



**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:** Interview of Witness  
**Involves:** Christopher Linder  
**Activity Date:** 11/14/2025  
**Activity Location:** 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, Ohio  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Jonathan W. Jenkins

**Narrative:**

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2329 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jonathan Jenkins interviewed Randolph "Randy" Walters Jr. The interview took place at 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Walters was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 14, 2025 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, Ohio. Reportedly, Walters did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Walters stated his radio call sign on November 14, 2025, was 07. He has been employed by the Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for about 15 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 27 years. During the incident, Walters wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove ACSO unit #1-07, a Ford Explorer marked with ACSO emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does not wear corrective lenses.

During the interview, SA Jenkins asked Walters how he became involved in the incident. Walters said the ACSO received a protection order that was to be served on Christopher Linder. According to Walters, he spoke to the sheriff about the protection order and how to serve the order in the safest way possible. Walters stated recently that local law enforcement had been alerted to Linder acting strangely. Walters further explained that not long ago Linder had pulled up to an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper and as they were talking the Trooper noticed Linder was wearing body armor. Walters also

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stated that earlier in the day Linder was at the Thunder Ridge Gun Store and engaged in an argument with the store owner. Walters said when the incident started, he was on the scene of a search warrant and heard radio traffic in reference to Linder heading towards West Union and maybe to Linder's brother's home. Walters stated due to the fact he knew Linder was known to wear body armor and an avid gun collector, he along with ACSO Deputies Swain and Edgington, cleared from the search warrant and headed towards West Union.

Walters said as he was driving, he began to hear radio traffic that a West Union Police officer and another ACSO deputy were attempting to conduct a traffic stop on Linder however he was not stopping.

After Walters arrived in West Union, he said the pursuit was heading towards town as Linder was traveling southbound on State Route 41. Walters said he and West Union Police Chief Anderson set up near the United Dairy Farmers Store and attempted to use stop sticks to get Linder stopped. Walters stated he was unsuccessful in stopping Linder, then joined the pursuit and was the third patrol car back. Walters said after entering town Linder headed southbound on State Route 247 towards his house. At this time Walters realized there was a trooper now in the pursuit who was directly behind Linder. Walters said as Linder approached his residence, he (Linder) drove past the driveway secured by a gate and continued to the next driveway where Linder sped through a creek. Walters stated the trooper, later identified as [REDACTED], continued to follow Linder until Linder reached his residence.

Walters stated he and Manchester Police Chief Edgington went to the main gated driveway where Edgington used the push bumper on his patrol vehicle to open the gate. Walters stated he and several others then drove up the driveway until he had Linder's home in view and stopped at what can be considered the bottom of the driveway.

Walters said he could see [REDACTED] patrol vehicle up near the house and heard someone say that Linder went inside the house. Walters said his main mission at this point was to set up a perimeter around the house and to get [REDACTED] back with the other law enforcement officers, so that he was not by himself. Walters then assembled a group of troopers along with ACSO Deputy Parker to enter the wood line out from the rear of Linder's home to set up a perimeter and to reach [REDACTED] position. Walters stated as additional law enforcement arrived, he was making sure the perimeter around the residence was maintained and was starting to prepare for a search warrant to be

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obtained for Linders' home. In addition, Walters had made the request to use the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Special Response Team to make the entry into the home.

According to Walters, as he was maintaining the scene and coordinating law enforcement efforts, he heard what was described as a loud bang. The loud bang was followed by several pop sounds. Walters, who has a background as a firearms instructor and extensive knowledge of firearms, knew both sounds were that of gunfire and the initial loud bang he believed was caused by a higher caliber gun with the muzzle in the outward direction and coming from the house. Walters could not estimate how many gunshots he heard but knew the popping sound was from law enforcement firearms.

Walters said during this time Brown County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Singleton had already arrived on scene with a drone and immediately started flying the area of the incident. Walters said after the shooting stopped the drone was able to observe Linder who was laying down on the third-floor balcony.

Walters said after observing Linder laying on the floor, he quickly assembled a team of eight, who were mostly troopers, to enter the home and provide Linder with emergency medical attention.

Walters stated entry was made through a first-floor door by breaking out the glass in the door. According to Walters the team made their way to the balcony where they observed Linder who had no signs of life. Walters stated the team made sure the residence was clear of additional threats and then exited. Walters stated all the police vehicles stayed in place after the shooting occurred.

The interview concluded at approximately 2359 hours.

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

**Reference:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Audio interview of Randolph "Randy" Walters

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