



**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: Interview of Timothy Withrow
Involves: Timothy Withrow (W)
Activity Date: 03/30/2026
Activity Location: US 22 near Miller Station Road, Hopedale, OH 43976
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Monday, March 30, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (Lamping) was at the US 22 scene when he was notified that a truck driver had witnessed the incident, and that his truck's camera captured the incident as well.

Interview of Timothy Withrow

SA Lamping was directed towards Timothy Withrow (Withrow) who agreed to participate in an interview. The interview was audio recorded via the Axon Justice Capture application. The recording was 3 minutes and 29 seconds in length. The recording was later uploaded to Axon Justice and stored as part of Reference Item E. Any times referenced below correspond to the elapsed time of the recording and not the time of day.

SA Lamping asked Withrow to describe what he observed. Withrow reported that he was traveling west on US 22 when he observed an array of police lights. He then observed a vehicle crash in front of him. Withrow described the events after the crash:

... a, uh, white male, uh, looked probably be mid-forties ish, um, got out, had a silver handgun, fired off a couple rounds from the driver's side door. Then, uh, a few seconds later he took off running to the wood line, uh, turned again, and, uh, I don't know if he fired off at, there was so much going on at that point, but it looked like he pointed a gun back to the police officers and shot again before going into the woods. (00:57)

SA Lamping asked Withrow if the officers returned fire towards the male. Withrow explained that he was not certain if the officers fired or not. He did note that when the male entered the wood line, he made a right (East) turn towards a set of powerlines.

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SA Lamping asked Withrow if he captured the incident with his in-vehicle camera. He advised that he did. SA Lamping asked if the video could be provided to the investigators, and Withrow stated that it could be provided.

SA Lamping asked Withrow about the male's appearance. He described the male as having gray hair, wearing a blue shirt, possibly a sweater, and sneakers. Withrow also described the firearm as a large handgun.

SA Lamping asked Withrow if he noticed if the male took aim at the officers when he fired his weapon. Withrow recalled:

Yes. When he turned, he turned his whole body around and knew what he was doing when he turned at the driver's side and racked off a couple, couple right there at the driver's side before taking off. (02:51)

SA Lamping asked Withrow if the male was firing while running away or if he was deliberately aiming his weapon towards the officers. Withrow stated:

No, he was... he was trying to kill the police officers. (03:09)

Review of Withrow's Dash Camera

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, SA Lamping obtained a copy of the video footage that was captured by Withrow. The footage was uploaded to Axon Justice and stored as part of Reference Item F - Video Footage.

The video was two minutes in length and was captured from an interior dash camera which faced forward in the cab of Withrow's vehicle. Due to the distance from the incident, the footage only captures the general location of Decker's vehicle and the police vehicles.

At the 18 second mark Withrow can he heard stating, "*shots fired, shots fired.*" Shortly afterwards several loud percussive noises were captured on the video, and a person is observed running North bound across US 22 towards the woods.

Overall, the statement provided by Withrow offered more details in regard to the incident than the video due to the distance at which the video was captured.

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References:

Reference Item E – Recorded Interviews: Subfolder – Civilian Witness Interviews;
stored on Axon Justice

Reference Item F – Video Footage: Subfolder – Civilian Dash Camera Footage;
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Attachments:

None

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