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Human review remains required.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Force Investigations 2025-1783

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency), Knox County Sheriff's Office, Mount Vernon Police Department

Subjects:

- Lloyd Ray (deceased) - resident who brandished a rifle and engaged in gunfire with deputies
- Laretta Beltz (deceased) - Lloyd's girlfriend, shot during the incident
- One involved KCSO deputy (name redacted in document)

Summary: On June 5, 2025, KCSO deputies responded to a 911 open line call at 10180 Busenburg Road, Howard, OH. The first deputy made contact with Lloyd Ray, who was in a bedroom with Laretta Beltz. Beltz yelled that Lloyd had hurt her. Lloyd grabbed a .22 caliber rifle, refused commands to drop it, and the deputy fired one round (missed). A standoff ensued. Lloyd fired multiple rounds toward the deputy, Jerrad Ray (Lloyd's son), and Jerrad's daughter. Lloyd shot Beltz. Deputies evacuated the residence. Lloyd continued firing from inside the residence at deputies outside. A SWAT team responded and eventually entered the residence, finding both Lloyd and Beltz deceased. Lloyd was found holding the rifle. Ballistic testing determined the rounds that struck Lloyd and Beltz were not from the involved officer's firearm.

Prior-record status: Lloyd Ray had a criminal history including convictions for violent crimes, domestic violence, and assault. He had prior encounters with KCSO where he was verbally aggressive and deputies believed he may have become physically aggressive.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report sections for both decedents contain redacted information (cause of death and manner of death are not stated in the document). Additionally, the document states ballistic testing determined the rounds that struck Lloyd and Beltz were not from the officer's firearm, yet the document also states Lloyd shot himself in the head. The source of the fatal rounds requires clarification.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2024-1015

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO); New Philadelphia Police Department (NPPD); Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

Subjects: Matthew Flynn (deceased), 34-year-old White male, 3089 Overdale Drive, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio; TCSO Deputy (involved officer, name redacted)

Summary: On March 31, 2024, at approximately 21:06 hours, TCSO Deputy responded to a vehicle-versus-residence crash on 8th Street NE, New Philadelphia. Upon arrival, Matthew Flynn ran to the deputy's cruiser and entered it through the open passenger door. The deputy attempted to remove Flynn and gave repeated commands to exit, including a warning that he would shoot. Flynn refused all commands, moved into the driver's seat, and began operating the cruiser. The deputy, still partially inside the vehicle, fired multiple rounds as the cruiser began moving away. Flynn drove the stolen cruiser at high speed, crashed it on Tell Street SE near East High Avenue, and was subsequently removed by law enforcement. Flynn was declared deceased at Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital. The deputy sustained a gunshot wound to his left middle finger and injuries to his right leg.

Prior-record status: Matthew Flynn had no criminal history; contact with law enforcement was limited to traffic violations.

Most important uncertainty: The specific cause of death for Matthew Flynn is not stated in this summary. The document references the complete autopsy report for anatomic diagnosis details. Additionally, while toxicology evidence was collected, the actual toxicology results are not provided in this summary.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2024-4066

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency), Middletown Police Department (involved officer's agency), Butler County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (recipient of report)

Subjects: Christopher Gorak (decedent, shot by police); Michael McIntosh (Gorak's adult son, present at scene); One involved Middletown police officer (name redacted in source document)

Summary: On December 24, 2024, Middletown police responded to a 911 call reporting a physical altercation at 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A. Officers knocked three times announcing "Middletown Police." When Christopher Gorak opened the door, he was holding a black Ruger LC9 pistol in his left hand with the barrel pointing toward officers on the stairwell. The involved officer discharged four rounds in approximately 0.8 seconds. Gorak fell to the ground; officers provided CPR until fire department arrived at 19:25 hours. Gorak was pronounced deceased. His son Michael McIntosh was found in the apartment with hands raised and escorted out. Officers secured Gorak's firearm. BCI processed the scene, conducted interviews, attended the autopsy, and performed forensic analysis. Laboratory testing confirmed the involved officer's Glock 45 was operable and matched the four cartridge casings and two recovered projectiles. Gorak's Ruger LC9 was also operable.

Prior-record status: Gorak had prior arrests for OVI (2000, 2003), disorderly conduct (2003), failure to confine a dog (2004), and wildlife violation (2018). One prior traffic stop with Middletown Police in 2000. No prior contacts with Gorak deemed relevant to this incident.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report's "Cause of Death" and "Manner of Death" determinations are redacted in the source document. Additionally, the involved officer's name is redacted throughout, preventing full identification of the shooting officer.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case Numbers: SIU 2022-2016, CSU 2022-2016, CCU 2022-2016, Laboratory 22-39390

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO); Tuscarawas County Prosecutor's Office (recipient of report)

Subjects: Everett Martin (deceased), 43-year-old male; multiple TCSO deputies involved (specific names redacted in document)

Summary: On September 28, 2022, TCSO responded to a Temporary Protection Order violation at 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City, Ohio. Everett Martin, the subject, was making suicidal threats and reportedly possessed a knife. Deputies attempted to de-escalate for approximately 25 minutes. Lt. ___ deployed a less-lethal bean bag round at Martin, which had no effect. Martin then produced a handgun from his pocket and fired at least one round toward Sgt. ___ and Dep. ___. Two deputies returned fire—Dep. ___ fired five rounds from his duty weapon, and Dep. ___ fired two rounds from his patrol rifle. Martin was struck and pronounced deceased on scene. The ex-girlfriend, Courtney Digenova, was inside the residence and uninjured.

Prior-Record Status: Martin had 12 license suspensions (all closed), 1 accident, and 10 traffic convictions. Martin was previously arrested for Domestic Violence and aggravated menacing on September 18, 2022, resulting in the TPO. The Computerized Criminal History section of the report is incomplete in the provided document.

Most Important Uncertainty: The document does not state the specific number of gunshot wounds sustained by Martin or provide the complete autopsy findings. The firearms analysis section contains redactions of serial numbers and deputy names, limiting full identification of involved personnel from this document alone.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case Numbers: SIU 2024-3996, CSU 2024-3996, Laboratory 24-127171

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Gahanna Police Department (GPD)

Subjects: Alex Taylor Russell (decedent, DOB 04/23/2001, McMinnville, OR); multiple GPD officers (names redacted)

Summary: On December 19, 2024, GPD officers responded to SpringHill Suites (665 Taylor Road) for fraudulent credit card use. When officers attempted contact at room 112, Russell fled via the window. Officers pursued Russell through multiple parking lots, observing him in possession of a black semiautomatic handgun. Russell refused repeated commands to drop the weapon. At 780 Taylor Road, Russell turned and pointed the gun at his own head, making statements interpreted as suicidal. Officers deployed a less lethal bean bag round, which was ineffective. Russell then ran east into a grassy area, turned toward officers, and pointed his gun in their direction. Multiple GPD officers fired at Russell. Russell fell but continued moving; while on the ground, he again pointed his gun at officers, prompting additional gunfire. Officers secured the weapon, rendered first aid, and EMS transported Russell to Mount Carmel Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates criminal history reports were obtained via OHLEG, but the actual prior-record information is redacted from the summary.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report's cause and manner of death are redacted in the document provided. The toxicology findings are referenced as present but not detailed in the summary.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI 2024-0590

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Columbus Division of Police (CPD)

Subjects:

- CPD Officer (Taser) - discharged Taser
- CPD Officer (Firearm) - discharged duty pistol (3 rounds)
- Colin August Jennings (Deceased) - 26-year-old male; autism, ADHD, social anxiety, mental health issues; history of suicidal behavior

Summary: On February 22, 2024, CPD responded to a 911 call at 500 N. Nelson Road, Columbus, Ohio, where Christopher Stone reported his boyfriend Colin Jennings was cutting himself with a knife and had possibly consumed pills. Officers arrived at 09:31 hours. As Officer approached the building entrance, Jennings exited and advanced toward him with a 10-inch knife raised above his head, repeatedly saying "shoot me." Officer retreated while announcing "lethal force" and ordered Officer to deploy a Taser. Officers continued retreating behind a parked SUV. When Jennings rounded the vehicle and continued advancing at approximately 10-15 feet from officers, Officer deployed his Taser and Officer simultaneously fired three rounds from his duty pistol. Officers then provided first aid until medics arrived. Jennings was pronounced deceased at 10:05 hours at Grant Medical Center. The entire encounter lasted approximately 19 seconds from Officer 's arrival to shots fired. Jennings repeated "shoot me" approximately 10 times during the incident.

Prior-record status: Jennings had no known arrests or criminal convictions at the time of his death.

Most important uncertainty: Whether the Taser deployment was effective; the Taser probes were embedded in Jennings' coat, but the autopsy revealed injuries inconsistent with Taser probe locations, and it is unknown if the probes made direct contact with Jennings or if the Taser had any effect due to the near-simultaneous gunfire.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2025-3739

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Union Township Police Department, Clermont County (requesting agency)

Subjects:

- Thomas Noble (decedent), 37-year-old male, resident of 4272 Cider Mill Drive
- Two officers who discharged their weapons (names redacted in document)
- Additional involved officers (names redacted)

Summary: On November 17, 2025, at approximately 20:42 hours, Union Township Police Department officers responded to a 911 hang-up call at 4272 Cider Mill Drive. The 96-year-old mother of Thomas Noble reported her son was holding her hostage. Officers established a perimeter and attempted negotiations. During the incident, Thomas Noble reportedly made suicidal statements and stated he would shoot officers if they entered. At 21:04 PM, officers reported Noble was pointing a gun at them. At 21:05 PM, Noble exited the residence advancing toward officers with a weapon. Two officers fired their weapons, striking Noble. Officers rendered aid and Noble was transported to Mercy Anderson Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 22:13 hours. A black Ruger P345PR CO2 Airsoft BB gun (replica of a semi-automatic firearm) was recovered near the subject. No officers were injured.

Prior-record status: Thomas Noble had approximately 45 prior interactions with Union Township Police Department over 25 years, including theft, criminal damaging, burglary, drug offenses, domestic disputes, and welfare checks. Recent incidents included a welfare check for self-harm comments (June 5, 2025), an overdose (July 31, 2025), and a dispute with his girlfriend regarding his phone and medication (November 16, 2025).

Most important uncertainty: Whether Thomas Noble fired his weapon at officers. One officer stated he did not believe the subject fired. Another officer stated he could not physically see the subject with a gun and was relying on information from other officers. The recovered weapon was a BB pellet gun replica, not a functional firearm. Additionally, the final autopsy report, toxicology report, and death certificate were not yet received at the time of this summary, leaving the official cause of death incomplete in the source document.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI SIU 2021-0957

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Columbus Division of Police (CPD) (requesting agency)

Subjects:

- Ma'Khia Bryant (DOB 09/29/2004), decedent, foster child residing at 3171 Legion Ln
- CPD Officer Nicholas Reardon, involved officer who discharged his weapon

Summary: On April 20, 2021, at approximately 16:32 hours, CPD officers were dispatched to 3171 Legion Ln, Columbus, Ohio, for a disturbance call. Officer Nicholas Reardon arrived on scene and observed Ma'Khia Bryant, who was in possession of a kitchen knife, charging toward and attacking Shai-onta Craig. After Craig fell to the ground, Bryant turned and advanced toward Tionna Bonner while holding the knife in her right hand with arm raised. Reardon ordered Bryant to "get down" four times before firing four shots within approximately one second. Bryant sustained four bullet wounds and was transported to Mount Carmel East Hospital where she was pronounced deceased at 17:21 hours. Four 9mm casings and a black-handled kitchen knife were recovered from the scene. All casings and three projectiles were matched to Reardon's service weapon.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: The complete autopsy, including toxicology, had not yet been completed at the time of this report; cause and manner of death had not yet been determined.

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Case Intake Brief

****Case ID:**** Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County (Incident Date: December 7, 2024; Report Date: March 25, 2025)

****Agencies:**** Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Shelby Police Department (SPD); Richland County Prosecutor's Office

****Subjects:****

- Sergeant Noah Kocher (SPD) - involved officer who discharged firearm
- Tyler Jacobs (31-year-old white male, 67 Independence Drive, Shelby, Ohio) - deceased subject

****Summary:**** On December 7, 2024, at approximately 23:18 hours, SPD Sergeant Kocher and Officer Ewing responded to Arby's Restaurant at 234 Mansfield Avenue to execute an arrest warrant for Tyler Jacobs. Officer Ewing was positioned at the rear exit while Sergeant Kocher contacted Jacobs inside. When Sergeant Kocher attempted to secure Jacobs for arrest, Jacobs stabbed Sergeant Kocher in the left side of the neck with a knife and cut him above the right eye. Sergeant Kocher retreated behind the counter while unholstering his duty weapon. Jacobs pursued with the knife in an attack position. Sergeant Kocher discharged seven rounds toward Jacobs, striking him multiple times. Both were treated at the scene and transported to OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. Jacobs subsequently died from his injuries.

****Prior-record status:**** Tyler Jacobs had a criminal history with multiple contacts with the Shelby Police Department, including at least one prior contact where he was armed with a knife.

****Most important uncertainty:**** Not stated in source.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case Numbers: SIU 2024-4082, CSU 2024-4082, Laboratory 24-20039

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Mercer County Sheriff's Office (MCSO); Celina Police Department (CPD)

Subjects: Moses Alik (decedent); Deputy Spencer Heinl, MCSO (officer who discharged weapon); Patrolman Kyle Balthis, CPD; Sergeant Patrick Crosby, CPD

Summary: On December 31, 2024, Moses Alik attempted to steal a vehicle at Docksider's Marathon Gas Station, 303 S. Main Street, Celina, Ohio. Officers located Moses in the back parking lot holding a knife to his neck and stabbing himself. Despite commands to drop the knife and deployment of a taser by Sgt. Crosby, Moses picked the knife back up, raised it above his head, and approached Dep. Heinl aggressively. Dep. Heinl discharged his service weapon five times, striking Moses. Officers administered first aid until medics arrived. Moses later succumbed to his injuries at Coldwater Hospital.

Prior-record status: Moses Alik had prior arrest record with CPD for Disorderly Conduct by Fighting, Obstructing Official Business, Theft, Resisting Arrest, Offenses involving Underage Persons, and Persistent Disorderly Conduct with Alcohol. Mercer County Jail records indicate Moses talked to himself, acted strangely, and complained of hearing voices and being scared.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source. The document indicates the autopsy report was obtained from the Montgomery County Coroner's Office and that a review of those documents revealed information, but the actual autopsy findings and toxicology results are not included in the provided text.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2021-1431

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Cyber Crimes Unit, Firearms Division; Parma Police Department; Southeast Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT Team; Cuyahoga Heights Police Department; Wakeman Police Department

Subjects: Kevin R. Giesel (decedent, DOB April 11, 1957, 5714 South Park Boulevard, Parma, OH 44134); multiple officers involved in shooting (names redacted)

Summary: On June 13, 2021, Kevin Giesel engaged in a domestic dispute with his girlfriend Rosanne Couture, which escalated to kidnapping while Giesel was armed. Couture escaped at a BP gas station where off-duty Wakeman Police Officer Ernest Leach intervened. Giesel brandished a firearm, pointed it at the officer, and discharged a round before fleeing. Parma Police Officer Kaniecki pursued Giesel at approximately 87 mph to his residence. A 12-hour standoff ensued. Despite multiple communication attempts, deployment of less-lethal munitions (OC/CS gas, pepperball rounds), and a bomb squad robot, Giesel refused to surrender and discharged multiple firearms inside the residence. At approximately 02:10 hours on June 14, 2021, Giesel shot at SWAT officers positioned outside. Officers returned fire, striking Giesel twice in the chest. Giesel was pronounced deceased. Autopsy ruled cause of death as two gunshot wounds to the chest causing significant damage to heart and liver; manner of death: homicide.

Prior-record status: Document references obtaining criminal history reports and police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with Giesel, but specific prior record details are not stated in this summary report.

Most important uncertainty: Two officers involved in the shooting elected not to be interviewed by investigators. Their accounts of the shooting and their decision-making process are not available for review.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-2232

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (investigating), Blendon Township Police Department (involved), Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (recipient)

Subjects: Officer Connor Grubb (BTPD - firearm discharged), Ta'kiya Young (deceased), Sergeant Erick Moynihan (BTPD - involved)

Summary: On August 24, 2023, at approximately 18:23 hours, BTPD Officer Grubb was in a Kroger parking lot assisting with a vehicle lockout when Sgt. Moynihan was notified by a Kroger employee of a theft. Sgt. Moynihan approached Ta'kiya Young in a black Lexus sedan and ordered her to exit. Young refused and accelerated her vehicle toward Ofc. Grubb, striking him and carrying him on the hood. Ofc. Grubb fired one shot at Young through the windshield. Young's vehicle continued, crashed into the Kroger building, and Young fell out. Officers rendered first aid, but Young was pronounced deceased at 19:43 hours at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. BCI forensic analysis confirmed the 9mm Luger cartridge case and fired projectile were source-identified to Ofc. Grubb's service weapon.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: Follow-up questions posed to Ofc. Grubb regarding his involvement had not been answered as of November 17, 2023. Additionally, BCI was unable to interview Tanyla Young (sister of the deceased) as a potential witness—she could not be located and provided contact information was incorrect.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI SIU: 2024-2255 / CSU: 2024-2255 / Laboratory: 24-11-1028

Agencies: Ohio BCI (lead investigative), Columbus Division of Police SWAT, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Drone Team, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office

Subjects:

- *Decedent:* Benjamin Wheeler (shot and killed by SWAT officer)
- *Officer(s):* Multiple CPD SWAT officers involved; name(s) of officer(s) who discharged weapon redacted throughout document

Summary: On August 1, 2024, CPD responded to a domestic dispute at 818 Cherryberry Dr. and discovered Wheeler had a felony warrant for child support. Wheeler barricaded himself inside, threw objects including knives at officers, and refused all commands to surrender. CPD SWAT attempted multiple tactics over approximately 4.5 hours: loudspeaker contact, BearCat breach, CS-gas deployment, and knee knockers. During a second entry attempt with shields and Tasers, Wheeler stabbed at least two officers with a knife. One officer (redacted) shot Wheeler four times at 21:22 hours. Wheeler fled to the basement, was found unresponsive, and was pronounced dead at the scene. Evidence includes firearms in the residence, multiple knives, Taser components, and four 9mm cartridge casings matched to the officer's Glock 17.

Prior-record status: Wheeler had a felony warrant for child support. Family reported Wheeler had been diagnosed with Schizophrenia, had delusions of military service, was non-compliant with medication, and had a prior suicide attempt approximately 2-3 years prior.

Most important uncertainty: The identity of the officer who discharged the weapon is redacted throughout the document, as are specific details regarding the cause and manner of death from the autopsy report.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI 2023-2057; BCI Laboratory 23-17518

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Columbus Division of Police (CPD); Grove City Police Department; Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (recipient)

Subjects:

- Zachary Bryson (decedent) - white male in his 20s; history of mental health issues and substance abuse; recently left Ohio Addiction Recovery Center against medical advice; documented suicidal ideation prior to incident

- CPD Officer (name redacted) - 16-year veteran; assigned to midwatch patrol; equipped with body-worn camera, 9mm Smith & Wesson firearm, and baton; received Critical Incident Training and mental illness training; qualified with duty weapon April 2023

Summary: On August 5, 2023, at 00:57 hours, CPD responded to a 911 call regarding Zachary Bryson acting erratically on S. High St, appearing to attempt to jump into traffic. The responding officer located Bryson in the 6900 block of S. High St. During the interaction, Bryson exhibited aggressive behavior, assumed a combative stance, and was holding a broken bottle with jagged edges. Despite verbal commands to stop, Bryson allegedly charged at the officer multiple times while raising the bottle. The officer discharged three rounds within approximately one second, striking Bryson. Bryson was transported to Grant Medical Center and pronounced dead at 01:55 hours. The officer stated he believed Bryson intended to stab him and that he fired in fear for his life.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document indicates criminal history reports were obtained but specific prior record information is not summarized in this report.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report section is referenced but the specific cause and manner of death findings are not included in the summary provided. Full autopsy details should be consulted to confirm the number and location of gunshot wounds and official cause/manner of death determination.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-15-64

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead), Clark County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Police Department SWAT, Greene County Regional SWAT, Ohio State Highway Patrol SRT, North Hampton Police Department, Xenia Police Department, Montgomery County Coroner's Office, Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal

Subjects: Cole Matthew White (deceased shooter), Deputy Matthew Yates (deceased), Jodi Arbuckle (deceased, mother of Cole White)

Summary: On July 24, 2022, Cole White shot and killed his mother Jodi Arbuckle inside his trailer at 11332 Ashwood Drive, Harmony Estates Trailer Park, Clark County, Ohio. When law enforcement responded to a shots-fired call, Deputy Matthew Yates breached the door and was shot and killed by White. Multiple rescue attempts over approximately four hours resulted in additional officers coming under fire. SWAT teams eventually extracted Yates, but a fire consumed the trailer. White and Arbuckle's bodies were later found inside.

Prior-record status: Documented history for Cole White includes: criminal trespass arrest (Logan County, 03/23/2022), improper handling of a firearm and sexual imposition charges (Greene County, 08/03/2021), prior welfare check (Clark County, 07/22/2022), arrest warrant for improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle (Greene County, 07/22/2022), and voluntary inpatient mental health treatment for less than seven days with self-reported schizophrenia and delusional thoughts. White refused prescribed medication and used natural substances including mushrooms and DMT.

Most important uncertainty: The cause of the fire that consumed the trailer remains undetermined. The State Fire Marshal's report identified five possible ignition sources that could not be eliminated: intentional human act, electrical system/device failure, lithium battery failure from the downed drone, disrupted open flame (candle), and heat/spark generation from law enforcement distraction/chemical agent devices.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-0408

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative), Columbus Division of Police, Grove City Police Department

Subjects: Bret J. Andrews (deceased, subject); CPD SWAT Officers James Ashenhurst, Robert Cutshall, Matthew Liford (officers who discharged weapons)

Summary: On February 11, 2023, CPD SWAT officers executed an arrest warrant for Bret J. Andrews at a Home Depot parking lot in Grove City, Ohio. Officers boxed in Andrews' vehicle and observed him reaching between his legs and failing to comply with commands to show his hands. Officers observed Andrews holding a black handgun and raising it toward the windshield. Three officers (Ashenhurst, Cutshall, Liford) discharged their weapons. Andrews was pronounced deceased at Grant Medical Center. Forensic analysis identified 11 cartridge cases and 12 fired projectiles from the three officers' Glock 17 firearms. One additional cartridge case was excluded from all collected firearms.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: The document does not state the underlying reason for the arrest warrant or the charges against Andrews, which limits understanding of the full context of the incident.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 14-000 OH-104; BCI Case Numbers: SIU & CSU 2025-05-13; BCI Laboratory 25-15-246

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO)

Subjects:

- Daniel Wayne Long (decedent) - 39-year-old White male
- One RCSO deputy who discharged his firearm (name redacted in source document)

Summary: On February 17, 2025, at approximately 1651 hours, Haley Woods called 911 to report an unknown male (Daniel Long) broke into her residence at 15329 Pleasant Valley Road and stole her 9mm Taurus G3c pistol. Woods observed Long cross SR 104 toward the Chillicothe Baptist Church. An RCSO deputy responded and located Long in the church driveway. During a confrontation, the deputy discharged his weapon, striking Long. Long was transported to Adena Hospital and pronounced deceased. Deputy interviews and witness accounts indicate conflicting details regarding Long's actions immediately before the shooting.

Prior-record status: Documented history of drug use and overdoses; eloped from Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati in 2024 (missing person report filed); multiple warrants out of surrounding counties.

Most important uncertainty: The cause and manner of death are redacted in the source document. Additionally, witness accounts conflict regarding whether Long pointed a weapon at the deputy (as Woods and Karshner stated) or was walking away with hands raised when shot (as Jennifer Hicks stated).

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 24-1755 (BCI SIU: 2024-1755)

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Columbus Division of Police (CPD); Franklin County Prosecutor's Office

Subjects: Noel Cortaza (decedent); Five CPD officers who discharged weapons (names redacted); additional witness officers

Summary: On June 10, 2024, CPD officers responded to reports of a subject with a knife in the Georgesville Road/Clime Road area. Officers located Noel Cortaza driving erratically and stopped him near Sullivant Avenue and Industrial Mile Road. Cortaza exited his vehicle holding a metallic object and was non-compliant with verbal commands (given in English and Spanish). Two Taser deployments were ineffective. Cortaza turned and advanced aggressively toward officers with the object in his hand. Multiple officers fired their weapons, striking Cortaza. Officers rendered aid until medics arrived. The object in Cortaza's hand was later identified as decorative metal pieces. Earlier that same day, officers had responded to a call at Cortaza's residence where neighbors reported he had mental health issues and had attempted self-harm previously.

Prior-record status: Not fully stated in source. The document references that prior law enforcement contacts and criminal history reports were obtained and reviewed, but the specific criminal history details are not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report section is incomplete in the provided document—the cause of death determination is cut off and not fully visible.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-2730

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Youngstown Police Department (YPD)

Subjects: YPD Officer (involved officer who discharged weapon, name redacted); Ricco Acevedo (decedent, 46-year-old Hispanic male); YPD Officers Robert Giovanni and David Hilliard (witness officers); Elizabeth Cuevas (complainant/caller)

Summary: On October 12, 2023, YPD officers responded to a prowler/burglary call at 4312 Helena Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. Officers contacted Ricco Acevedo at the residence, who provided false identification. When officers attempted to detain him, Acevedo ran into the residence and up the stairs to the second floor, repeatedly stating he had a gun. A standoff occurred where Acevedo refused commands to surrender, stated he had nothing to live for, did not trust police, and said officers would have to shoot him because he was not going to jail. At 09:41:41, the involved officer fired three rounds. EMS personnel responded and treated Acevedo, who was pronounced deceased at approximately 10:04 hours after Doctor Russell at Trumbull Memorial Hospital authorized cessation of treatment.

Prior-record status: Acevedo had an extensive criminal history including multiple misdemeanor and felony convictions. At the time of the incident, Acevedo had an active arrest warrant out of Warren Municipal Court for Failure to Appear.

Most important uncertainty: The document states the involved officer initially believed an object near Acevedo was a handgun but later realized it was not a gun. The document does not clearly identify what the object actually was. This creates a significant uncertainty regarding whether Acevedo was armed with a firearm during the incident.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: SI-2022-0727

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Youngstown City Police Department; Struthers City Police Department

Subjects: James John Sheets (decedent, 35-year-old white male); Struthers Police Officer Tom Schneeman (officer who discharged firearm); Struthers Police Captain Matt Haus (involved officer)

Summary: On April 1, 2022, Captain Haus attempted a traffic stop on Sheets for a suspended license. Sheets refused to stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued with Officer Schneeman joining. The pursuit ended at 914 Salt Springs Road where officers boxed in Sheets' vehicle. Both officers deployed tasers. Schneeman observed Sheets with a firearm, yelled "gun," and discharged his service weapon 18 times. A loaded 9mm Taurus semiautomatic handgun was recovered from the driver-side floorboard. Sheets was pronounced deceased. Toxicology confirmed methamphetamine and cocaine in Sheets' system.

Prior-record status: Decedent Sheets had multiple prior BMV convictions, suspended Ohio driver's license since 2017, and an active bench warrant out of Struthers Municipal Court for Failure to Appear.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source. The document explicitly states BCI investigators "have not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions," and no legal determination regarding the shooting is provided in this summary.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI 2022-2608 (BCI Laboratory: 110945)

Agencies: Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO); Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Chillicothe Police Department (assisted at scene)

Subjects: Sgt. Eric Kocheran (RCSO - officer who discharged weapon); Nicholas Mitchell (decedent - civilian shot by officer)

Summary: On November 17, 2022, at approximately 1700 hours, Sgt. Eric Kocheran was at the Law Enforcement Complex (28 N. Paint St, Chillicothe) completing reports near the end of his shift. Nicholas Mitchell approached the rear door and knocked urgently. When Kocheran opened the door, Mitchell stated someone had threatened his family and demanded he harm children, which he refused to do. Kocheran asked what was happening; Mitchell responded, "I gotta do this," and immediately pulled a firearm from his pocket. Mitchell manipulated the slide, chambered a round, and fired. Kocheran drew his weapon and returned fire. Both individuals were struck by projectiles and fell to the ground. EMS transported both to area hospitals. Mitchell succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at Adena Hospital. Kocheran survived after multiple surgeries and extensive hospitalization.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates BCI obtained and reviewed prior law enforcement contacts and criminal history reports, but the summary does not include those findings.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report findings for Nicholas Mitchell are referenced as having been obtained and reviewed, but the specific results are not included in this prosecutor summary document.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-1354

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency), Guernsey County Sheriff's Office, Barnesville Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Special Prosecutors Anthony Pierson and Micah Ault

Subjects: Joy Graham (decedent; female with felony warrants); Major (Guernsey County Sheriff's Office; discharged firearm); Sergeant (Guernsey County Sheriff's Office; discharged firearm); Sheriff Jeffrey Paden; Deputy Christopher Daymut; additional GCSO deputies and OSP troopers

Summary: On June 24, 2022, Barnesville Police attempted a traffic stop on Joy Graham, who had felony warrants out of Belmont County. The pursuit continued into Guernsey County where OSP troopers stopped Graham's vehicle with stop sticks. Graham refused to exit and brandished a pistol when a K-9 officer deployed his canine. GCSO Strategic Response Team was deployed. Officers attempted to extract Graham using a flash grenade and Taser, but the Taser was ineffective. Graham fired her weapon at officers, prompting Major to fire one round into her center mass. Sergeant then fired two rounds into her center mass from the driver's side. After a pause with commands to drop the weapon, Graham again pointed her weapon at officers, causing Major to fire one round into her head. Sheriff Paden broke the driver's side window and extracted Graham, who was pronounced dead at Southeastern Medical Hospital.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The report references that criminal history reports and prior law enforcement contacts were obtained but does not provide specific details regarding Joy Graham's prior record in this summary document.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy and toxicology report findings are not included in this summary. The document indicates these reports were obtained from the Guernsey County Coroner's Office but the actual findings are not presented. Additionally, bullet fragments recovered were inconclusive and unsuitable for laboratory testing.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2021-0407

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Columbus Division of Police; Columbus Fire Department

Subjects: Jajuan Ball (decedent, driver of suspect vehicle); Four Columbus Division of Police officers involved in the incident; One female victim (woman in distress at initial call)

Summary: On February 24, 2022, at approximately 0154 hours, Columbus Division of Police officers responded to a woman in distress call at Scottwood Road and Barnett Road. Officer Christopher Choy was dispatched and reported a silver Ford Taurus had just left the scene where the suspect had assaulted the female, stolen her vehicle, and reportedly had a weapon. Officers attempted a traffic stop; the suspect fled at high speed, failed to stop during a swoop maneuver, and officers initiated a pursuit. The suspect vehicle ran a stop sign at Penfield Road and Zettler Road at high speed, causing the vehicle to become airborne. Officers lost sight of the vehicle. Sgt. Franklin Lucci terminated the pursuit. Officers subsequently discovered an auto crash involving a house on fire at 1783 Penfield Rd. The driver was not in the vehicle. Officers found Jajuan Ball under house rubble. CFD Medics treated Ball and transported him to Grant Medical, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Prior-record status: Jajuan Ball had an active warrant out of Franklin County, Ohio for Larceny and an active warrant from Whitehall, Ohio for Theft.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source. The document does not indicate the cause of the vehicle crash or whether any officers discharged their weapons during this incident. The document references this as an "Officer-Involved Critical Incident" but the summary focuses on a vehicle pursuit and crash; detailed reports and recordings are recommended for complete understanding.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-1614

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Cambridge Police Department (CPD); Guernsey County Sheriff's Office; Byesville Police Department; Ohio State Highway Patrol

Subjects: Taurean Brown (deceased) - suspect being apprehended for breaking and entering and assault of a female victim; CPD officer(s) who discharged firearm(s) during the incident (identity redacted throughout document)

Summary: On June 15, 2023, CPD officers attempted to apprehend Taurean Brown at 428 Foster Avenue, Cambridge, OH, for suspected breaking and entering and assault of a female victim earlier that day. The incident evolved into a barricade situation after Brown refused to exit the residence. CPD SWAT officers positioned around the residence were fired upon from the upper level where Brown had positioned himself. After being fired upon a second time, CPD officers returned fire toward the upstairs window. After several hours of unsuccessful negotiations and tactical extraction attempts, OSP drones were inserted into the residence where Brown was found deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Autopsy determined a single contact perforating gunshot wound to the head. Three firearms were recovered from the scene belonging to Brown; one CPD officer's rifle was also collected. BCI's investigation concluded without rendering any opinion on the legality of officers' actions.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: Whether any determination was made or will be made regarding the legality of the involved CPD officer's decision to return fire, as BCI explicitly stated it did not and will not render such opinions.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-14-72

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (investigating), Mason Police Department (requesting), Warren County Sheriff's Office (Tactical Response Unit), Franklin Police Department (involved officer's department), Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (initial surveillance)

Subjects: Thomas Henry Cromwell (decedent, escapee); Kelly Jo Rose (hostage, witness); Officer Christopher Keene (involved officer, Franklin PD/WCTRU)

Summary: On July 11-12, 2022, officers attempted to arrest escapee Thomas Cromwell at Baymont Inn, Mason, Ohio. Cromwell barricaded himself in Room 310 with Kelly Rose as a hostage, threatening to kill her. After an extended standoff with negotiations, Warren County Tactical Response Unit breached the room at 0229 hours. Officer Christopher Keene discharged one rifle round, striking and fatally wounding Cromwell. BCI processed the scene, conducted interviews, performed firearms analysis confirming Keene's rifle as the source of the fatal round, and reviewed the autopsy report.

Prior-Record Status: Document states Cromwell was an escapee from River City Correctional Facility. Document references obtaining his criminal history but does not provide specific details. Document notes Cromwell "possibly had mental health issues and had shot someone in the past."

Most Important Uncertainty: Whether the use of deadly force by Officer Keene was legally justified under Ohio law. The document does not state BCI's conclusion on this critical question; it was referred to the Warren County Prosecutor for assessment.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2024-1513

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Columbus Division of Police (CPD); Franklin County Prosecutor's Office

Subjects:

- Rafael Warfield (decedent) - shot and killed by CPD officer
- One CPD officer who discharged patrol rifle (name not provided in document)
- Three additional CPD officers involved in incident
- Erykah King (civilian witness)
- Camara Gates (associate of decedent)

Summary: On May 16, 2024, at approximately 0403 hours, CPD officers responded to a residence at 6382 Georges Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio, regarding a male threatening himself and others with a firearm. Officers located Warfield around back of the residence. After numerous commands to show his hands, Warfield emerged from behind a wooden privacy fence and discharged a firearm toward officers. A CPD officer then discharged his patrol rifle, striking Warfield multiple times. Warfield was pronounced deceased at the scene by Columbus Division of Fire. BCI forensic analysis confirmed two .40 caliber casings recovered were fired from Warfield's Taurus TH40 firearm (serial number ACL505405), which was recovered near his body. All involved firearms were confirmed operable.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document indicates criminal history reports were obtained but specific prior-record information is not included in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The document does not include the specific cause of death findings from the autopsy report, which is referenced as having been obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office but not summarized.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case #2023-2219

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); Columbus Police Department (CPD)

Subjects:

- Jamie Overstreet (decedent)
- CPD Officer (name redacted) - sole officer who discharged weapon
- CPD Officers Andrew Durr, Sean Evans, Duane Derwacter, Kraig Gibson - officers involved in foot chase
- Joelle New - caller/victim (separated spouse of decedent)
- Chassity Edgerton - girlfriend of decedent
- Kyra Williams - girlfriend of decedent
- Alek Willey - decedent's supervisor at Jimmy John's
- Greta Dockins - civilian witness (vehicle damaged)

Summary: On August 24, 2023, CPD officers responded to a domestic violence protection order violation call. Jamie Overstreet fled a traffic stop, leading to a vehicle pursuit that was later cancelled. CPD helicopter located the vehicle, which had been in multiple crashes, at Marion Drive. Overstreet fled on foot; four officers gave chase through an apartment complex. Officer (redacted) observed Overstreet holding a gun in his right hand and raising it. The officer fired five rounds in rapid succession (3-4 seconds). Officers rendered medical aid; Overstreet was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased. A Taurus .380 pistol belonging to Overstreet was recovered at the scene. Prior intelligence indicated a "Suicide by Cop" alert for Overstreet.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document references outstanding warrants for Overstreet and a "Suicide by Cop" alert from prior encounters, but specific criminal history details are not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: Autopsy and toxicology report findings are referenced as obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office but are not summarized in this document. Full results are needed to complete the factual picture.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2021-0888

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Columbus Division of Police (CPD), Westerville Division of Police (WPD), St. Ann's Security Department, Franklin County Coroner's Office

Subjects: Miles Jackson (deceased); CPD Officers Andrew Howe, Ryan Krichbaum, and Dana Houseberg; multiple St. Ann's Security Officers (names redacted)

Summary: On April 12, 2021, Jackson was transported to St. Ann's Hospital for a possible overdose, left against medical advice, was later located at a Chase Bank, identified as having active warrants (D.V./Assault and Falsification), and taken into CPD custody. During a search at the hospital, a handgun was discovered in Jackson's underwear. An altercation ensued during which Jackson fired his weapon. Officers returned fire and staged outside the emergency room. Officer Houseberg deployed a taser at Jackson, who was on the floor. Multiple officers then fired their weapons at Jackson. Jackson died from gunshot wounds. BCI processed the scene, completed interviews, and conducted firearms analysis. Lab reports confirmed Jackson's Sig Sauer pistol fired one round; projectiles from Jackson's body were matched to officers' and security officers' weapons.

Prior-record status: Documented active warrants for D.V./Assault and Falsification. Full criminal history not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: Autopsy final report is still pending.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-2059

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO)

Subjects: Larry Dunham (deceased); Deputy Johnnie Wilcox (involved); Deputy Jacob Hemenway (involved); Deputy Brittney Pennywitt (involved)

Summary: On August 5, 2023, ACSO deputies responded to a 911 call reporting Larry Dunham was suicidal, homicidal, and in possession of multiple firearms. Deputies Wilcox, Hemenway, and Pennywitt approached Dunham's backyard and found him sitting in a lawn chair with a gun on his lap. Despite multiple orders to drop the firearms and three unsuccessful taser deployments, Dunham chambered a round and pointed a loaded pistol at Deputy Hemenway. An exchange of gunfire ensued between Dunham and Deputy Hemenway, with Deputy Wilcox also firing. Dunham was struck multiple times and died from his injuries. Deputy Hemenway was not struck. BCI matched projectiles to both deputies' duty pistols.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source for Larry Dunham. The involved deputies have no prior use-of-force discipline and no prior officer-involved shootings.

Most important uncertainty: The document explicitly states BCI did not investigate evidence related to other potential crimes, leaving unresolved whether additional criminal matters exist beyond the shooting itself.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI 2022-2813 (Laboratory: 22-111754)

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)

Subjects: Deputy Brandon Gaunt (shooting officer); Sean Hinton (deceased); Dep. Nick Ambrozich (witnessing officer); Dep. Cline (witnessing officer); Kelly Hinton (wife, civilian witness - declined interview); Mike Hinton (father-in-law, civilian witness - declined interview)

Summary: On December 12, 2022, at approximately 20:51 hours, DCSO deputies responded to 673 Slate Hollow Ct, Powell, OH, for a hang-up call where the caller stated "Send the cops." Callback revealed an intoxicated male who may have a weapon. Deputies Ambrozich and Gaunt arrived and made contact with Kelly Hinton, who reported her husband Sean was intoxicated and armed. Sean Hinton was in the basement with his father Mike. Deputy Gaunt positioned himself at the back door with a view of the basement stairs. Sean Hinton emerged from the basement wearing black body armor and armed with a tan Ruger AR-556 rifle. Deputy Gaunt reported that Hinton pointed the rifle directly at him. Deputy Gaunt fired his Sig Sauer M400 .223 caliber patrol rifle, striking Hinton. Hinton was pronounced dead at the scene. A total of 150 rounds of ammunition were found in multiple rifle magazines near the body. The rifle was found with the safety switch in the "Fire" position. BCI forensic analysis confirmed the bullet recovered from Hinton's body was fired from Deputy Gaunt's weapon.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates BCI "obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject" and "criminal history reports," but the actual prior record information is not summarized in this document.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy report section is referenced but the findings (cause of death, wound location, toxicology results) are not included in this summary. The document explicitly states "This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful" and recommends reviewing individual reports for complete details.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-25-98

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Washington Court House Police Department, Fayette County Prosecutor's Office, Fayette County EMS

Subjects: Timothy D. West (deceased subject); Officer Trevor Phillips (involved officer who discharged Taser)

Summary: On October 1, 2023, Officer Trevor Phillips initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for multiple violations. Passenger Timothy D. West fled on foot. During the foot pursuit, West ran toward Officer Phillips, who discharged his Taser X26P energy weapon. Both probes struck West on the top of his head. West fell into a mulch bed, striking his head on a brick-like object. West became unresponsive and was not breathing. Life-saving efforts were attempted. West was transported to Fayette Adena Hospital and later pronounced deceased. The Fayette County Coroner ruled the manner of death as accidental.

Prior-Record Status: Not stated in source. Document indicates prior law enforcement contacts and criminal history were reviewed but specific details are not provided in this summary.

Most Important Uncertainty: The autopsy report and toxicology findings are referenced but specific cause of death details are not included in this summary. The document notes the autopsy was signed by forensic pathologists Dr. Bradley J. Lachey and Dr. Lee Lehman, and Dr. Fitton ruled manner of death as accidental, but the underlying cause of death is not detailed.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case No. 2023-2812; Incident Date: October 22, 2023

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Gallia County Sheriff's Office (GCSO); Montgomery County Coroner's Office

Subjects:

- Roger Meade (decedent) - shot and killed on scene; upper chest gunshot wound
- Deputy (name redacted) - officer who discharged firearm (Glock 45 9mm); struck by ricochet/shrapnel
- Deputy (name redacted) - additional GCSO deputy on scene
- Deputy (name redacted) - additional GCSO deputy on scene
- Erin McMillin - civilian witness inside camper during incident; transported from scene; no charges filed

Summary: GCSO deputies were attempting to serve an arrest warrant on an uninvolved subject believed to be staying in a pull-behind camper at 16178 SR 160, Vinton, Ohio. Upon announcing their presence, Roger Meade retrieved a handgun, discharged a round into the camper floor, then opened the outward-opening door where an exchange of gunfire occurred. Meade was struck by three rounds (two recovered from body) fired from Deputy's Glock 45 9mm handgun. Meade died on scene. No video evidence exists. BCI conducted scene processing, 3D scans, ballistic analysis, interviews, and autopsy review.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document references obtaining criminal history reports but does not provide Meade's prior record details.

Most important uncertainty: The document does not state the identity of the person named in the arrest warrant being served or the basis for the warrant.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case No. 2024-3413 (SIU/CS/CIU); BCI Laboratory No. 2024-23322

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Cyber Crimes Unit; Findlay Police Department; Hancock County Prosecutor's Office; Lucas County Coroner's Office

Subjects:

- Calvin Darapheth (decedent, juvenile) - shot by officers during foot pursuit
- One officer who discharged weapon (name redacted)
- One officer involved but did not fire (Officer Burkholder)

Summary: On October 28, 2024, Findlay Police officers responded to a complaint of juveniles consuming alcohol at Bernard Park. Upon arrival, officers encountered three juveniles. One juvenile, Calvin Darapheth, fled on foot. Officers pursued. Darapheth brandished a stolen 9mm Smith & Wesson and fired multiple rounds at pursuing officers. One officer returned fire with a .45 caliber Glock, striking Darapheth multiple times. Darapheth was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital and later flown to ProMedica Toledo Hospital, where he died on October 29, 2024. BWC footage and witness statements corroborate the sequence of events.

Prior-record status: Decedent had documented juvenile record including: Improperly Discharging a Firearm at/into Habitation (Feb 2022), Marijuana Possession (Feb 2022), two Assault charges (May 2022, Jan 2023), Unruly Juvenile (Oct 2022), Theft of Motor Vehicle/Receiving Stolen Property (Mar 2023), and Theft/shoplifting (Oct 2024). Was on active probation through Hancock County Juvenile Court at time of incident.

Most important uncertainty: Autopsy report not yet completed; Lucas County Coroner's Office awaiting toxicology results. SA Najmulski also awaiting audio enhancement from Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI SIU 2024-1658 / BCI Laboratory 24-34073

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit & Crime Scene Unit; Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office; Lake County Regional SWAT Team

Subjects: John Perry (decedent); Two unidentified SWAT team members who discharged rifles; Nathan Lukkarila (Perry's nephew); Dwayne and Shanon Turnquist (neighbors)

Summary: On June 1, 2024, John Perry, who had discontinued mental health medication for 6-8 months, was reported by neighbor Shanon Turnquist for pointing a rifle at her. After a standoff with the Lake County Regional SWAT Team, during which Perry fired a shotgun at armored vehicle "David," officers introduced tear gas into the residence. While two armored vehicles were positioned near each other exchanging a malfunctioned gas launcher, Perry appeared in a window with a shouldered shotgun. Two team members discharged their rifles, striking and killing Perry. The shooting was captured on civilian cellular phone video.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document references that criminal history reports were obtained and reviewed but does not provide findings.

Most important uncertainty: The identities of the two officers who discharged their weapons are not identified in this summary.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-0557

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency), Middletown Police Department (requesting agency)

Subjects:

- Victor L. Lykins (deceased)
- Robert Lykins (driver/civilian witness)
- Officer Jonathan Hilgendorf (involved officer)
- Officer Austin Renner (involved officer)

Summary: On February 25, 2023, Middletown Police Officer Hilgendorf initiated a traffic stop for an improper turn on a vehicle driven by Robert Lykins (suspended license). Passenger Victor Lykins provided false identifying information. Upon learning Victor had active warrants, officers approached to take him into custody. A physical altercation ensued inside the vehicle with Victor armed with a silver revolver. Officer Hilgendorf fired two rounds through the rear passenger window—first striking Victor's head, then his back. Officers attempted CPR and medical aid before Victor was pronounced deceased at the scene. The firearm was recovered and identified as a Burgo .22 LR double action revolver. Two fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases and two fired bullets were identified as being fired from Officer Hilgendorf's Glock pistol.

Prior-record status: Victor Lykins had an active warrant for tampering with evidence. Robert Lykins reported Victor had prior legal trouble, was released on \$1,800 bail paid by a friend, and failed to appear in court. Full criminal history referenced but not detailed in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The autopsy findings section is incomplete in the document—it states "revealed cause of death:" but the actual cause is not provided. Additionally, ATF eTrace results for the firearm are referenced but not included.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-2-121

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI - lead), Hamilton Police Department (HPD), Fairfield Township Police Department (FTPD), Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), West Chester Township Police Department

Subjects: Stephaun Syllas Jones (deceased); Officer James Leisinger (HPD - involved officer, fired one round); Officer Bryan Bowlin (HPD - involved officer, fired two rounds)

Summary: On October 8, 2022, at approximately 19:03 hours, HPD officers responded to a crash involving an intoxicated male with a gun, later identified as Jones. Jones had been shooting into traffic, removed the driver from a silver sedan, and fled northbound on Route 4. FTPD officers encountered Jones at 6322 Morris Road at 19:11 hours; Jones brandished a handgun at Officer Reed and fled into a wood line. At approximately 20:07 hours, HPD Officers Bowlin and Leisinger located Jones on Tara Brooke Court. Officers identified themselves and commanded Jones to show his hands. Jones reached into his right pants pocket, brandished a black handgun, and pointed it directly at Officer Leisinger. Both officers fired at Jones. Officers handcuffed Jones, administered medical aid, and transported him to UC Health West Chester Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 21:00 hours.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates BCI reviewed Jones's criminal history reports, OHLEG, and driving records, but specific prior-record details are not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The document references autopsy and toxicology reports but does not include their findings in this summary. The specific cause and manner of death are not stated in source.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2024-2738

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit (lead investigative agency); Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (arresting agency); Lithopolis Police Department (assisting agency); Franklin County Sheriff's Office (assisting deputy)

Subjects: Chad Evangelista (deceased); multiple Fairfield County Sheriff's Office deputies and corrections officers; Lithopolis Police Department officers

Summary: On September 7, 2024, Chad Evangelista was arrested by Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for disorderly conduct and obstructing official business after a 911 caller reported him walking in and out of traffic near Canal Winchester, Ohio. Low-level force was used during the arrest. Upon transport to Fairfield County Jail, Evangelista was non-compliant and physically resisted corrections officers. Over the subsequent 19-hour lodging period, Evangelista attempted to escape his cell twice, was sprayed with OC spray on two occasions, and was placed in a restraint chair. He was later removed from the restraint chair. Approximately 6.5 hours after removal from the chair, Evangelista lost consciousness inside his cell on September 8, 2024. Medical aid was rendered, and he was transported to Fairfield Medical Center, then transferred to Riverside Hospital, where he died on September 9, 2024. An external autopsy was performed by the Franklin County Coroner's Office on September 11, 2024. Sixteen law enforcement personnel were interviewed. No officers reported observing abusive actions toward Evangelista.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates criminal history reports were obtained but specific prior-record information is not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The specific cause of death, manner of death, and toxicology findings are redacted in the source document, preventing determination of the precise medical cause of Evangelista's death and whether any substances contributed to his condition or death.

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Case ID: 2021-0584

Agencies: Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); Columbus Division of Police (CPD); Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO); Blendon Township Police Department; Mifflin Township Police Department

Subjects: Andrew Teague (deceased); FCSO Deputy Michael Severance (shooting officer); CPD Officer Kifer (shooting officer)

Summary: On March 5, 2021, Andrew Teague fled from law enforcement after making threats to kill a female associate and her minor son. A vehicle pursuit ensued with Teague driving at high speeds and wrong-way on I-270. After crashing into multiple vehicles, Teague exited his vehicle and a confrontation occurred. Teague fired at least one shot toward law enforcement; FCSO Deputy Severance and CPD Officer Kifer returned fire, striking Teague. Teague died on scene from gunshot wounds. BCI processed the scene, conducted interviews, and performed firearms analysis confirming both officers' weapons fired projectiles recovered from Teague's body.

Prior-record status: Teague had pending charges for Felonious Assault (Case# 2021CRA1382), Fleeing & Eluding (F4), and Felony Obstructing of Official Business (F4) (Case# 2021CRA2388). Full criminal history not provided in source.

Most important uncertainty: The final autopsy report from the Franklin County Coroner's Office is still pending, meaning official confirmation of cause and manner of death has not been completed.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-2876

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Marion Sheriff's Office (Marion SO), MARMET Drug Task Force, Marion County Joint Special Response Team (SRT), Delaware Tactical Response Team (TRT)

Subjects: Travis Hellinger (deceased); multiple officers from Marion SO, SRT, and Delaware TRT involved in the shooting

Summary: On 12/20/22, BCI investigated an officer-involved shooting at 256 N. Swain Ave., LaRue, Ohio. MARMET Drug Task Force was executing a search warrant for illegal drugs and weapons at Hellinger's residence. Multiple tactical teams assisted. During the operation, snipers encountered Hellinger on railroad tracks with a firearm. Officers ordered him to surrender; he refused. A K-9 was deployed after Hellinger threatened to shoot it. Hellinger then drew a ghost gun 9mm pistol and fired two rounds toward officers and the K-9. Officers returned fire with 14-16 lethal and non-lethal rounds. Hellinger was struck by nine rounds and died at the hospital.

Prior-record status: Hellinger had prior felony convictions and served time in prison.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source. The document does not indicate whether any officers were charged, disciplined, or if the shooting was ruled justified. The document explicitly states it is only a synopsis and recommends reviewing individual reports for complete details.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-1726

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO); Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU); Richland County Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT); Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Tactical Unit and Aviation Unit; Delaware County Sheriff's Office; Delaware Police Department

Subjects: Randy Wilhelm (deceased); Bradley Wilhelm (deceased); Five involved DTU officers (names redacted)

Summary: On August 19-20, 2022, Randy Wilhelm fired at a bail bondsman on Gilchrist Road. Multiple tactical units responded. On August 20, 2022, at approximately 0900 hours, ASORT and DTU attempted to contain the Wilhelm brothers at Randy Wilhelm's Monroe Mills Road residence. Randy fired at the ASORT Bearcat and DTU BATT from a residence and second-floor window. At approximately 0913 hours, Randy and Bradley Wilhelm fled in a Razor side-by-side ATV toward DTU officers at the Gilchrist Road property. Five DTU members opened fire as the Razor approached. Both subjects were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates criminal history reports were obtained but specific prior records are not summarized in this report.

Most important uncertainty: Whether the officers' use of deadly force was legally justified. The document explicitly states BCI investigators "has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions."

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2024-1470

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative), Columbus Division of Police (involved agency), Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (recipient)

Subjects: Corey Roach (deceased) - armed individual shot by CPD officer; Nicole Pleasant (deceased) - female victim discovered at 1083 Lockwood Road; CPD officers involved (names redacted)

Summary: On May 11, 2024, at approximately 19:13 hours, CPD officers responded to a domestic disturbance with reports of an armed individual (Roach) who had discharged a firearm at neighboring residents near 4738 McAllister Avenue, Columbus. Upon arrival, officers encountered Roach who fired a gunshot in their direction. During the exchange of gunfire, a CPD officer discharged his duty weapon at Roach. Roach was transported to Mount Carmel Hospital and pronounced deceased at 19:50 hours. A female victim (Pleasant) was discovered at a neighboring residence and pronounced deceased on scene by EMS. Multiple firearms were recovered from Roach's possession, including a rifle and a pistol. BCI's investigation is concluded.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: The document does not clearly establish who shot Nicole Pleasant or the circumstances of her injuries. While the report states she was found with apparent gunshot wounds at 1083 Lockwood Road, it does not definitively attribute her death to Roach's gunfire, stray rounds, or another source.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-2307

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative), Ohio State Highway Patrol (involved), Chicago Police Department (requesting/assisting), Lima Police Department (K-9 unit support)

Subjects: Danny Berry (decedent/subject) - wanted by Chicago Police Department for shooting incident and possible homicide in Chicago

Summary: On September 3, 2023, Ohio State Highway Patrol pursued Danny Berry southbound on I-75 after CPD pinged his cell phone and requested assistance. Berry refused to stop; stop sticks were deployed at MM-147, and a pit maneuver was executed south of MM-110. Berry's vehicle caught fire; he exited with a revolver and walked southbound on I-75, refusing commands to drop the weapon and threatening suicide. As Berry approached stopped civilian traffic in the northbound lane, incident commander SLT Crow authorized a shot. Sgt. ___ fired one round, striking Berry in the right pectoral/collarbone area. Berry was transported to Lima Memorial Hospital, remained unresponsive, was removed from life support on September 20, 2023, and died. Cause of death: gunshot wound. Manner of death: homicide.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document references that prior law enforcement contacts and criminal history reports were reviewed but does not specify the content.

Most important uncertainty: The document does not state whether Danny Berry had a prior criminal record or the specific nature of the Chicago shooting/homicide for which he was wanted.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2021-11-15

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit; Washington County Sheriff's Office; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Marietta Police Department; Belpre Police Department; Athens Police Department

Subjects: Devon Lee Taylor (decedent); Deputy (name redacted) - officer who discharged weapon; nine additional officers interviewed including Deputy A. Wallace, Deputy D. Aultman, Deputy Lt. P. Gherke, Deputy Sgt. J. McConnel, Belpre P.D. Officer Sgt. M. Stump, Athens P.D. Officer J. Emerick, Deputy Captain B. Lockhart, Deputy Lt. E. Hunter, Deputy Sgt. B Johnson

Summary: On May 19, 2022, a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy observed Devon Taylor's vehicle traveling 83 mph in a 60 mph zone on State Route 339. The deputy attempted a traffic stop at the Silver Moon Diner; Taylor fled, and a pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, Taylor caused a crash with another vehicle. The pursuit ended when Taylor's vehicle went off the right side of the road near the 3-mile marker. The deputy exited his vehicle and approached the front of Taylor's vehicle because side curtain airbags prevented side viewing. As the deputy walked around the front, Taylor pointed a pistol at his face. At that point, the deputy's attorney advised him to stop the interview, and the deputy indicated the body worn camera would show the rest. Taylor was found slumped over the center console with multiple bullet wounds; a plastic firearm was found between his legs, and he was wearing a small headlamp. All casings and projectiles were identified as fired from the deputy's issued duty weapon.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The document indicates prior law enforcement contact records and reports from Marietta Police Department were obtained and reviewed, but specific prior-record information is not provided in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: The exact circumstances of the shooting itself are not documented in the deputy interview—the deputy's statement was interrupted by his attorney, and the document states the body worn camera footage would "constitute the rest of his statement." The critical moment when the deputy "reacted to what he saw" is not explained in the interview portion of this summary.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-1835

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) - lead investigative agency; Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO); Byesville Police Department (BPD)

Subjects: Jeremiah Wise (deceased); three officers who discharged weapons: two BPD officers and one GCSO deputy (names redacted); one additional BPD officer directly involved in the incident

Summary: On July 11, 2023, BPD and GCSO officers responded to 114 North 9th Street, Byesville, Ohio, for a welfare check of a suicidal male with access to firearms, later identified as Jeremiah Wise. GCSO SWAT and negotiators staged nearby while uniformed officers held perimeter positions. During negotiations, Wise confirmed he was armed with a handgun and consuming alcohol, and made suicidal and homicidal comments toward law enforcement. After hours of negotiations, Wise initially came outside unarmed, shouted profanities, and returned inside. He later emerged armed with a handgun, raised it toward officers, and was shot by multiple officers. Wise was transported to Southeastern Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. The shooting was captured on body-worn camera and dash cam footage. BCI's investigation is concluded.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. The report indicates BCI obtained criminal history reports but does not provide Wise's prior-record details in this summary.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source. The report does not identify any specific unresolved questions or gaps in the investigation.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: BCI Case #2025-1603; BCI Laboratory #25-115671

Agencies: Columbus Division of Police (CPD); Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit

Subjects: Jerry D. Smith (decedent); Marybeth Bright (girlfriend/witness); two CPD officers who discharged firearms (names redacted); 28 additional officers involved in incident

Summary: On May 19, 2025, CPD received two 911 calls reporting a domestic violence situation at 4482 Hampton Woods Court involving Smith and Bright. Upon officers' arrival, gunshots were heard. CPD SWAT responded. Smith, who had been drinking and ransacked the home, armed himself with Bright's 9mm Stoeneger handgun and fired multiple rounds, including at officers. Smith had beaten Bright with the gun handle approximately eight times and threatened to kill her. After breaking the front door glass and firing additional shots, Smith opened the door with gun in hand and pointed it toward officers positioned near a Bearcat vehicle. Two officers fired, striking Smith. He was pronounced deceased at 2355 hours. Bright was present during the shooting.

Prior-record status: Smith had a criminal history from North Carolina including robbery, kidnapping, assault, and larceny. Smith had previously threatened Bright's life and physically assaulted her multiple times.

Most important uncertainty: The cause and manner of death are redacted in the document. Additionally, the toxicology report findings are not stated. The specific identities of the two officers who discharged their weapons are redacted.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2022-0535

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (lead investigative agency); Delaware County Sheriff's Office (requesting agency); Columbus Division of Police (officers involved); Delaware County Prosecutor's Office (recipient of report)

Subjects: Jonathon Myers (involved subject, shot by officers, sustained single gunshot wound to leg); Officer Joseph Valiski (CPD, fired S&W pistol); Officer Nathan Komisarek (CPD, fired patrol rifle); Officer Aaron Getzinger (CPD, fired patrol rifle)

Summary: On March 11, 2022, CPD officers responded to 911 calls reporting a male subject walking in traffic on I-71 near Polaris Parkway, firing a gun at vehicles. Officers located Myers in the median north of Polaris in Delaware County with a female near a vehicle. Myers failed to comply with commands and ran northbound on the roadway. Myers turned and fired a pistol at pursuing officers, striking the hood of a cruiser. Officers returned fire. Myers stopped on the right shoulder still holding the weapon; two officers with patrol rifles fired, striking Myers once in the leg. Officers provided medical aid and EMS transported Myers to Grant Medical Center. Myers later admitted to being awake for four days, taking large amounts of various drugs with suicidal intentions, and stated he wanted to be caught by police for prior charges. Testing revealed Myers was positive for multiple drugs. Myers invoked his right to counsel during further questioning. The subject and vehicle were also linked to a shooting at another vehicle on the west side of Columbus earlier that day.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source. Document indicates criminal history reports and prior law enforcement contacts were obtained but does not summarize findings.

Most important uncertainty: The document explicitly states BCI did not render any opinion on the legality of the officers' actions, leaving the determination of whether the use of force was justified to appropriate authorities. This critical legal question remains unresolved in the source material.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2023-2080

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Columbus Police Department (CPD)

Subjects:

- Austin Huntzinger (decedent, DOB not provided) - shot and killed by CPD officers
- Two CPD officers who discharged their weapons (names redacted in source document)
- One CPD officer (Ofc. Seth Casto) - shot in right leg during exchange of gunfire

Summary: On August 9, 2023, CPD officers responded to reports of Austin Huntzinger brandishing a firearm at employees at Deible's Hardwood Floors (4000 S. High Street). Huntzinger then walked to a nearby Lowes parking lot. Dispatch radioed a call that Huntzinger was robbing a male at gunpoint and attempting to take his car. Officers arrived approximately 36 seconds after the dispatch. As officers approached, Huntzinger exited the vehicle brandishing and discharging a firearm. Officers returned fire, striking Huntzinger. Huntzinger was transported to Grant Hospital where he died. One officer was also shot in the right leg and was released a few days later. A non-law enforcement Taurus G2c firearm was recovered near Huntzinger. BCI conducted an independent investigation into the officers' actions; CPD detectives investigated Huntzinger's role.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: The source document does not include the autopsy report findings (the section is blank). Additionally, the names of the two officers who discharged their weapons are redacted throughout the document, limiting identification of the involved personnel.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 2025-0596

Agencies: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Piqua Police Department (PPD), Miami County Prosecutor's Office, Montgomery County Coroner's Office

Subjects: David West (deceased); Lt. Marcos Rodriguez (involved officer); Tammy West (complainant/911 caller); Duane West (witness); Officers Adam Kimpel, Hunter Mote, Jackson Heath (responding officers)

Summary: On February 21, 2025, PPD responded to 236 McKinley Ave., Piqua, OH after Tammy West called 911 reporting her son David West had assaulted her. Officers encountered David West in the basement, who announced he had a pistol and refused to leave. David West then pointed the pistol directly at Lt. Marcos Rodriguez, who fired four shots, striking and killing David West. The weapon was later identified as a Byrna SD pistol (a pepper ball gun). Officers initiated life-saving measures until medics arrived. BWC video confirmed the sequence of events. David West's parents initially told investigators they did not blame the officers; however, Duane West recanted much of his statement ten days later and made accusations against PPD.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: Final autopsy and toxicology reports remain pending. The preliminary autopsy confirmed David West died of [text appears truncated in source], and toxicology results could provide context regarding his mental state and whether substances contributed to the incident.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: 21-00727

Agencies: Parma Police Department

Subjects:

- Victim: Jax Ponomarenko (DOB: 07/21/2015, white/male, age 5)
- Offender: Matthew J. Ponomarenko (DOB: 07/02/1989, white/male)

Summary: On March 25, 2021, at approximately 1445 hours, officers responded to 4707 Russell Avenue for a report of aggravated murder. The offender, Matthew J. Ponomarenko, allegedly bludgeoned his son, Jax Ponomarenko, with a baseball bat. The victim was found deceased inside the residence. The offender was taken into custody on scene. Evidence processing revealed severe blunt force trauma to the victim's head, with crushing of the cranium and destruction of facial features. An aluminum 29-inch youth baseball bat with blood transfer was recovered above the victim near the lowest stairwell riser. Heavy blood spatter was documented throughout the living room, kitchen, and first floor common hallway. Blood swabs were collected from the offender's hands and feet. A wooden baseball bat was also recovered from a 5-gallon bucket in the detached garage. Medical examiner personnel responded and claimed the body.

Prior-record status: Not stated in source.

Most important uncertainty: Not stated in source.

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Case Intake Brief

Case ID: PPD-14-006382

Agencies: Perkins Township Police Department

Subjects: Frank Clark (arrested adult); Hurt (victim); Diamond (individual with facial injury mentioned in narrative)

Summary: On 11/15/2014 at 22:32, officers responded to Maui Sands Hotel, room 3202, for a domestic violence call. Frank Clark was arrested for Domestic Violence (Misdemeanor 1) and Assault (Misdemeanor 1). Victim Hurt sustained injuries to the left cheek, neck area, and left side of face. A lamp was used as the weapon/object involved. Clark was transported to Erie County Jail and incarcerated without bond per Judge O'Brian. The narrative notes Clark had a strong odor of alcohol. The case was cleared by adult arrest.

Prior-Record Status: Not stated in source.

Most Important Uncertainty: The narrative indicates "To Be Completed 11-17-2014," suggesting the investigation was incomplete at the time of this report. The relationship between Clark and the victim(s) is not clearly documented in the provided text.

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