



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



2025-3709
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,
Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

Investigative Activity: Involved Trooper Interview
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 12/04/2025
Activity Location: Engel & Martin LLC: 4660 Duke Drive, Suite 101, Mason,
Ohio 45040
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 03, 2025, at 1428 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and SA Josh Welty (SA Welty) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OHSP) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Joshua Engel. The interview took place at Engle's law office located at 4660 Duke Drive, Suite 101, Mason, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] 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:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Lt. Charles Jordan
Radio Channel Utilized: N/A	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: 2019 Dodge Charger	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: OSP Auxiliary name Christie
[REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized

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Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: No
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: N/A	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): No	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Grey long sleeve, grey pants, duty belt, hat	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Taser & Mace
Ballistic Vest: Tactical Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: No	Partner: No
Injuries: [REDACTED]	Equipment Damage: No
Training or Areas of Specialty: SRT at previous Sheriff's Office	OPOTC Certification: Greenfield Police Academy [REDACTED] & Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: No	Use-of-Force Training: 2025
Prior Shooting Incidents: No	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: No
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: No	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: No
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? No	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: N/A

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: SigSauer	Model: P320
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Duty Belt
Magazine Capacity: 21	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 22

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Extra Magazines: Two	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17 each
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: Firearm not discharged	Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 5/7/2025	Type of Holster, if any: N/A

Weapon #2

Make: SigSauer	Model: P365
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Ankle
Magazine Capacity: 10	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 11
Extra Magazines: No	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: N/A
Discharged During Incident? No	Primary or Backup Weapon: Backup
Rounds Remaining After Incident: Firearm not discharged	Number of Rounds Fired: Firearm not discharged
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 5/7/2025	Type of Holster, if any: Ankle Holster

Weapon #3

Make: Aero Precision	Model: M4E1
Caliber/Gauge: 5.56 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Rifle	Method of Carry: Sling
Magazine Capacity: 30	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 30
Extra Magazines: Yes, 4 extra magazines	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 120
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 126	Number of Rounds Fired: 24
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 5/7/2025	Type of Holster, if any: N/A

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██████████ stated that he was made aware of the situation by a BOLO (be-on-look-out) for a black Range Rover that had threatened construction workers with a knife. ██████████ later heard that Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was in pursuit with the Range Rover. He proceeded to Adams County.

██████████ "I was informed that the suspect may be heading to his residence on Brush Creek Road and the pursuit was not southbound on SR247. ██████████ said that the suspect had turned left on Beasley Fork Road and then a right on Brush Creek Road. I also heard the Winchester Police officer in pursuit state that the suspect likely had weapons in the house".

As ██████████ arrived on scene, he was informed that ██████████ was in an unsafe position. Himself, along with OSP ██████████ and ██████████ assisted in getting ██████████ to a safe position. All four troopers then took position together in a creek bed to watch the residence.

██████████ wrote in his statement, "I moved closer to ██████████ because he had the ballistic shield. I heard the suspect yelling, but I could not make out what he was saying. I was able to observe the left profile side of the suspect standing on the third deck. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect."

██████████ continued to write, "I believed that I and other officers were in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and the only means of escape from danger was the use of deadly force. I did not believe that I could safely withdraw from the location and adequately protect myself, the other officers on the scene, or other possibly innocent persons in the area. I discharged my rifle. I fired several shots. I observed the suspect go down. I was unable to tell if the suspect had been hit, so I continued suppression fire to keep the suspect down and protect other officers."

SA Holcomb asked ██████████ approximately how far he was from his position in the creek bed to the residence where Lindner was located. ██████████ estimated approximately 50-75 yards. ██████████ said that he could see a part of the side of the house, all the back side and partially the left side, up to the deck where Lindner was located. SA Holcomb asked how much of Lindner he was able to see when he entered the porch. ██████████ stated he could see "... the left profile side of his body." ██████████ could not see anything in Lindner hands. SA Holcomb asked ██████████ when he discharged his rifle what his aim point was. ██████████ stated, "The left side of his profile of his [Lindner] body."

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██████████ and other law enforcement officers then entered the residence and located Christopher Lindner (Lindner) with an un-survivable wound on the third-floor balcony.

SA Holcomb asked ██████████ numerous follow up questions. ██████████ was asked why his body worn camera (BWC) was turned on after the shooting and not prior to. He stated that due to him laying prone on the ground and the battery of the BWC not lasting long, he made the decision to turn off their BWC to conserve battery. As soon as they fired, ██████████ instructed the troopers near him to activate their BWCs.

SA Holcomb asked how long Lindner was on the balcony yelling. ██████████ stated it felt like seconds. Lindner was yelling something, but ██████████ could not understand what he was saying.

██████████ stated that he has had no prior contact that he can recall, personal or professional, with Lindner. He stated that he pulled over a Lindner (unsure if it was Christopher) for speed years ago.

██████████ stated that he followed all OHSP policies and procedures the day of the incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1445 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form and signed written statement are all attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

- Attachment #01: CIN ██████████
- Attachment #02: 2025-12-03 - OSP ██████████ Interview (2025-3709)
- Attachment #03: OSP ██████████ - Written Statement

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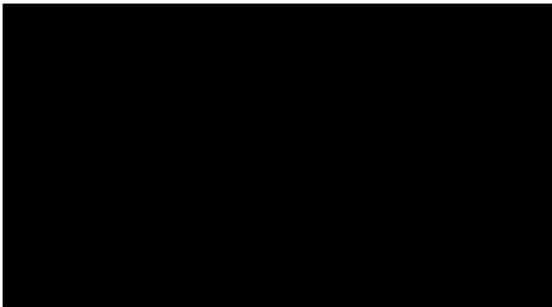


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Criminal Investigation Notification

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).



12/3/25 1427
Date / Time

SA Josh Welby #173
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA J. Welby
BCI Agent (Signature)

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 3, 2025

I am a [REDACTED] with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I have served in that position since [REDACTED]. I have been employed as a full time sworn law enforcement officer since [REDACTED]. I worked as an auxiliary road deputy with Adams County Sheriff's Office from [REDACTED]. I worked as an officer and sergeant with the Peebles Police Department from [REDACTED]. I worked for the Fort Lauderdale, Florida Police Department from [REDACTED]. I worked for the Adams County Probation Department in [REDACTED]. I worked as a deputy for the Adams County Sheriff's Office from [REDACTED]. I have been working from the Highway Patrol since [REDACTED]. I graduated from the Greenfield Police Academy in [REDACTED]. I graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus, Ohio in [REDACTED].

I am currently assigned as a [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. I work throughout Adams and Brown Counties.

I am providing this statement voluntarily. I have prepared the statement to the best of my recollection. I have not yet had the opportunity to review all of the videos of the incident and it is possible that this review might refresh my recollection in the future.

I am familiar with the Highway Patrol's policies and procedures on use of force. My most recent training on use of force occurred in 2025. I have also attended various in-service trainings. I most recently completed my firearm qualifications in 2025.

On November 14, 2025, I was working [REDACTED]. The weather was over cast but not raining. I was wearing my uniform. I carry my Sig Sauer P320 9mm pistol along with 3 magazines. One magazine holding 21 rounds is contained in the firearm, the remaining 2 magazines holding 17 rounds are carried on my duty belt. My firearm had 22 rounds (1 in the weapon and 21 in the magazine).

I also had with me an Aero Precision AR-15 in my vehicle. I had 5 magazines containing 30 rounds each. Three magazines are carried in my tactical plates vest, and two are locked in with the rifle in the trunk of my car.

I was at the Georgetown Post when I heard a BOLO for a Black Range Rover. I was told that the driver had threatened some

construction workers with a knife. I next heard that Adams County Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of the vehicle. I left the Post. I had an auxiliary officer with me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left the post at the same time.

I proceeded to Adams County. I was informed by Dispatch of the possible identity of the suspect. I was aware of family members who lived Adams County and advised that the suspect was possibly going to an address on Mineral Springs Road.

I was then informed that Adams County deputies and Winchester Police officers were in pursuit southbound on SR41. At some point, I was informed that [REDACTED] became the primary officer in the pursuit. I was also told that the subject had hit some stop sticks but had not stopped.

I discussed with [REDACTED] the possibility of performing a PIT maneuver. He told me that he could not safely perform the maneuver due to high speeds.

I was informed that the suspect may be heading to his residence on Brush Creek Road and the pursuit was now southbound on SR247. [REDACTED] said that the suspect had turned left on Beasley Fork Road and then a right on Brush Creek Road. I also heard the Winchester Police officer in pursuit state that the suspect likely had weapons in the house.

[REDACTED] had entered the property. I proceeded to the residence on Brush Creek Road. I stopped at the end of driveway to let the auxiliary officer out. At some point, I heard over the radio that the suspect had a .50 caliber weapon in his house.

I, along with [REDACTED] pulled in the driveway. I observed other units from Highway Patrol and Adams County Sheriff's Office on the scene. I was approached by a Sergeant from the Sheriff's Office and informed that [REDACTED] was in an unsafe exposed spot. The Sergeant from the Sheriff's Office asked if I, along with [REDACTED] could assist in extracting [REDACTED]

I put on my ballistic plates and retrieved my rifle from the car. We also obtained a ballistic shield from the Sheriff's Office. I, along with [REDACTED] walked along a creek bed parallel to the residence. We were able to see [REDACTED] and retrieved him using a "leapfrog" technique. I, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] took prone positions in the creek bed to watch the house.

I requested support from aviation and was told that they were not available. I was told that the OSHP SRT was enroute with a two hour ETA. I then requested that Peebles police fly their drone near the top floor windows of the residence in an effort to observe the suspect. The drone crashed. Brown County Sheriff's Office later arrived with a drone, but they were unable to see the suspect.

I maintained cover on the house with my rifle while waiting for SRT to arrive. I heard a door open at the residence. [REDACTED] stated that the suspect was on the deck with a rifle. I heard a similar report over the radio.

I moved closer to [REDACTED] because he had the ballistic shield. I heard the suspect yelling but I could not make out what he was saying. I was able to observe the left profile side of the suspect standing on the third deck. I heard a shot coming from the direction of the suspect.

I believed that I and other officers were in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and the only means of escape from danger was the use of deadly force. I did not believe that I could safely withdraw from the location and adequately protect myself, the other officers on the scene, or other possibly innocent persons in the area. I discharged my rifle. I fired several shots. I observed the suspect go down. I was unable to tell if the suspect had been hit, so I continued suppression fire to keep the suspect down and protect other officers.

I asked Brown County deputies to fly the drone near the suspect. I was informed that the suspect was lying on his back with the rifle across his body. I was also informed that the suspect was not moving. I communicated with the Sergeant of the Sheriff's Office to assemble a team to enter the house and provide medical assistance. I, along, with [REDACTED] Adams County Deputies, and Winchester Police officers met at the back door in order to make an entry.

I tried to kick the door in and [REDACTED] I used my rifle to punch through a window in the door. I [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] I was able to unlock the door and enter the residence. We tactically moved through the residence and found the suspect on the third floor balcony. The suspect was

laying on his back and appeared to be dead. We determined that medical assistance was not warranted and left the house.

I secured my rifle and tactical vest in my patrol car. I received medical attention. I returned to the Patrol Post where I gave my firearm to BCI.

