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**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
 Investigative Report



2025-0854  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 645 Hazen Avenue,  
 Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County

**Investigative Activity:** Video Interview – Sergeant Cris Coy  
**Involves:** Ravenna Police Department (O), Shawn Ware (S)  
**Activity Date:** 04/08/2025  
**Activity Location:** 1360 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Goudy

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, April 08, 2025, at 1119 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (SA Goudy) and SA Eric Lehnhart (SA Lehnhart) interviewed Ravenna Police Department (RPD) Sergeant Cris Coy (Coy), who was accompanied by his attorney, Tom Hanculak, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 1360 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio. This location was the law office of Attorney Hanculak. The interview was video recorded.

Sergeant Coy read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes 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. Further, this report 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.

**Preliminary and Demographic Information:**

<b>Name:</b> Cristopher Coy	<b>Rank:</b> Sergeant (Sgt.)
<b>Badge Number:</b> 409	<b>Cruiser/Vehicle Number:</b> P2
<b>Radio Call Sign:</b> 409	<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Captain Jake Smallfield
<b>Radio Channel Utilized:</b> 400 Main	<b>Mobile Data Terminal:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Cruiser Description:</b> Ravenna PD markings all around the vehicle, with overhead lights.	<b>Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions:</b> No

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<b>Assignment:</b> Sergeant over patrol	<b>Normal Shift:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>In-Car Camera:</b> Operational, But Not Used	<b>Spotlight:</b> Present; Not utilized
<b>Emergency Lights:</b> Present; Not Utilized	<b>Siren:</b> Present; Not Used
<b>Shift Day of Incident:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Duty Status:</b> On-Duty
<b>Days Off:</b> Rotating	<b>Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours:</b> No
<b>Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident:</b> Approx. 7 hours	<b>Consider Self Well Rested?:</b> Yes
<b>Total Length as Officer:</b> 18 years	<b>Length at Current Agency:</b> 16 years
<b>Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid):</b> None	<b>Corrective Lenses:</b> No Corrective Lenses
<b>Uniform Worn:</b> Standard navy-blue pants and shirt with Ravenna PD patches and markings	<b>Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest:</b> Duty weapon, Asp, Taser, and 2 extra mags.
<b>Ballistic Vest:</b> External Armor	<b>Body Worn Camera:</b> Present & Used
<b>Other Recording Devices:</b> No	<b>Partner:</b> None
<b>Injuries:</b> None	<b>Equipment Damage:</b> None
<b>Training or Areas of Specialty:</b> Range Officer / CIT	<b>OPOTC Certification:</b> Kent State Trumbull police academy - 2007
<b>Military Experience/Training:</b> None	<b>Use-of-Force Training:</b> Yes / Annually - Subject Control
<b>Prior Shooting Incidents:</b> None	<b>Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints:</b> None
<b>Were you under the influence of any substances that would impair your memory or judgement at the time of the incident:</b> No	

**Officer's Firearm(s):**

Weapon #1

<b>Make:</b> Shadow System	<b>Model:</b> XR 920
<b>Caliber/Gauge:</b> 9 mm	<b>Serial:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Type:</b> Semi-Auto Handgun	<b>Method of Carry:</b> Left Hip of duty belt / One in the chamber with full magazine
<b>Magazine Capacity:</b> 17	<b>Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber):</b> 18

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<b>Extra Magazines:</b> 2	<b>Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines:</b> 17 in each magazine
<b>Discharged During Incident?</b> Yes	<b>Primary or Backup Weapon:</b> Primary
<b>Rounds Remaining After Incident:</b> Unknown	<b>Number of Rounds Fired:</b> 3
<b>Right/Left-Handed Carry:</b> Left-Handed	<b>Ownership:</b> Department Owned
<b>Last Qualification Date:</b> December 2024	<b>Type of Holster, if any:</b> Level III - Alien Holster

**Narrative:**

Sergeant Coy stated that when he and Officer Brock Wise (Wise) arrived at 645 Hazen, they went down the stairs towards the lower level of the apartment building. Sergeant Coy stated he went towards the laundry room, located at the end of the hall, to check and see if someone was lying in there with a gun. While checking the laundry room, Officer Wise began making contact with the tenants in apartment three. As Sergeant Coy began walking towards Officer Wise, he saw him, “reach down for his gun and start yelling out gun, drop the gun.” (23:17). At that time, Sergeant Coy unholstered his duty weapon and glanced into the apartment.

When Sergeant Coy glanced into the apartment, he stated that he saw three individuals sitting on the floor. Sergeant Coy was able to identify one of the individuals as Shawn Ware (Ware), whom he recognized from a previous call. Sergeant Coy continued:

“Uh, as we're, you know, I, I glance in, I see Shawn, who is almost in, in an upright seating position, trying to stand up. And in his hand he has a, um, silver and black handgun. And I noticed that he's, he, he's bringing up in his hand and he's starting to, you know, trying to stand while pointing it in our direction. At that point, I, I, you know, we're ordering him, you know, drop the gun, drop the gun, he's not compliant.” (24:17)

At that point during the incident, Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise backed away from the doorway because Ware was pointing a gun at them. While doing so, the door closed. After Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise took up positions of cover on each end of the hallway and stairway, they continued to give commands for Ware to, “drop the gun.” Sergeant Coy added that when they were initially inside the doorway of the apartment, he said he identified themselves as “police” so there was no mistake as to who they were.

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After about a minute, the door opened again. The male complainant began to walk out from the apartment. Sergeant Coy identified him as Terrance Conway (Conway). Sergeant Coy continued:

“And then all of a sudden I noticed that he has, uh, Shawn Ware behind him. Shawn Ware has his left hand over Terrance Conway's shoulder, and they're almost body to body. And his right hand, he has the handgun. Uh, it's near Terrance Conway's head. It's also kind of, you know, he is kind of like from here and then over towards Brock's position where yelling, 'drop the gun'. 'Drop the gun'. So basically, at this point, it looks like we have a hostage situation or a human barricade.” (26:45)

Sergeant Coy stated that they gave several more commands to, “drop the gun.” Ware refused to comply. Once Ware walked out from the apartment with Conway in front of him, he was able to get a closer look at the gun possessed by Ware. He described it as a black framed gun with silver slide. Sergeant Coy further stated:

“At some point I was a able to even see the barrel and it looked like it was every bit of probably nine to, uh, 40 millimeter in diameter. It didn't resemble a pellet gun, a BB gun. It had no, no physical markings to indicate anything like that. And like I said, the, the, uh, perimeter or the diameter of the, the barrel was a lot wider than I've ever seen a, a pellet gun ever being. (27:49)

As Ware was moving into the hallway with Conway as a hostage, Sergeant Coy moved back behind cover more to avoid agitating Ware and to keep Conway from getting hurt. More commands were given for Ware to drop the gun, in which he refused to comply.

After discussing how quickly everything was transpiring and his concerns for the safety of the hostage, himself and Officer Wise, Sergeant Coy stated:

“So, at some point, I, I dip out from under, you know, my cover to kind of get a better view. And now Terrance Conway, the victim is not with, uh, Shawn Ware. And next thing I know Shawn Ware is coming in my direction. I'm yelling, 'drop the gun, drop the gun'. And as he's coming in my direction, I, I notice like, it's, it's definitely pointing at me. (29:21)

Sergeant Coy continued on by describing the shooting incident:

“I said, yell, 'drop the gun'. He says something along the lines of, fuck you. Um, and from there, you know, I, I remember I dipped out from my cover just a little bit. I fired, uh, three rounds at that, that point. 'cause he, he was coming at me aggressively. Uh, when I did fire the rounds, I remember I dipped my head

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behind the wall some because I, you know, I didn't wanna risk getting, hitting the head or shot in the head. And it was a hundred percent real." (29:56)

Sergeant Coy was asked if there was any way to tell if the gun possessed by Ware was anything other than a real firearm. He replied, "no, absolutely not." SA Goudy asked Sergeant Coy if the firearm had anything on the gun indicating it was a pellet gun. He replied, "Uh, no indicators that it was a pellet gun or anything other than real." (31:13). When Sergeant Coy saw Ware with the gun in his hand, he continued to give commands for him to drop the gun, to which Ware refused to comply.

SA Goudy asked Sergeant Coy if and when he identified himself as a police officer. Sergeant Coy stated it was while Ware was still inside the apartment. Sergeant Coy further stated that everything was occurring quickly. They were repeatedly yelling for Ware to drop the gun in which he refused to comply. As Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise were giving Ware commands to drop the gun, Ware only responded with, "Fuck you."

Sergeant Coy stated that Ware pointed the gun directly at him. Sergeant Coy further stated:

"no indications of being a pellet gun. There was no orange scene at this time. It was just the, it was metal looking. It was, uh, silver slide, black frame. I still saw the, I, I wanna say I, at that point I saw the, the diameter even clearer and it, you know, to me it looked like a nine or 40 or bigger. (38:18)

Sergeant Coy was asked at what point did he fire his duty weapon. He replied, "Uh, as he was approaching me, he said, fuck you. And the gun was pointing at me. I, I knew I had to act at that point. (38:43) Sergeant Coy stated again that he fired three rounds. He also stated that Officer Wise fired "a handful of rounds" from his duty weapon as well. After the rounds were fired, Ware fell to the ground with the handgun still in his hand. At this point, Sergeant Coy removed the handgun from Ware's hands and secured it. Emergency first aid was administered on Ware until EMS arrived.

The interview concluded at approximately 1207 hours.

The interview was audio and video recorded. The audio and video recording can be found in evidence.com under reference item J. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

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**References:**

Ref Item J - Involved Officers Interview (sub folder: Sgt Cris Coy)

**Attachments:**

Criminal Investigation Notification Form - Sgt Cris Coy

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Cristopher Coy

Printed Name of Interviewee

4/8/2025 1121 hrs

Date / Time

Cris Coy

Signature of Interviewee

Eric Gouvan

BCI Agent (Printed)

E. Gouvan

BCI Agent (Signature)