



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: Witnessing Deputy Interview
Involves: Deputy Torie Barlow, #120
Activity Date: 11/14/2025
Activity Location: 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, OH 45144
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2332 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Deputy (Dep.) Torie Barlow (Barlow). The interview took place at the scene. The interview was audio recorded.

Dep. Barlow 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 around 4175 Brush Creek Road, Manchester, Ohio. Reportedly, Dep. Barlow did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Dep. Barlow stated her radio call sign on November 14, 2025, was 120. She has been employed by the ACSO for about four years. She has been a police officer for a total of four years. During the incident, Dep. Barlow wore her standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. She also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. She considered herself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident.

Dep. Barlow stated that she was dispatched to an investigative complaint by Carl Lindner III, Christopher Lindner's brother, who lives on Mineral Springs Road. Carl advised dispatch that Christopher was driving back and forth on the road recklessly. Dep. Barlow responded to the Mineral Springs location with Dep. Smally. They were informed that Christopher had left the Mineral Springs location and traveled to the Thunder Ridge Gun Shop in Peebles, Ohio.

Dep. Barlow and a West Union officer passed Christopher on Peach Mountain Road in a Land Rover. She turned around and started in the direction that Christopher was driving towards. That is when Dep. Barlow initiated a pursuit. Dep. Barlow followed Christopher to Steam Furnace Road where they lost visual. Dep. Barlow then went down SR 781. Dispatch advised that West Union Police [REDACTED] located Christopher.

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SA Holcomb asked Dep. Barlow how she would describe Christopher's driving during the pursuit. She stated, "reckless." He was all over the road with speeds reaching 115mph near West Union.

Christopher eventually ended up at a residence located at 4175 Brush Creek Road. When Dep. Barlow arrived, numerous other law enforcement agencies were on scene. She staged with her rifle near ACSO Sgt. Walters and Trooper Richards to the right of the 'Y' intersection below the residence.

Dep. Barlow stated that a drone pilot could see Christopher in the window and on a cell phone. Eventually, Christopher came out on the third-floor balcony yelling. She recalled Christopher yelling something regarding Jesus, religion and the rapture. She then heard gunshots. She was not aware at that time that law enforcement was also shooting.

A Brown County deputy then flew a drone and located Christopher down on the balcony with a rifle between his legs. Officers then approached the residence and located Christopher deceased.

Dep. Barlow said that she came out to this residence around October 3, 2025, for a burglary alarm. No one was at the residence at the time and everything appeared locked. The groundskeeper, Christopher Fraley (Fraley), later came to the residence and turned off the audible alarm. Within a few days of the event, Fraley advised that Christopher Lindner came to the residence and drew a firearm on him.

SA Holcomb asked Dep. Barlow how many gunshots she heard. She said that there were constant gunshots that lasted about fifteen seconds. Dep. Barlow said that a West Union officer shot, and he was on the left of the 'Y' intersection at the bottom of the hill near the residence. She believes the troopers were in the woods.

Dep. Barlow said that she never saw Christopher with a firearm.

The interview concluded at approximately 2341 hours.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment #01: 2025-11-14 - Dep. Torie Barlow Interview (2025-3709)

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