



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



2025-2991

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 513 South Isabella St.,
Springfield, OH 45506 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Beau Ray (W)
Date of Activity: 09/16/2025
Activity Location: Springfield Police Department – Business – 130 North Fountain
Avenue, Springfield, OH 45502
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On September 16, 2025, at 1616 hours, Ohio BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) interviewed Springfield Police Officer Beau Ray (Officer Ray). The interview took place at the Springfield Police Department. Also present for the interview was Attorney Zach Bayless. 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 Ray was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on September 16, 2025, in the City of Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. Officer Ray did not discharge his firearm or use force during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Officer Ray stated that his badge number is 882. He has been employed at the Springfield Police Department for six years and previously worked at the Wittenburg Police Department for one year. Officer Ray is assigned to [REDACTED] shift from [REDACTED]. He stated that his uniform consisted of a navy-blue uniform shirt with an outer vest carrier, which was clearly marked Springfield Police Department. Officer Ray was wearing a body-worn camera (BWC). He was assigned to cruiser number 2, described as a Ford Explorer, which was clearly marked Springfield Police as well. Officer Ray was a two-man unit that day, with Officer Kristopher Kitchen, a passenger in the vehicle. His cruiser had an in-car dash camera. Officer Ray stated

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that his BWC and cruiser camera were both activated and recording.

On the date of the incident, Officer Ray said that himself and Officer Kitchen were on an unrelated call. He heard [REDACTED] put on the radio that he had relocated a vehicle that fled from him earlier. Officer Ray and Officer Kitchen began towards the area of West Pleasant, where [REDACTED] said that he saw the vehicle last. Officer Ray heard via radio that [REDACTED] had deployed his taser. Himself and Officer Kitchen were trying to locate [REDACTED]. Officer Ray said that Officer Warnock was in the van in front of them and passed [REDACTED] location. When Officer Ray located [REDACTED] in an alley near Pleasant and Clark, he said that he backed up his cruiser partially in the alleyway, with the lights on, so that officers could find their location.

Officer Ray said that Officer Kitchen and [REDACTED] were up with the subject, who was already in handcuffs. Officer Ray said that they immediately started rendering aid. He said that he needed to get photographs of the subject, so Officer Warnock went to get medical supplies, and he went to get a camera. Officer Ray said that he took photographs of the subject's injuries and assisted with handing medical equipment to Officer Kitchen to apply pressure. Officer Ray described that the subject had a lot of blood on his face and on the ground. He said that he observed the subject to have a lip injury and his nose was bleeding.

At one point, officers decided that they needed to get the subject to the hospital because the medics were so far out, and the subject was losing a lot of blood. Officer Ray said that he got on the radio and asked what the ETA (estimated time of arrival) was for medics to arrive. Another officer on the radio stated that the medics were just passing Papa John's on E Main Street, which he described as way across town. Officer Ray said that he got on the radio again and said that they needed to get the subject to the hospital.

Officer Ray and Officer Warnock picked up the subject and placed him in the back of Van 40. Officer Kitchen and Officer Warnock rode in the back of the van, while Officer Massie was driving. Officer Ray said that he got in his cruiser and blocked off traffic for the van to get to the hospital. The subject was taken to Springfield Regional Medical Center. Officer Ray said he stayed at the hospital and provided detectives with basic information about what happened.

Officer Ray did not recall any statements made by the subject. He said that he did not see any weapons on scene near the subject. Officer Ray said that he did see one taser barb, which he believed was in the subject's back area by his shoulder blade. Officer Ray said that he saw the wires from the taser but did not see the other barb.

The interview concluded at 1624 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-09-16 Officer Beau Ray Audio Interview

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