



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



2026-2698

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 640 Daniel Court #16A,
Cincinnati, OH 45244 (L)

Investigative Activity: Officer Interview
Involves: Officer Brent James (W)
Activity Date: 07/22/2026
Activity Location: Union Township Police Department
Authoring Agent: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 1151 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Kevin Barkley (SA Barkley) interviewed Officer Brent James (Officer James) who was accompanied by his attorney, Kim Rutowski, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the Union Township Police Department, located at 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, OH 45245. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer James was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on July 14, 2026. Officer James did not discharge his firearm during this incident, nor did he use less than lethal force. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him.

Officer James stated that he has been a police officer for 15 years. He has been employed at the Union Township Police Department for approximately eight years and previously worked at the Winchester Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office. Officer James' normal shift hours are [REDACTED] with rotating days off. On the day of the incident, Officer James was wearing plain clothes, described as blue jeans and a red shirt. He stated that he was working a directed patrol that day and was driving an unmarked vehicle. Officer James stated that he was working his normal shift hours but had arrived early around 0515, to conduct surveillance. Officer James

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stated that he did not have a body worn camera (BWC) or any other recording devices on the day of the incident.

On the morning of July 14, 2026, Officer James stated that he was near Cherry Grove conducting surveillance. He had a portable radio with him and stated that he heard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] dispatched to a loud music complaint at 640 Daniel Court Apartment 16A. He said that officers made contact with the male and then advised that they were in a 26 (fight). Officer James started that way and stated that while in route, officers asked for additional units and said to step it up. Officer James also recalled officers requesting dispatch to send a squad (medics).

He estimated that it took him three to five minutes to arrive on scene. When Officer James arrived, he said that there were five officers already on scene, including four road patrol officers and one sergeant. At that time, the subject was already in custody, and first aid was being rendered by other officers. Officer James observed the male inside, laying on his back by the couch. He stated that he observed the subject handcuffed in front of his body. There was an AED hooked up to him, which advised "no shock", and he said that [REDACTED] started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Officer James obtained gloves and began doing chest compressions, before Officer Parlier took over. Officer James did not observe the subject make any noises or statements during the incident. Officer James stated that he used a department owned digital camera to take pictures of the subject and the scene.

The subject was transported by medics to Mercy Health Anderson Hospital. Officer James responded separately to the hospital and met with the subject in the Emergency Room (ER). He said that medics had a pulse on the subject when he first got there. Within 10 minutes, he stated that medics lost the pulse and started working on him again. The subject was intubated and regained a pulse. Officer James stated that himself and UTPD Detective Zimmerman left the hospital around 1100-1130 hours. When asked, Officer James stated that he did not collect any evidence or personal items belonging to the subject and that he was unsure what happened with any items.

Officer James stated that he did not see any officers use force. The interview concluded at 1200 hours. The audio recorded interview has been uploaded and stored in Axon.

References:

F. BCI Audio Interviews stored in Axon

Attachments:

No attachments.

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