



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



2025-0513
Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Closing
Involves: Ross County Sheriff's Office
Activity Date: 05/16/2025
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, the investigation regarding the officer-involved critical incident that occurred in Chillicothe, Ohio, on February 17, 2025, was reviewed by the Ross County Prosecutor, Jeffrey Marks (Marks). Mr. Marks declined criminal prosecution against Ross County Sheriff [REDACTED].

All evidence in this case was returned to the requesting agency on May 16, 2025.

The documents received from the Ross County Prosecutor's Office are attached to this report. Please refer to those documents for further information.

This case is closed.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Declination Letter
2. Evidence Return Receipt

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



JEFFREY C. MARKS
Prosecuting Attorney

OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ROSS COUNTY, OHIO

CYNTHIA G. SCHUMAKER
Chief Deputy

GABRIEL J. MCCOARD
Assistant Prosecutor

MICHELE R. ROUT
Assistant Prosecutor

AMBER L. LEWIS
Assistant Prosecutor

KELSEY J. RENO
Assistant Prosecutor

ALISA M. TURNER
Assistant Prosecutor

TODD J. BOST
Investigator

JENNA E. HORNYAK
Investigator

THOMAS JAMES-ELWARD
Investigator

May 4, 2025

Special Agent Aja Chung
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
30 East Broad Street
14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Investigation into [REDACTED] Officer Involved Shooting
February 17, 2025
BCI File No.: 2025-0513

Special Agent Chung,

I have now had an opportunity to review the investigative materials that were submitted to my office as result of your investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on February 17, 2025.

An overview of the materials submitted seem to indicate that on the above date [REDACTED] responded to the area of 14000 OH- 104, Chillicothe, Ohio, based upon an active Burglary report. [REDACTED] was on his way to work to begin his shift at that time, and as such, had not yet taken possession of his body worn camera. [REDACTED] observed a male matching the description of the home-invader walking in that area, having crossed to the eastern side of OH- 104. The [REDACTED] made contact with the individual, later determined to be Daniel Long, as he continued walking away from the [REDACTED] who had parked his cruiser and exited the same. After a brief interaction, [REDACTED] observed Mr. Long remove a firearm from his left pocket, turn toward the [REDACTED] and point the firearm at the deputy. [REDACTED] then discharged his own firearm striking Mr. Long in the chest. Mr. Long was pronounced dead shortly thereafter due to injuries he sustained during the shooting.

After reviewing these materials, which include but are not limited to, investigative reports, interviews of deputies and eyewitnesses, surveillance videos, and autopsy reports, it is my opinion, and you are hereby advised, that there will be no criminal charges pursued against [REDACTED] based upon his conduct immediately prior to, and during, said shooting.

Having viewed the aforementioned materials, I understand that one of the eyewitnesses indicated that at the time of this incident, she was traveling north on OH-104 and her husband stopped their vehicle to observe what was going on. This eyewitness indicated that after the initial contact between the deputy and Mr. Long, she observed Mr. Long walking away from the deputy with his hands empty and in the air, and with his back turned to the deputy. It was at this time that the eyewitness indicated the deputy discharged his firearm.

Based upon the totality of the statements of other eyewitnesses, the physical location of this particular eyewitness at the time she was able to observe the incident, and the findings of the autopsy report which indicate Mr. Long was shot one time through the front of the chest and not through the back, the other evidence obtained as a result of this investigation appears to contradict the statements and observations of this particular witness.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss the same.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey C. Marks
Prosecuting Attorney
Ross County, Ohio

CC: Special Agent Kevin Barbeau - BCI
George W. Lavender, Jr. – Ross County Sheriff's Office