



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



2025-2000

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Tiedeman Road at I-480
West, Brooklyn, OH 44144, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Phone Interview
Involves: Christopher Slowey (O)
Activity Date: 07/02/2025
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher #187

Narrative:

On Wednesday, July 2, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) conducted an audio-recorded phone interview with Christopher Slowey (Chris), who was identified as the friend of Patrick Kerr (Kerr). The interview was related to the officer-involved shooting that occurred on June 24, 2025, which involved Kerr and members of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team.

The interview was audio-recorded, and the recording has been saved to Axon Justice as Reference Item I.

The following is a summary of 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. The information 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.

Throughout the interview Chris provided the following information:

Chris and Patrick met in 2012 at an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting. They formed a close friendship throughout the years after spending lots of time together traveling for work. Chris would later become the best man at Patrick's wedding when Patrick married Shanna, and they have remained friends ever since.

On June 24, 2025, Chris received multiple text messages and a voicemail from Patrick between 1011 hours and 1042 hours. Chris was at work and unable to answer any of the text messages or return the phone call.

During the interview, Chris read one of the text messages sent by Patrick to him on the morning of the shooting incident. Per Chris, the message stated, "Slowey, you're one of

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my best friends. "You were there before the terror, during the terror, and then after the terror" [03:30]. Chris thought Patrick's use of the word "terror" was odd.

When Chris listened to the voicemail, he believed he heard background noises that would indicate Patrick was driving his vehicle. Although Chris thought the messages were concerning, he didn't believe the messages were a cry for help or that Patrick was in a "bad situation." Chris believed the shooting incident "got really out of control" [05:30].

Chris last spoke with Patrick four days prior to the shooting incident. During the conversation, Patrick discussed his divorce that was finalized two weeks prior and showed Chris photos of the new house he was living in. Chris felt as though Patrick was excited about the divorce finalization and his new home. Patrick even discussed how his new place had rooms for the kids to stay in.

Chris and Patrick often confided in one another. Chris believed Patrick had a "sick sense of humor" and "would say some crazy shit" [06:30]. Chris never felt like Patrick was suicidal, but had heard Patrick make statements in the past regarding suicide by cop. Chris chalked those statements up to Patrick's "sick sense of humor."

Chris also discussed how Patrick was a huge proponent of therapy and mental health treatment. Patrick allegedly began therapy after his marriage to Shanna when they went to marriage counseling. Patrick would continue to attend therapy on a regular basis. Chris was aware that Patrick was prescribed medication but was unsure what the medication was. Chris believed Patrick was doing well between the therapy and medication regiment.

While discussing some of Patrick's past, Chris mentioned how he felt Patrick had a difficult time growing up and then also struggled in his marriage with Shanna. Chris could not speak directly about what happened during Patrick's childhood. However, he said that Patrick hitchhiked throughout the country when he was eighteen. Chris believed this related to emotional issues Patrick was probably struggling with. Patrick came from a large Irish family and Chris believed Patrick truly loved his family and was very close with them. As for Shanna, Chris never liked Shanna and did not speak highly of her.

Chris did not know of Patrick abusing any illegal substances besides marijuana. Chris described Patrick as being very dedicated to AA and remaining sober.

Chris concluded the interview by stating he believed the police "were wrong" in their actions on that day [20:00].

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Chris was requested to send screenshots of the text messages sent to him by Patrick and the voicemail that was left on the morning of the shooting incident. As of July 7, 2025, Chris had not provided any of the requested documentation.

References:

Reference Item I - Non-Officer Interviews - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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