



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



2024-4082

Officer Involved Critical Incident - (L) 303 S. Main St.,  
Celina, Ohio

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Sgt. Pat Crosby  
**Involves:** Sgt. Pat Crosby  
**Activity Date:** 01/22/2025  
**Activity Location:** 202 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Douglas Burke #162

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1304 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (SA Burke) and SA Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser) interviewed Celina Police Department (CPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Pat Crosby (Crosby), who was accompanied by his attorney, Andrew Fortlage (Fortlage) from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place in a CPD Conference Room at 202 N. Main St., Celina, OH. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Crosby was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the December 31, 2024 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 303 S. Main St., Celina Ohio. Reportedly, Sgt. Pat Crosby did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Sgt. Crosby has been employed by the CPD for over 25 years. During the incident, Sgt. Crosby wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He drove CPD unit #202, a Ford Expedition, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He stated he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does wear corrective lenses at night.

Upon beginning the interview with Sgt. Crosby, he read his typed narrative from the OICI which is attached to this report for review. Attorney Fortlage was also present as this prepared narrative was read aloud to Agents. Sgt. Crosby was explained, the prepared narrative which he was about to read aloud was completely voluntary and if Sgt. Crosby wanted to stop speaking at any time, he could and speak with Attorney Fortlage before answering any further questions.

**Supplemental Narrative 01/02/2025 07:31:56 Patrick Crosby**

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*On 12-31-2024 at approx. 0252 hrs, Off. Balthis and I were dispatched to Marathon, 303 S. Main St., on a report of a male attempting to enter into and steal a vehicle at the business. Dispatch advised that the suspect was described as wearing jeans and a "puffer" jacket.*

*Off. Balthis arrived on the scene before me, making contact with the reportee, Errin Johnson, and getting preliminary information. Off. Balthis indicated that he was going to check the area for the suspect, to which I advised him to remain on the scene and get all information for the complaint and that I would check the area for the suspect. I also observed Dep. Spencer Heintz of the Mercer Co. Sheriff's Office in the area.*

*While in the 200-B of S. Walnut St. checking the area, Off. Balthis advised over the radio that the suspect was currently behind the business at 303 S. Main St. with a knife to his neck. He stated that the suspect was wearing a purple puffer-style jacket.*

*I proceeded south on S. Walnut St. and turned eastbound onto W. Warren St., pulling southbound into the north/south alleyway directly behind (to the west of) 303 S. Main St. Dep. Heintz pulled into the same north/south alleyway from the south and Off. Balthis exited the business from the front (east) side.*

*We observed a male, later identified as Moses Alik, standing in the parking lot of 303 S. Main St. to the northwest of the building. Mr. Alik was observed to be wearing a purple puffer-style coat. Off. Balthis was calling out that Mr. Alik had a knife and I immediately observed that Mr. Alik stab himself multiple times in the neck with what appeared to be a kitchen knife. Off. Balthis, Dep. Heintz, and I repeatedly ordered Mr. Alik to drop the knife. Mr. Alik refused to comply. Off. Balthis and Dep. Heintz had Mr. Alik covered with their handguns, so I drew my taser and continued to order Mr. Alik to get on the ground. I then proceeded to deploy my taser, striking Mr. Alik on the front left side of his body. The taser was not immediately effective and Mr. Alik remained standing. At one point, Mr. Alik's hand appeared to touch one of the taser wires, either accidentally or in an attempt to remove the taser probe. At that point, I observed that he dropped the knife.*

*Off. Balthis, Dep. Heintz, and I continued to give orders to Mr. Alik, ordering him away from the knife and to the ground. Mr. Alik continued to refuse to comply, stooping down and retrieving the knife off of the ground. As the taser was ineffective, I dropped it and transitioned to my handgun as Mr. Alik raised the knife and proceeded to approach Dep. Heintz. Dep. Heintz fired several shots, striking Mr. Alik. Mr. Alik fell to the ground.*

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*Off. Balthis, Dep. Heintz, and I then approached Mr. Alik, with Off. Balthis removing the knife. We turned Mr. Alik over, with Off. Balthis taking control of his right arm and Dep. Heintz taking control of his left arm. I then handcuffed Mr. Alik, who was still struggling against us and attempting to sit up. I called out "shots fired" on the radio and Dep. Heintz requested squad respond to the scene.*

*We then turned Mr. Alik back over onto his back, searching under his clothes in an attempt to locate his injuries. Off. Balthis called out to Dep. Heintz to retrieve a medical kit if he had one available. I located an entry gunshot wound to Mr. Alik's upper left leg in the area of his hip. He applied pressure to this gunshot wound with his hand. Off. Balthis opened Mr. Alik's coat and lifted his sweatshirt, locating a second gunshot wound to the middle of his chest. I retrieved a bandage from a medical kit Dep. Heintz had retrieved, putting pressure on the gunshot wound to his chest. Off. Balthis then asked Dep. Heintz if he had a chest seal, which he provided to me. Off. Balthis was able to clear blood off of Mr. Alik's chest and I applied the chest seal over the gunshot wound to his chest. I also observed several knife wounds to the left side of Mr. Alik's neck under the jaw that did not appear to be actively bleeding. While attempting lifesaving measures, Mr. Alik made suicidal comments to us telling us, "I wanna die."*

*Celina FD squad arrived on the scene and requested that we removed Mr. Alik's handcuffs so they could easier treat his injuries. I leaned Mr. Alik forward and removed his handcuffs.*

*Celina FD squad cut Mr. Alik's coat off and we assisted in lifting him onto their cot. He was loaded into the squad where Celina FD squad continued lifesaving efforts. Off. Balthis and I entered the squad and assisted Celina FD members, as Mr. Alik was continuing to struggle against them. I took hold of and restrained his right arm to assist squad members as they put in an IV line, as Mr. Alik was flailing his arms around and trying to pull away. As Celina FD Squad was continuing lifesaving efforts, Mr. Alik made further suicidal comments, stating "kill me."*

*Once Mr. Alik had become less agitated, I advised Off. Balthis to secure the scene with crime scene tape.*

*Celina FD squad then transported Mr. Alik to Coldwater ER.*

*I made contact with Asst. Chief Harting, advising him of the situation, and then contacted Det. Taylor, advising him of the situation and requesting that he proceed to Coldwater ER to attempt to identify Mr. Alik and get any pertinent photographs.*

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*I proceeded to take overall photos so as to document the location of all items on the scene. I was advised that Ohio BCI would be responding to process the scene and take control of the investigation.*

*I was approached by Ohio State Highway Patrol, who had been assisting in securing the parameter. They indicated that they had been approached by a Marshallese female, asking the identity of Mr. Alik. At that time, we had not positively identified Mr. Alik. The Marshallese female had provided an Ohio ID for Mr. Alik which appeared to match the description.*

*Chief Wale arrived on the scene and Off. Balthis and I proceeded to the external parameter before being transported back to the Celina PD. I was later advised that Mr. Alik was the suspect in an attempted burglary at a residence where a knife had been displayed on Logan St. prior to the shooting.*

SA Burke had a few follow-up questions for Sgt. Crosby regarding the OICI after reading his typed narrative.

SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby how many times he had deployed his taser during this incident involving Moses. Sgt. Crosby stated he deployed his taser once, as his departmental issued Taser is a X-26 P and only deploys a one (1) round burst. Sgt. Crosby explained to Agents it is basically a "single shot" cartridge.

SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if he felt Dep. Heintz's life had been in danger as Moses had turned and approached Dep. Heintz with the knife above his head. Sgt. Crosby said, "yes, absolutely." Sgt. Crosby notified Agents he felt Moses approached Dep. Heintz in an aggressive manner. SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if he could tell if Moses seemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. According to Sgt. Crosby, he stated he could not tell; however, Moses' behavior was very "erratic," unlike he had observed before from Moses.

SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if Moses had made any comments about wanting to die or "kill me" prior to the OICI. Sgt. Crosby said he did not recall anything being said by Moses prior to the OICI, but did remember Moses making comments like this after the OICI, especially inside the back of the squad where first aid was being administered to Moses.

SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if he was familiar with Moses prior to this OICI. Sgt. Crosby stated he had dealt with Moses on numerous occasions, which involved Moses being intoxicated and not complying with officers. Sgt. Crosby stated this time was different;

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however, with the way Moses had been acting erratic, and just was not acting right. SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if he knew of Moses ever attempting to steal vehicles. Sgt. Crosby stated he had not.

SA Burke asked Sgt. Crosby if he felt he acted within the departmental policy for the Use of Force by deploying the taser and Sgt. Crosby stated he did. SA Burke lastly asked Sgt. Crosby if his Body Worn Camera (BWC) had been activated during this event. Sgt. Crosby stated it was not, as the OICI happened so quickly he did not have time to activate his BWC. According to Sgt. Crosby, Moses had been "stabbing" himself in the neck, and everything happened so quickly, he did not even think about turning it on.

SA Emahiser asked Sgt. Crosby due to Moses being of Marshallese decent, would Sgt. Crosby know Moses to speak very good English. Sgt. Crosby stated he knew Moses to be able to speak fluent English and understood the English language.

Sgt. Crosby had no further relevant information to add to this interview and the interview concluded at approximately 1337 Hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording and typed narrative from Sgt. Crosby was attached to this report.

**Attachments: #01 Interview with Sgt. Pat Crosby from Celina PD**

**#02 Copy of Celina Police Department Report**