



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: Civilian Witness Interview
Involves: Carl Lindner IV
Activity Date: 11/14/2025
Activity Location: 3757 Mineral Springs Road, Pebbles, Ohio, 45660
Authoring Agent: SA David Wieging

Narrative:

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at approximately 2159 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and SA David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Carl Henry Lindner IV (Lindner), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Friday, November 14, 2025. The interview took place at Lindner's temporary home, which is located at 3757 Mineral Springs Road, Pebbles, Ohio, 45660. Also present during the interview was Sergeant Jeff Bowling with the Adams County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Lindner provided his date of birth as April 26, 1983 and his cell phone number as [REDACTED]. Lindner owns all of the property in the surrounding area and his primary mailing address is 3876 Mineral Springs Road, Pebbles, Ohio, 45660.

Lindner stated everyone in his family knows his brother, Christopher Lindner, has not been "okay." Lindner's brother goes by "Chris" or "Big Dog" and he is two years younger than Lindner. About 3 or 4 weeks ago, Lindner received a call from the guy up the hill, at a gun shop, indicating his brother was attempting to purchase guns. Lindner's brother was not sold any weapons due to a restraining order he had. This tipped Lindner off, and having spoken with his family, he learned that his brother's wife had filed a restraining order. Lindner stated he did not know anything about the restraining order.

A week later on a Saturday, Lindner's brother stopped by Lindner's residence driving his green Land Rover and parked outside the gate. Lindner stated, "Guys, I just knew. You know, I knew." Lindner stated he did not open his gate given Lindner's brother did not call or give him any indication that he (Lindner's brother) was stopping by. Lindner said his brother always notified him in the past that he was coming over. Next, Lindner observed his brother driving up to several more gates to residences before driving off.

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This morning, Lindner spoke with his right-hand-man, Justin Elliott (Elliott). Elliott works for Lindner. Lindner shared with Elliott that he had spoken yesterday with Chris Fraley (Fraley), who works for Lindner's brother at Brush Creek. Fraley shared with Lindner that on October 1st Lindner's brother pulled a gun on him (Fraley) in front of the lodge on Brush Creek. Lindner asked agents to question Fraley as Fraley had spent the most time around his brother.

Lindner allowed Elliott to leave early today to go deer hunting and it was around 1430 hours when he received a call from Elliott. Elliott had asked Lindner if he was on the road, which Lindner was not because Elliott had just seen Lindner's brother pass him, which Lindner said was "unusual." Lindner stated he started to hear a horn and shortly thereafter Lindner's brother passed by his residence in a vehicle like Lindner's, which is a Land Rover, with the horn blaring. The Land Rover Lindner's brother was driving was black. Lindner stated he could not see inside the vehicle, but he stated, "I knew it was him." So, Lindner called 911. Lindner believed Elliott called 911 as well. Lindner commented "I thought he (Lindner's brother) was coming after me." Lindner stated he urged Fraley to go to the police and give a statement about his brother pulling a gun on him. Lindner added Fraley stopped by his residence yesterday and "he (Fraley) was in tears, fearing for his life."

The Adams County Sheriff's Office responded to Lindner's residence. Lindner spoke with Deputy Smalley. A Peebles police officer also responded to the residence. Lindner explained he was in fear for his life and was shaking. Lindner stated he shared with the Deputy the same story he was explaining to agents. Lindner said, "My brother is giving everybody signs that he's not okay in the head." Lindner also said that Fraley told him that he observed this same behavior.

While speaking with a deputy and police officer, Lindner heard over their radio that his brother had attempted to buy a gun at a gun shop. Lindner surmised that his brother likely drove past his residence and was headed to Thunder Ridge, a gun shop owned by Glen Hemmer. Soon after, Lindner's brother was observed speeding by his (Lindner's) residence. According to Lindner, the Peebles Police officer initiated pursuit. Next, Lindner believed he called his dad because "I knew, I kind of knew what was going to happen, guys." Lindner then said, "I think if I want to go any further, like into the history of things, maybe I should have attorney present, but that is kind of what happened today."

From the time his brother was in pursuit, Lindner stated he spent time inside and outside with the sheriff's office. He shared he was also on the phone with his dad, mom, and sister. When asked if he knew what time his brother drove by his residence

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the second time, Lindner looked at his call history on his cell phone. He said he received a missed call from Elliott at 1444 hours. Lindner also received text messages from Elliott about his brother at 1450 hours and 1454 hours. Lindner subsequently provided Elliott's telephone number as [REDACTED]

Lindner stated that his brother can be a dangerous guy when he's been drinking. Lindner knew his brother drank and smoked marijuana, but he (Lindner's brother) had divulged that he had done cocaine. Lindner expressed that this (Lindner's brother's actions) did not sound like his brother, but rather a drug-fueled rage; something that made him delusional. SA Douglass advised Lindner that he did not have to get into anything that happened before today, but Linder said, "I am just trying to be helpful."

Lindner again expressed he wanted to be helpful and what transpired today was "everybody's fear, and it, it happened." Lindner expressed guilt by calling law enforcement when his brother drove by his residence like he did because maybe his brother would not have died.

According to Lindner, Fraley went into the West Union Police Department and provided a statement about Lindner's brother. Lindner related Fraley has been working for his brother for approximately 10 years. Sergeant Bowling confirmed the West Union Police Department took a recorded statement with Fraley.

Lindner volunteered that a couple of days ago his brother visited a friend of his (Lindner) wearing body armor. Linder's friend was subsequently identified as Shawn Kelley (Kelley) who resides on Brush Creek. Lindner showed agents a photograph from a Ring doorbell camera of his brother at Kelley's residence wearing body armor. Lindner explained that his brother had also sent a random email to Kelley saying, "You're in hell, and staying there." Lindner further explained that his brother and Kelley did not have a history together. This prompted Lindner to do something about this (his brother's behavior). Lindner provided Kelley's cell phone number as [REDACTED].

Lindner continued speaking with agents and agreed to answer more of their questions. Lindner advised them he was "shook up." He asked agents to speak with Fraley. Lindner emphasized his brother just "didn't seem right." Lindner told agents that he was not aware of any other threatening interactions between his brother and Fraley, but the last few Fridays had been crazy. Lindner mentioned a sword and shooting off in the distance when there was work being performed around the lodge.

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When asked if his brother ever pointed a gun at him or waved a gun around him, Lindner stated that he used to do a lot of drinking at the lodge dating back to 2008/2009, and said, "there were times."

Lindner inquired about anyone getting hurt or injured during the pursuit and he was assured that no one was injured.

One last piece of "intel" that Lindner wanted to provide agents was about a call he received yesterday at approximately 1640 hours. Zach Kaufman (Kaufman) with A-to-Z Builders contacted Lindner and explained that his (Kaufman's) cousin from Dailey's Outfitters called him explaining that a U.S. Marshal wanted his (Lindner's) telephone number. Lindner was told they needed his help in "talking your brother down." Lindner stated the U.S. Marshal Service never contacted him. Lindner went on to say that he spoke with Nathan Dailey (Dailey) this morning and he learned that his brother had been pulled over for speeding by a state trooper in Brown County two weeks ago and was wearing body armor. Lindner said Kaufman and Dailey did not want to be involved in this matter. Sergeant Bowling confirmed that Lindner's brother had been stopped by a state trooper, but he did not recall the date.

The last time Lindner spoke with his brother is when he texted him on September 30th about a Polaris Xpedition side-by-side he (Lindner) did not like and wanted his brother to check it out and make an offer on it. Lindner's brother said he would stop by, but Lindner did not hear from his brother again.

The interview concluded at approximately 2247 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

Audio Interview with Carl Lindner IV (11.14.2025)

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