



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



2024-2096  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 555 Independence Dr.,  
Medina, Ohio 44256

**Investigative Activity:** Involved Officer Interview  
**Involves:** Medina County Sheriff Terry Grice (S)  
**Activity Date:** 08/02/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 1503 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran (Moran) and Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) interviewed Medina County Sheriff's Officer (MCSO) Sheriff Terry Grice (Grice), who was accompanied by his attorney, Michael Hamed. The interview took place at BCI Richfield. The interview was video recorded.

Sheriff Grice read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

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

**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> Sheriff Terry Grice	<b>Rank:</b> Sheriff
<b>Badge Number:</b> 101	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> No vehicle utilized
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> 101	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> No immediate supervisor due to being the MCSO Sheriff
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> MCSO Dispatch	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Not applicable
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> Not Applicable
<b>Assignment:</b> Elected Sheriff	<b>Normal Shift:</b> 0900-1800 hours

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<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Spotlight:</b> Not applicable
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Not applicable	<b>Siren:</b> Not applicable
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> 0830-1800 hours	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> Saturday and Sunday	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> Not applicable
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> 6 to 8 hours	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> 25 years in November	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> 3.5 years
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> No	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> Contact Lenses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Black MCSO Sheriff Polo with badge embroidered along with grey cargo tactical pants and MCSO Sheriff badge on belt.	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> No additional equipment
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> Not Worn	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Not Present
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> No	<b>Partner:</b> No
<b>Injuries:</b> None	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> No
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Instructor certificates prior to becoming Sheriff / CIT	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> Current
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> No	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Within the current year through the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> No	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> No
<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident:</b> No	<b>Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview:</b> No

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

**Weapon #1**

<b>Make:</b> Glock	<b>Model:</b> 45
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Magazine fully loaded with one in the chamber
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> Without looking, he believed the capacity was 11, but was not sure.	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 12 (Assuming that the magazine only holds 11)
<b>Extra Magazines:</b> None	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> Not applicable
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> 10	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 2
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Left-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> Fall of 2023	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Level II retention

On the day of the incident, Sheriff Grice stated that he was inside his office speaking with MCSO Deputy Doug Clinage (Clinage). Sheriff Grice's office was located at the front of the building with a window that could view the front parking lot and walkway to the main doors. During this time, Sheriff Grice stated that they both heard, "yelling out in the parking lot area." When they looked outside of the window, they saw a white male walking down the main sidewalk towards the parking lot while being followed by a female. The female was "having some sort of exchange" with the male. The male continued walking to his vehicle in the parking lot. Sheriff Grice stated this action caught their attention. At this point, Sheriff Grice and Deputy Clinage walked out the door from the Sheriff's personal office to investigate the matter. (12:30 mark).

When they exited the office, Sheriff Grice stated that he could hear music playing and noticed a white vehicle parked, "very hastily" on the sidewalk (13:40 mark). The music was heard coming from that vehicle. "I could still hear a female, I don't, I don't know if she was yelling, but there was some sort of noise." (14:08 mark). At this point, after Sheriff Grice and Deputy Clinage exited, they walked towards the front door where they encountered a female standing at the front door with her back to them. Sheriff Grice stated:

*...the female was standing up by the entrance doors of the Sheriff's office, had her back to us. At that point, I noticed that she had a wet mark on her, I think they were shorts, whether she urinated on herself or she sat in something. Her*

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*back was to us, and I don't know if one of us said something, but she turned. At that point, she had a black, um, long barreled, what looked to be a handgun, but it was a longer barrel, and she also had, I believe it was in her right hand, appeared to be a knife. (14:45 mark).*

After noticing the knife and handgun in the female's hands, Sheriff Grice stated that he was standing at the edge of the building using cover. Sheriff Grice further stated that Deputy Clinage was standing off to his left with, "absolutely no cover." Sheriff Grice stated:

*We both started giving commands immediately to drop the gun, drop the gun, drop the gun. She immediately looked at us, made again some sort of audible noise nothing that indicated she heard what we were saying but she was definitely making some noise. Uh, if I'm correct, at some point, she does put down the gun, she continues towards us still with the knife. More commands were given to drop, drop the knife, drop the knife. She continues, she stops, and I don't know if that gun is still in the area of her legs, but I believe she goes back down, retrieves that. At that point, I saw the red dot. I already had my firearm, um, holstered, not holstered, out of my holster. Deputy Clinage, I could see he had something in his hands, but then I did see the red dot. At that point, when she, I believe she grabbed the gun again, um, he deployed his taser. She stopped, she was standing in this flower bed and the taser, I believe, at least one of the, um, probes hit her maybe in the top right, enough to have her, at that point, seize but her attention immediately went to Deputy Clinage but with no other reaction. So, I don't know at that point if it was an effective deployment again, she had stopped at, I don't know what the time was, what the length of time was, it then, I don't know if the five seconds was done on the taser, she then continued in our direction. Still, I believe at that time, still had the, she had the knife in her hand, I don't know if the gun was in her hand. She came in our direction. Out of fear for, um, Deputy Clinage, um, the other citizen out here, and obviously myself, I discharged, I believe two rounds at that point. (15:40 mark)*

Sheriff Grice stated that after the female was struck, "uh, she hesitated, she was still standing and then she at some point, did fall to the ground." (17:52 mark) At this point, Sheriff Grice stated that he advised Deputy Clinage to use his radio to notify dispatch. Sheriff Grice stated that Deputy Clinage indicated he did not have a radio, even though he did. Sheriff Grice further stated that he wasn't sure if Deputy Clinage meant that his battery was dead or that he did not realize he had it with him. At this point, Sheriff Grice entered back into his office and told the Director of Administrative

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Services to advise dispatch what had occurred and to request EMS. Shortly thereafter, additional deputies arrived on scene to assist with emergency medical aid on the female. Sheriff Grice instructed another supervisor to secure the scene and to make sure the witness in the parking lot did not leave. Sheriff Grice stated soon after the incident occurred, [REDACTED] collected his firearm and secured it into an evidence box.

When Sheriff Grice was asked if he was able to determine what was being said from the initial yelling that was heard from within his office. Sheriff Grice stated the female was saying something in a "hostile" way due to how the male was walking and looking back towards her. Shortly after, the female stopped following the male and turned back towards the building while still yelling. (21:42 mark) Sheriff Grice was then asked if it was normal as to the manner in which the white vehicle, he originally described, was parked on the sidewalk, he replied, "no." (22:35 mark)

Sheriff Grice was asked if he could describe the knife, he initially saw the in the female's right hand. Sheriff Grice stated, "again, I believe it was in her right hand and it appeared to have a fixed blade and then the knife blade was pointing up." (23:03 mark)

When Sheriff Grice was asked if he thought that the verbal commands were effective, he replied, "initially when she put the gun down and then we obviously still saw the knife and that's why the commands continued to be communicated, yelled." Sheriff Grice was then asked if there was any indication that the female would have complied at that point with the commands. He replied, "no, and then that was when the taser was deployed, and again, whether that five second cycle stopped, at which point she still had it, she continued in a position towards myself and Deputy Clinage." (24:11 mark)

Sheriff Grice was asked to discuss the fear he mentioned he had for Deputy Clinage and the civilian, as far as what he thought would have happened. Sheriff Grice replied, "...my thought was she was either going to use the knife and I don't recall if she still had the gun, that she was coming to, uh, bodily harm, or bodily harm to either Deputy Clinage, if it was the knife or myself, um, she still had the gun, all three of us, at that point, were potential victims." (26:52 mark)

Sheriff Grice was asked to describe his experience or training pertaining to encounters with a knife or edged weapons. He stated, "Generally it's a twenty-foot spread we try to keep. In my mind that was not twenty feet." Sheriff Grice was then asked if that was the distance someone with a knife could cover in the amount of time it takes for him to discharge his firearm, he stated that it was. (27:41 mark)

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Sheriff Grice was asked to demonstrate how the female was holding the knife during the encounter. With the use of a marker and the blue cap acting as the blade, Sheriff Grice grabbed it with his right hand and held it up as illustrated below. (28:27 mark)



(Demonstration of how the knife was held)

When Sheriff Grice was asked if he experienced any form of perceptual phenomena. Sheriff Grice stated that his experience time slowing down during the incident. He also described the time when he fired his weapon that it was "echoing." Sheriff Grice stated the echoing could have something to do with where he was standing in relation to the building. (29:00 mark)

When asked if there was any other use of force option to use other than his firearm, Sheriff Grice stated, "no."

The interview concluded at approximately 1543 hours.

The interview was video recorded and labeled as reference item B. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is attached to this report along with the reference map used during the interview. Please see the attachments for further details.

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### References:

Ref Item B - Sheriff Terry Grice Interview

### Attachments:

1. Criminal Investigation Notification Form
2. Map of Incident from Sheriff Grice

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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).

Terry Grice  
Printed Name of Interviewee

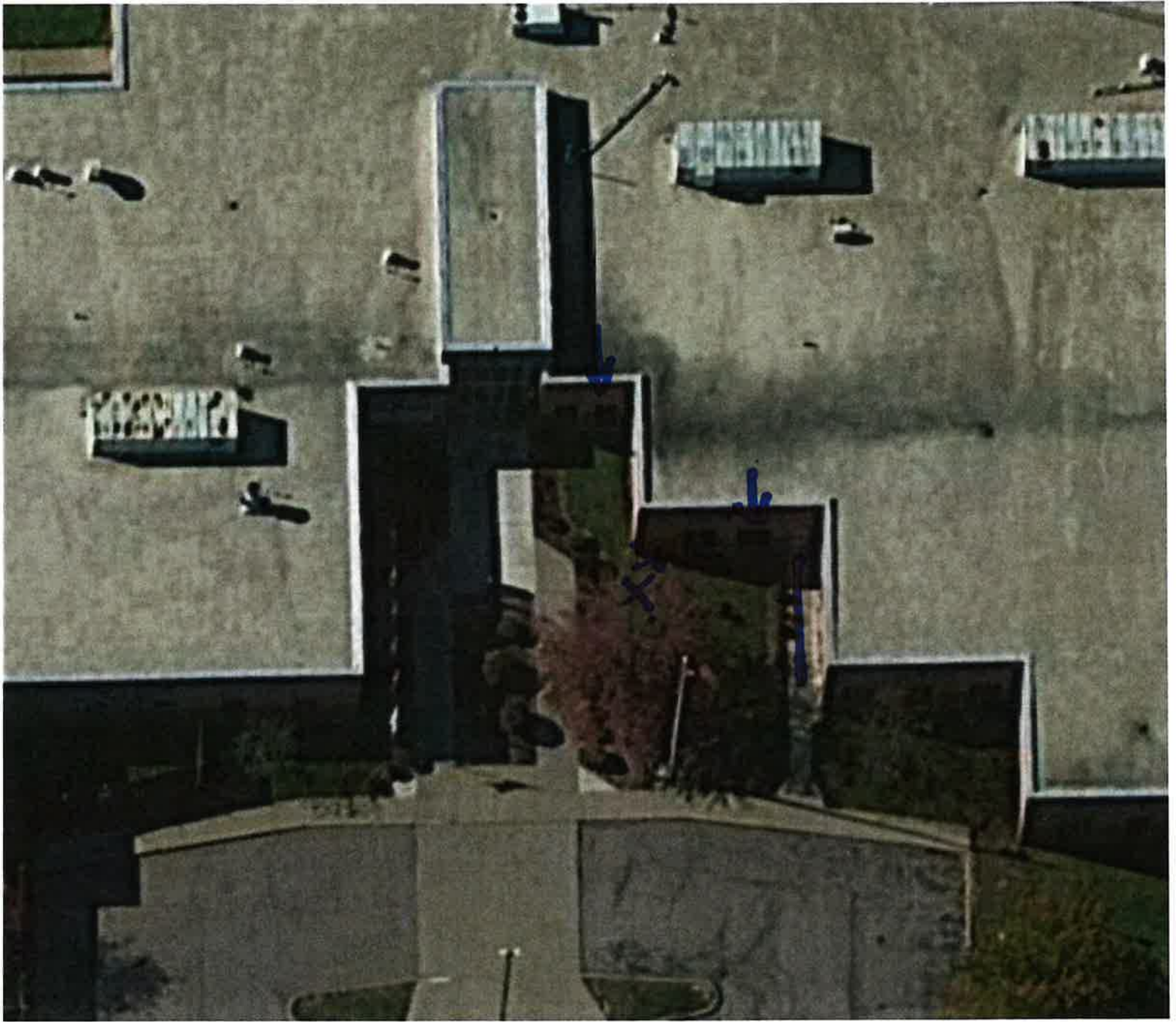
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Date / Time

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Signature of Interviewee

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