adams County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on Mineral Springs Road after receiving a complaint from Carl Linder IV. Mr. Linder reported that his brother, Christopher Linder, was coming to his residence, causing him to fear for his safety.</p> <p>While deputies were on scene speaking with Mr. Linder, other deputies observed the suspect, Christopher Linder, driving a dark-colored Land Rover SUV. Deputies attempted a traffic stop to investigate the complaint and serve court documents, but Christopher Linder fled, initiating a vehicle pursuit that continued into the West Union area.</p> <p>I, Sergeant Walters, was stationed on State Route 125 in West Union and attempted to deploy stop sticks at the intersection of 125 and 41, which were ultimately ineffective. The pursuit eventually led to Christopher Linder's residence on Brush Creek Road in Manchester.</p> <p>Upon reaching the residence, Christopher Linder fled inside the house and barricaded himself. After a lengthy barricade situation, an officer-involved shooting occurred. The scene was immediately secured, and the Ohio Attorney General's Office was contacted to conduct an independent investigation. I, Sergeant Walters, later provided an interview to special agents from BCI, and the matter remains under investigation by the Attorney General's Office.</p>	
	<p>NARRATIVE DATE: 11/24/2025 07:44</p>	
<p>OFFICER: 01-07 - Walters, Jr., Randolph Lee</p>		

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	<p>TITLE: LISA PHILLIPS</p>	
	<p>NARRATIVE TYPE: Investigative Notes</p>	
<p>SUPPLEMENT: No</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENT #:</p>	

<b>NARRATIVE</b>	<p>On November 14, 2025, at approximately 1500 hours, I, Sgt. Lisa Phillips with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, became aware of an active vehicle pursuit involving Mr. Lindner. Radio traffic indicated that Mr. Lindner was operating a black Range Rover at a high rate of speed and was fleeing from law-enforcement.</p>	
	<p>At the time the pursuit began, Deputy Smalley was already on scene at Mr. Lindner's brother's residence on Mineral Springs Rd conducting an investigation involving his brother. While Deputy Smalley was on scene, Mr. Lindner was spotted by law enforcement in the area, initiating the pursuit.</p>	
	<p>I was positioned near State Route 41 and Lick Run Road when I observed the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, operating recklessly, and refusing to obey the lawful signal of a police officer to stop. Mr. Lindner's driving presented multiple hazards to the public, to himself, and to the deputies involved in the pursuit.</p>	
	<p>The pursuit continued for several miles and ultimately led to Mr. Lindner's residence on Brush Creek Road. Upon arrival at the residence, Mr. Lindner had already exited the vehicle and fled inside the home, refusing to surrender. All units had a perimeter set in the area.</p>	
	<p>After an extended period of time, I couldn't see Mr. Lindner exit for the trees but did hear him hollering about the lord and getting off his property. Then multiple gunshots were fired, resulting in an officer-involved shooting.</p>	
<p>A full scene security was established, and Bureau of Criminal Investigations were requested and responded to scene in which they conducted interviews with all law enforcement on scene.</p>		
<p>NARRATIVE DATE: 11/24/2025 08:40</p>		<p>OFFICER: 0118 - Phillips, Lisa</p>

<b>CLEARANCE HISTORY</b>	<b>CLEARANCE TYPE</b>	<b>CLEARANCE DATE</b>	<b>CLEARED BY</b>
	Active		11/19/2025

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>CREATED ON</b>
	ACSO 01-20 - Barlow, Torie	Assisting	11/19/2025
	01-05 - Estep, Michael	Assisting	11/19/2025
	0118 - Phillips, Lisa	Assisting	11/19/2025
	01-10 - Swayne, Brandon L.	Assisting	11/19/2025
	0170 - Edgington, Pete	Assisting	11/19/2025
	01-07 - Walters, Jr., Randolph Lee	Investigating	11/19/2025
	01-14 - Smalley, Crystal	Reporting	11/19/2025