



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: Officer Interview – Officer Kyle Chintella
Involves: Officer Kyle Chintella (W)
Activity Date: 07/09/2025
Activity Location: 10147 Royalton Rd., North Royalton, Ohio 44133 (OPBA Office)
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner

Narrative:

On Wednesday, July 09, 2025, at 0936 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (Boerner) and SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) interviewed Brook Park Police Department (BPPD) Officer (Ofc.) Kyle Chintella (Chintella), who was accompanied by his attorney, Daniel Leffler, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at 10147 Royalton Rd., North Royalton, Ohio 44133 (OPBA Office). The interview was audio and video recorded.

Ofc. Chintella read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

Ofc. Chintella was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the Tuesday, June 24, 2025, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of Tiedeman Rd. near the I-480 Westbound entrance ramp in Brooklyn, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Chintella did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. Ofc. Chintella did report using a 40mm less lethal launcher (sponge round) during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Chintella stated that on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, he was not assigned a radio call sign, but that he did use his radio. Ofc. Chintella stated that in lieu of using call signs, the SWAT team uses officers' names. He has been employed by the Brook Park Police Department for approximately six and a half years (6.5) and has been a certified peace officer for a total of nine (9) years. During the incident, Ofc. Chintella wore his standard SWAT uniform (to include helmet). He also wore an external vest and duty belt. His external vest had a large reflective patch on the front that said "POLICE", and his uniform shirt had an identifying patch on the left sleeve. Ofc. Chintella responded to the staging area in his personal vehicle.

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Agents asked Ofc. Chintella to provide details of the incident.

Ofc. Chintella was notified of the incident via an Active 911 (an app used by the SWAT team to notify members of a call-out) page. Ofc. Chintella responded to the staging area (4800 Tiedeman Rd. Brooklyn, Ohio 44144, The Plain Dealer) in his personal vehicle. During the incident, he was assigned to the front of a Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) armored vehicle (Bearcat). The armored vehicle was marked with SEB SWAT emblems and emergency lights. Ofc. Chintella was not wearing a body-worn camera (BWC), and he did not have any other recording devices on his person. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated that he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgement during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Ofc. Chintella reported that when he arrived at the staging area, the SEB SWAT team was still in the process of getting their equipment (armored vehicles) to the scene. Once the first armored vehicle arrived on scene, Ofc. Chintella said that they moved to the west side of the intersection and replaced the patrol officers in that area. Once in position, he stated that they began to form a perimeter. As additional armored vehicles arrived on scene, Ofc. Chintella remained in position while negotiators attempted to speak with the subject. Ofc. Chintella indicated that, based upon radio traffic, negotiators were not making progress with the subject.

Due to the location consisting of residential, business, and other commercial properties, the overall concern was containment of the subject. Ofc. Chintella reported that vehicle traffic and vehicles driving through the perimeter created additional concerns if containment was broken. He stated, "So yeah, the concern was if he were to escape from where we are, we had no idea what he is gonna do. And then if we were to try to engage him and he had the firearm and they started shooting or something would've happened, there's just so many people around, you know, the concern is that all these other people, a stray bullet or something hit somebody" (13:55 mark).

Towards the end of the incident Ofc. Chintella stated that "he was pointing at specific officers and yelling, are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready? And then he's like, apologized, said, "I'm sorry for what I'm about to make you do" (15:58 mark). At this point, radio traffic indicated negotiations had ended. Chintella continued, "And I saw him stepping out. He had the gun in his hand, and he was waving like a white rag in the air, and he put that rag down. He stepped outta the truck a little bit further, and that's when I took aim at his leg. And then he turned and started running back towards the front of the truck right here (pointing to the subject's truck on the diagram" (18:04 mark). Ofc. Chintella said that he fired a 40mm sponge round at the subject and believed that he hit the subject in the leg. He heard another 40mm less lethal round

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being fired, but that he did not hear gunfire. Ofc. Chintella reported having auditory exclusion¹.

Ofc. Chintella said that after the subject went down, SWAT medics rendered aid until Fire and EMS arrived on scene.

Ofc. Chintella said that at the moment when he fired the 40mm sponge round he feared for the safety of others. He stated, "he was running, in my mind, he's trying to escape or get behind his truck to then fight with us. I didn't know what his intentions were, but given everything that happened during the incident, there was nothing. I couldn't imagine anything good that he was going to do" (18:59 mark).

Ofc. Chintella was shown a photograph of drone footage from the incident and was asked to indicate where both he and the subject were at when he fired the 40mm sponge round (*Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Diagram.jpg*).

¹ Auditory exclusion is a form of temporary loss of hearing occurring under high stress. As such it is related to tunnel vision and "the slowing of time in the mind".

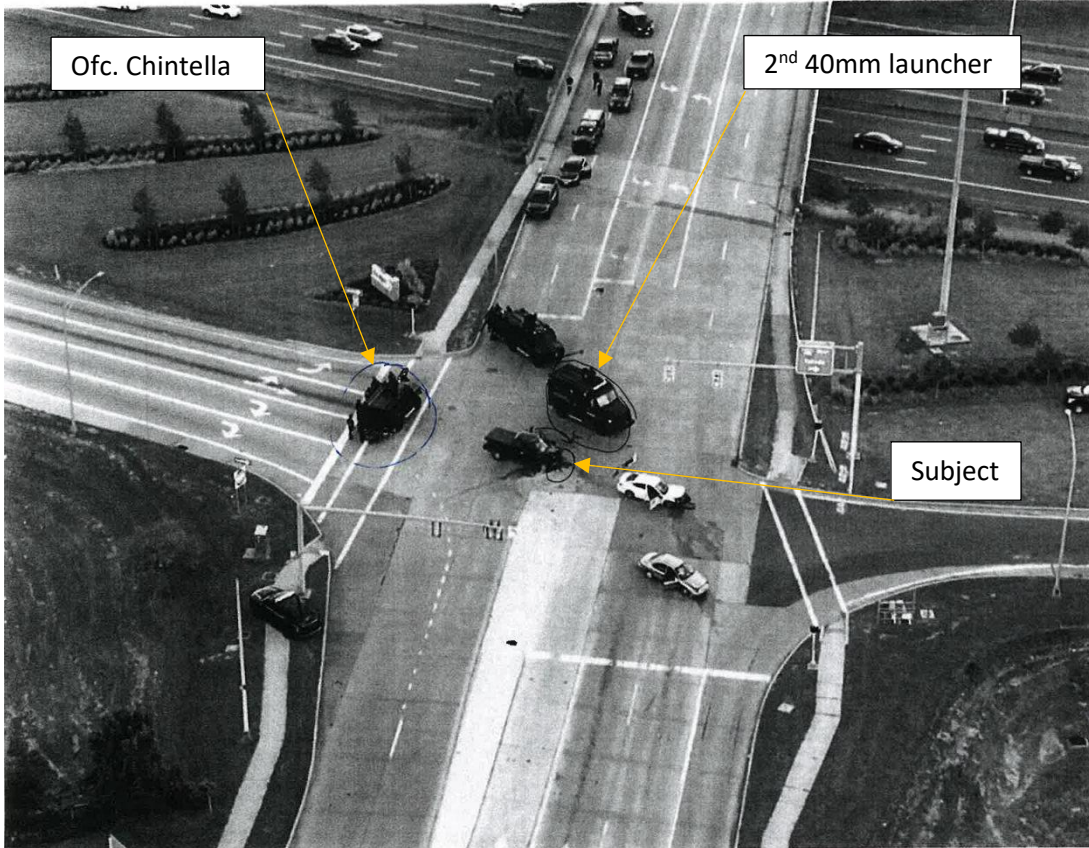
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(Figure 1, Officer Interview Overhead Diagram.jpg)

The interview concluded at approximately 1013 hours.

The interview was audio and video recorded. The audio/video recording was uploaded to Axon Justice and placed in a folder titled "Reference Item J - Witness Officer Interviews." The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the references/attachments for further details.

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References:

Reference Item J - Witness Officer Interviews - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form - Ofc. Kyle Chintella
2. 2025-07-09 Kyle Chintella Diagram used at interview.pdf

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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).

Kyle Chintella

Printed Name of Interviewee

7-9-25 / 0930

Date / Time

[Signature]

Signature of Interviewee

SA DAN BOERNER #135

BCI Agent (Printed)

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BCI Agent (Signature)



EXHIBIT A
JULY 9, 2025



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