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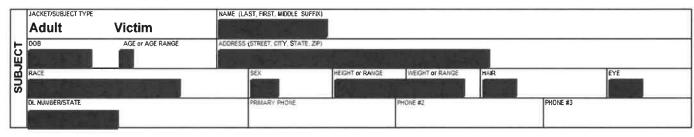
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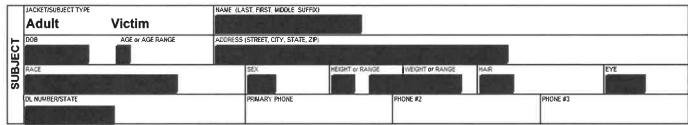
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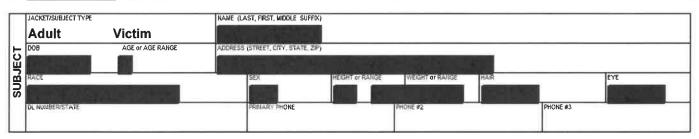
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#### **NARRATIVE**

On listed date and time Officers responded to an active shooter at KDC/One. As officers arrived on scene and cleared the building they located six gunshot victims. One of the victims, was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head. Five other victims:  were transported to nearby trauma centers for serious injuries due to gunshot wounds.
Witnesses on scene identified the shooter, Bruce Foster III, by name to the initial responding officers. Once the building was cleared, New Albany Police Department released a BOLO for Foster. A firearm was recovered on scene that was wrestled away from Foster by one of the shooting victims. New Albany Detectives Bureau issued a warrant for Foster's arrest for Aggravated Murder. Foster was located at his residence, 50 E 7th Street Columbus, OH, by the U.S. Marshalls and ATF Task Force where he was brought into custody.
Foster was then transported back to the New Albany Temporary Holding Facility for an interview. Foster was interviewed by Sgt Strahler and booked by Officer Pack. Foster was then transported to the Licking County Justice Center for his warrant.

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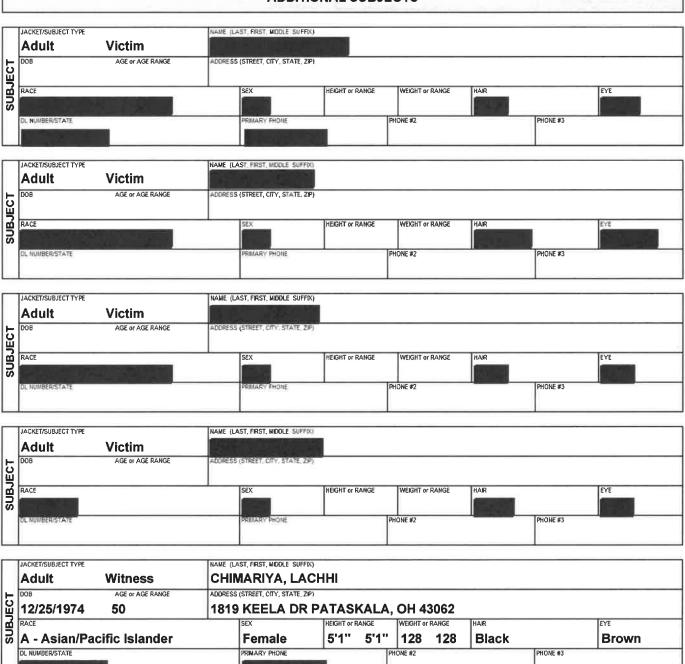
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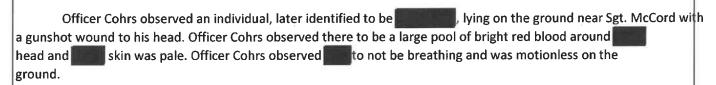
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#### NARRATIVE

On 2/4/2025 at approximately 10:20PM Officer Cohrs had clocked out from 2nd shift and was walking past dispatch when he heard all of the 3rd shift officers running from roll call out to their cruisers. Officer Mills was with Officer Cohrs and the two of them went into dispatch to see what the call was. Officer Cohrs observed on dispatch's computer that they dispatched 3rd shift to a shooting at KDC Tri Tech Labs (8825 Smith's Mill Rd). Officer Cohrs listened as 3rd shift arrived on scene and heard an officer over the radio state they had multiple casualties with gun shot wounds and one possibly killed. Officer Cohrs then ran back to the locker room, changed into uniform, grabbed a shotgun and got into cruiser 60 to mark in service and enroute to the call.

While Officer Cohrs was enroute, he heard Sgt. McCord on the radio stating he needed more officers inside the building as he was by himself and had found a victim who was killed. He stated he was in the northeast corner of the building. Officer Cohrs arrived on scene and had heard that Sgt Deckop was at the southwest corner of the building and was starting a command post. As Officer Cohrs was looking for Sgt. Deckop to see where he was needed, he observed 2 deputies standing at the southwest corner of the building. Officer Cohrs told the deputies to come with him as he entered the building from the southwest corner. As they entered the building they linked up with Sgt Deckop who advised them to rendezvous with Sgt. McCord. Officer Cohrs cleared the south end of the building until he entered the "expansion" section of the building. He then cleared northbound until he linked up with Sgt. McCord.



Sgt. McCord and Officer Cohrs then cleared the remainder of the north portion of the expansion in the northeast corner. The officers located one white male individual on the first floor hiding behind a large vat. Officer Cohrs pointed his shotgun at the individual and the officers gave commands for the male to show his hands. The male initially did not respond to the officers' commands and continued to hide behind the vat. After a few more seconds, the individual stood up and raised his hands. The officers then ordered him to lay on the ground and Sgt. McCord patted down the individual. The individual stated he did not know what was happening and was just working. Officer Cohrs observed the room they were in to be loud and the individual may not have heard the gunshots from the suspect. Officer Cohrs and Sgt. McCord then escorted the individual to another deputy who escorted him from that location. Officer Cohrs and Sgt. McCord then went upstairs.

While they were upstairs, they located three more males in an office through office windows. Officer Cohrs pointed his shotgun at the three individuals and ordered them to show him their hands. The three individuals all raised their hands and stayed in their seats. Officer Cohrs and Sgt. McCord asked them if they knew anything and they stated they heard gun shots and hunkered down in the office. Sgt. McCord and Officer Cohrs then

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instructed the individuals to exit the office and Officer Cohrs and Sgt. McCord then escorted the individuals out of the office and out of the building.

Officer Cohrs then lead the individuals to the command post which had been established outside at the southwest corner of the building. Officer Cohrs stayed with the individuals and waited for a detective if they wanted to speak to them. Sgt. Deckop then asked Officer Cohrs if he could speak with another two individuals as they may have seen the shooting.

Officer Cohrs then walked over and spoke with Lachhi Chimariya and Lila Budhathoki who were both workers at KDC. Lachhi and Lila stated they both spoke Nepali so Officer Cohrs called the language on his cruiser phone and obtained a Nepali translator. Through the translator Officer Cohrs asked Lachhi if she saw anyone shooting. Lachhi stated she saw the shooter and was near him when the shooter shot people. She stated she worked in line 17 and earlier in the day she saw the man who was the shooter, later identified as Bruce Foster III, walk into work smelling like marihuana. She stated she thought Bruce was intoxicated. Lachhi described the shooter as a black male, around 6 foot, wearing a hoodie, and had a bag. She stated she believed he worked in Quality Assurance. She stated she saw him walking around without a helmet in locations where he was supposed to be wearing one. She stated she informed her supervisor that Bruce was acting weird and was maybe intoxicated but then she went to work. She stated she did not know Bruce's name so she only referred to him as "the shooter" to Officer Cohrs.

Lachhi stated that she was moving some material when suddenly she heard gun shots and saw the shooter shooting in line 17. A co-worker, by the name of Ram Mainali, was shouting that someone was shooting people and one person was killed. Lachhi stated she started to run but then observed the shooter with the firearm right in front of her. She stated she then ran away in another direction and exited the building. She stated she and a few others hid behind or under the semi-trailers parked outside the building. Lachhi stated she then observed the shooter exit the building and run to a grey SUV. She stated the shooter got in the grey SUV, which was being driven by another individual, and drive off.

Officer Cohrs asked Lachhi if she could identify the shooter if she was shown a picture of him. Lachhi stated with confidence that she could "definitely identify him." Officer Cohrs advised Sgt. Nemeth of this and another officer showed Lachhi a headshot photo of Bruce Foster III. Lachhi nodded her head up and down, gave a thumbs up, and stated yes. After this, Officer Cohrs asked Lachhi if she could write a written statement on everything she saw. Lachhi and Lila both stated they did not know how to write. Officer Cohrs then asked Lachhi if she could give a statement and he could write down the translation from the translator. Lachhi stated she could give one. Officer Cohrs then wrote down the translation of Lachhi's statement through the translator on a written statement form. Lachhi signed the form and Officer Cohrs then spoke to Lila.

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Lila stated he was close to the shooting as well and was working in lines 7 and 17. Detective Bauman then told Officer Cohrs that the witnesses are being gather across the street at another building. Officer Cohrs then escorted Lachhi and Lila across the street to the building where all employees were being checked in. Officer Cohrs then returned to the command post and two KDC security administrators arrived on scene. Sgt. Deckop instructed Officer Cohrs to escort one of the admins to the north main entrance where the security office is to assist with the security camera footage. Officer Cohrs was then given access to the security camera footage. When looking through the security cameras, Officer Cohrs observed there to be security camera footage of one shooting. The camera was near line 17. In the video at approximately 10:19PM Bruce can be seen walking into the production area. Bruce pulls out a handgun from off his person and points it in the air. He then walks around the production line and walks up to Bruce is seen pointing the handgun at and fires the handgun at point blank. Immediately falls over and a struggle ensues between Bruce and another individual. Bruce falls over and appears to drop an item. Bruce then gets up and runs out of the area away from the camera. At approximately 10:20PM, Bruce is then seen entering an area labeled "Production Line 2" on the video camera software. He walks from the far side of the area directly to an office. In the video, the office is obscured by some objects in the room. Bruce walks to an office, the light turns off, and shortly after people start to run away from the area. At this time, Officer Cohrs switched out with another officer to take a break from looking through video footage. At this point, Officer Cohrs was advised to do a check in with Officer Vinca who was staying with body. Officer Cohrs walked down the main entrance hallway to the production area. In the hallway, he observed an area on the ground with blood smeared. Officer Cohrs then walked into the open production area through a set of double doors and went to the left. While walking, he observed a long streak of blood which appeared to be the result of someone who was bleeding heavily being dragged towards the double doors. Further down, Officer Cohrs observed the blood streak to originate from an office room which had the light turned off and appeared to be disheveled. Officer Cohrs continued on the same direction and observed a few blood drops on the ground. Officer Cohrs then entered into the "expansion" area to lane 17. Officer Cohrs stood with Officer Vinca for some time and observed he could smell a strong foul odor coming from Officer Cohrs then returned to the security area and assisted there for some time. At approximately 5:00AM Officer Cohrs was notified by command that they had positively identified as the victim who was shot and killed and that Officer Cohrs would need to do a death notification to who was at the New Albany Police station with the New Albany Police chaplain. Officer Cohrs arrived at the New Albany police of his death. Officer Cohrs stayed with until friends of her station and notified arrived at the police station and assisted in taking her home where she would meet more family. During this

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#### **NARRATIVE**

On the listed dates and times, officers were dispatched to the specified address for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, we spoke with a group of individuals outside the building to gather information about the location of the shooter and the victims. We were informed that someone had fled past our current location, prompting two officers to investigate. Additionally, we learned that a victim was located at workstation 17 inside the building.

Sgt. McCord, Officer Vinca, and I entered the building through the south doors and began searching for the shooter and any victims. I informed the other officers of the victim's location, and we proceeded toward him. While heading to the front of the building, Sgt. McCord noticed a worker on a forklift. We instructed the individual to show his hands, which he did. Upon approaching him with my rifle directed toward him, I determined he was not a threat, and I lowered my weapon. I then removed him from the machinery. He was then patted down for weapons and Officer Vinca escorted him out of the building.

Continuing my search for the victim, I found him near workstation 17, accompanied by two associates. I checked for a pulse, but based on my observations and the absence of a pulse, I concluded that he was deceased. Sgt. McCord remained with this victim while we were informed of additional victims outside the door near us. Officer Vinca and I walked outside, where we discovered two more victims and approximately 25 employees. Other associates rendered aid to the victims, and we assisted as needed. I then attempted to get medics to our location.

As I moved to the front of the building, where I saw medics, I observed two Licking County deputies near the entrance and the medics began departing. The deputies informed me that two other victims had been transported and that they had secured a weapon. We were again advised of more victims, prompting us to begin another search for them. While continuing through the building, I noticed more law enforcement personnel arriving through other entrances, so I went outside to establish a command post.

As I exited the building, the associates shared additional information. One associate mentioned that the shooter had jumped into a vehicle, while another said it was merely employees leaving. I received information indicating that the suspect was possibly a Black male, approximately 6'2", and may have left the scene.

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#### **NARRATIVE**

On 02/05/225 at approximately 0015hrs, Officer Downing arrived at the command post located at 8825 Smith's Mill Road. Ofc. Downing was instructed to guard the perimeter on the northwest corner of the building. Ofc. Downing held the perimeter until being moved to clear the empty hotel located on Beech Road which had an open door. Ofc. Downing assisted in clearing the entire building with Ofc. Rehnert, Ofc. Mills, and Ofc. Goad. Once the building was cleared, Ofc. Downing returned to guarding the perimeter at the front north entrance of the building. Ofc. Downing was then relieved by Ofc. Suarez and cleared the scene.

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#### **NARRATIVE**

On 2/4/2025 at approximately 2222 hours, Officer Duncan was sitting in the New Albany Police Department's roll call room awaiting the shift briefing while wearing the uniform of the day. Officer Duncan was dispatched to the KDC/One industrial plant, at 8825 Smiths Mill Road North, for a reported active shooter and mass casualty incident. Officers Duncan (45) and Suarez (47) traveled together in cruiser 61 from the New Albany Police Department, located at 50 Village Hall Road. While traveling to the business, Officer Duncan was advised that a person with a gun was at the rear entrance inside the business, and multiple people were suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers Duncan and Suarez arrived at the southwest corner of the business on Innovation Campus Way approximately four minutes later.

Officer Duncan exited the cruiser, removed his department-issued rifle, and approached a grey vehicle parked in the rear parking lot. Officer Duncan cleared the vehicle with officers Suarez and Vinca (48) to confirm that the suspect was not inside and nobody was injured. While in the parking lot, multiple employees were outside and advised officers that they observed a black male walking south near the unhitched semi-trailers towards a vehicle on Innovation Campus Way.

Officers Duncan and Suarez began to survey the perimeter of the business while other officers entered the building. Along with a Pataskala Police Department (PDP) officer and a Licking County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputy, Officer Duncan began to search the southwest exterior corner of the building near a pond. After confirming that the suspect was not in the immediate area, Officer Duncan spoke with a female security guard who stated, "They took the gun. Whoever the shooter was was a line worker. Somebody else got ahold of his gun". The security guard also stated that there was only one shooter.

Officer Duncan helped to redirect the Plain Township Emergency Medical Services to the instructed entrance near Smiths Mill Road North. After assisting Plain Township, officers Duncan and Suarez entered the business to clear the building and help possible victims. Near the center of the building, Officer Duncan observed multiple employees sheltered in a closed room. A supervisor led officers Duncan and Suarez toward a quality assurance office room that contained a victim. Officer Duncan observed a bullet hole in the window of the room and an unresponsive male lying face down on the floor with a gunshot wound to the head. After being unable to render aid, officers Duncan and Suarez continued clearing the rest of the floor.

Officer Duncan observed Sergeant McCord (S-11) escorting a white male employee toward the exit. Sergeant McCord advised Officer Duncan that the employee may have been related to the incident and to escort him to the localized command post on the southwest corner of the building. Officers Duncan and Suarez escorted the male outside to the command post where

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he was interviewed by detectives.

Officer Duncan was notified by other officers that there was a suspicious individual who ran from inside the building into a vehicle on the northwest corner of the building. Officers Duncan and Suarez approached the vehicle and identified the individual as the supervisor from earlier. Officer Duncan observed another vehicle nearby that contained an older male. Officers Duncan and Suarez approached the vehicle and ordered the male to raise his hands. The male complied and was instructed to stay inside his vehicle for safety.

Shortly after, at approximately 2307 hours, Officer Duncan observed three unknown males walking with their hands near their waste and thigh area on the northwest corner of the building. Officer Duncan pointed his rifle at the male furthest to the left and shouted verbal commands for them to raise their hands over their head. Officer Duncan observed the male he pointed his rifle at as a middle-aged Asian male, wearing a white long-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. The individuals complied and waited for further instructions. Officer Duncan spoke with them, and they advised they were employees from a nearby business and were attempting to see what the emergency response was for. Due to the dynamic nature and imminent threat of an active shooter, Officer Duncan was not able to identify the name of the subject described in the use of force.

Officer Duncan reentered the building, connected with LCSO deputies, and cleared the second floor of the building. Officer Duncan exited the building and convened with Sergeant Deckop (S-10) at the command post. From approximately 0013 to 0837 hours, Officer Duncan quarded the exterior doors on the southwest corner before ending his shift for the day.

Later that evening, at approximately 2200 hours, Officer Duncan traveled to the Mount Carmel East hospital, located at 6001 East Broad Street, to monitor the status of one of the victims, was pronounced brain-dead by Dr. David Lindsay at 2033 hours, and his cardiac death was pronounced by Dr. Evan Livingston at 2305 hours.

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#### **NARRATIVE**

On 02/04/25, I Ofc. Goad was dispatched to KDC/One located at 8825 Smiths Mill Rd N on a reported shooting.

I arrived on scene with Lt. Daniels and reported to the command post. I assisted Sgt. McCord, Ofc. Mills, and Ofc. Vinca in escorting all possible witnesses, approximately 150 persons, from the front parking of KDC/One to a warehouse located at 8820 Innovation Campus. After identifying all possible witnesses I and several other outside agencies assisted in transporting them back to the front parking lot of KDC/One by shuttle bus to their vehicles where they were released. Myself, Ofc. Mills, Ofc. Downing, and Ofc. Rehnert searched the Hilton hotel located at the intersection of Beech Rd and SR 161.

I met with the Licking County prosecutor Clifford Murphy where a warrant was obtained for the suspect, identiifed as Bruse Foster, and then clerked. The warrant was then taken to the New Albany Police station to be entered into LEADS. Nothing further at this time.

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#### **NARRATIVE**

On February 4, 2025, my shift ended, and I began to exit the police station. As I approached the roll call room, the third shift officers were running out with their gear in hand. I could hear their radios being dispatched to a call. I couldn't make out the radio traffic.

Another officer and I walked into the communication center to find out about the call. We walked into a dispatch center with phones ringing and dispatchers airing information.

We learned that at 2221, a Shooting or shots fired call came in. Moments later, it was determined to be an active shooter incident at the KD/c One warehouse. The dispatchers were taking many phone calls and trying to get information to the officers on the call. Our dispatchers had their 9-1-1 headsets on taking calls as the non-emergency lines continued.

Officers arrived on the scene just minutes later and informed NAPD dispatch of multiple injured people, and that one deceased person had been located. Officer Cohrs told me he was going to clock in. He left the center, and I stayed in the communication center to assist with calls in and out.

When I asked who was the closest dispatcher to the department was, I was told to contact them. I contacted that dispatcher while in the room and the oncall dispatcher contacted the Communications Manager.

I took one non-emergency call, when S10 aired that there was 1 code 16. He requested the detective unit to be called in.

I called Detective Sergeant Strahler on his cell phone at 2234. I informed him of the situation of the active shooting incident. He told me that he would be en route and that he would contact the other detectives. I asked him who I needed to call next, and he instructed me to contact the Lieutenant.

I called Lieutenant Daniels on his cell phone. I informed him of the situation of the active shooting incident. He told me that he would be en route and that he would call the Chief of Police. I asked him how he wished for me to proceed with calling the sergeants and officers.

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He instructed that any officer at the station was to stay on duty and to go ahead and start calling the sergeants first.

I called Sergeant Nemeth S9 first. I informed him of the situation of the active shooting incident. He told me that he would be en route. I then called Sergeant Fernander S5. I informed him of the situation of the active shooting incident. He also told me that he would be en route. I then Called Sergeant Nauman S12. I informed him of the situation of the active shooting incident. He told me that he would be en route as soon as he could.

Once another dispatcher arrived at the PD, I went to change back into my uniform to head to KD/c. I drove cruiser 66, and when I arrived on the scene, I met with S10 at the command post. I was instructed to wait there until an available officer arrived at the command post.

Officer Vinca was the first to return after I arrived. She was accompanied by multiple other responders. She was carrying a handgun. I observed the slide locked to the rear. she also had a magazine and what appeared to be a shell casing from a spent round. I went to the rear of Cruiser 63 and grabbed a large paper bag to place the firearm in. Once Officer Vinca placed the pistol inside the bag, I folded the top down to close it. I wrote the date on the bag. I then secured the bag in the top locking drawer of Cruiser 63. I notified S10 and Officer Vinca, of the bag's location.

I then walked with Officer Vinca to the north end of the building. We assisted in holding the perimeter of the doors until we were relieved. We were then tasked with clearing the vehicles in the lot north of the building. We began to walk the parking lot.

It was then determined that the lot was too large for two officers to clear. S11 requested us to assist in gathering all the KD/c employees from the northern lot. We had them group up, and we walked them to building 8820 to clear each person from the scene.

At the 8820 building, Officers, Detectives, and Deputies were collecting the names and identification of each employee. Due to the large number of people, it took multiple hours to gather the information.

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The employess of KD/c were cleared one by one to enter the 8820 building. They remained there until they could be bused back to the KD/c north parking lot. At the 8820 building, we gathered information and employees were able to fill out statements if they wanted to do so.

I was assisting the employees with loading the buses and keeping order in the 8820 building. The employees had access to water and restrooms while waiting. I explained to the employees that when they returned to the north parking lot they were to leave the property and not enter the building.

We had an LCSO correctional officer at the 8820 building to help with the translation of directions. He was extremely helpful. Keeping order with the employees and grouping them for the bus was a process in itself.

Once all employees were transported to the north lot, we cleared the 8820 build and returned to the command post.

I assisted in clearing the Hampton Inn on Beech Road. The building was clear. I then provided relief to the other Officers and Deputies on the scene. I was then cleared and out of service at 0500.

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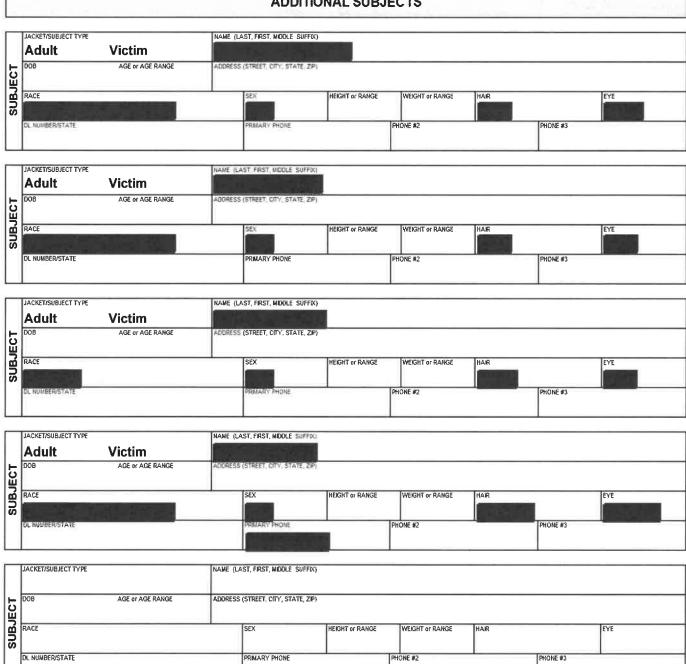
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#### NARRATIVE

After receiving a phone call from my officer informing me of an active shooter inside city limits, I arrived at New Albany Police Department (NAPD) at approximately 2320 and proceeded to the command post established on the south side of the KDC/One business. I was assigned to assist Sqt. Strahler with witness identification and logging. From there, the command post (CP) advised that they had multiple gunshot wound victims at Mount Carmel East hospital, and there was potential for one of them to be the suspect as they had been advised there was a physical fight over the handgun between the suspect and victim. CP continued they had identified the suspect as Bruce Foster III. Ofc. Suarez, Ofc. Rehnert, and Sgt. Nauman proceeded to Mount Carmel East at 6001 E Broad St. Upon arrival, we proceeded to the emergency room, where we were met by Columbus Police, who had identified the two victims at the facility. One was and the other was was uncooperative and said he would not answer questions without his lawyer. It was reported that another victim had been transferred to Grant Hospital. Ofc. Rehnert was redirected there for an interview. was responsive and consented to provide Sgt. Nauman with a summary of the events of stated that around shift change at approximately 2210, he was working the quality assurance inspector department with his coworkers when their fellow employee positively identified Bruce but was unsure of his last name. He Bruce walked in. continued that Bruce entered the area walking awkwardly, with robotic-like movements, and was not wearing a hair or beard net. clarified that this was uncharacteristic as they have to wear these items per policy. Bruce walked up to the area and displayed a pistol, and then proceeded to discharge the firearm into the head of a nearby employee. He continued that Bruce then pointed the firearm at his future . At that point, reached for the gun to stop him. stated the gun discharged while it was pointed was able to recollect that he at the left side of his head while he was fighting Bruce. grabbed around the muzzle/slide of the pistol and was able to pull it from Bruce while he was aettina punched. held onto the pistol and called for help. His Lead, a took the gun from while he was holding Bruce down. He believed that then locked separated, and Bruce ran off. himself and the gun in a room. Bruce and

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called 911 to request help for him and his coworkers.

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When asked, he stated Bruce never said a word. and his coworkers had never had issues with Bruce, and he didn't understand why he attacked them. He continued that he knew
Bruce was going to shoot him next so that's why he tried to take the gun from him.
This information was passed along to Sgt. Strahler for his investigation.
Licking County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Sgt. Woodyard arrived on the scene to complete an interview with and collect swabs. See their report for further.
was transported to Mount Carmel East in critical condition and, therefore, unable to be interviewed.
After speaking with hospital staff, advised them that he wished to speak with officers about the incident. LCSO completed an interview with him.
Sgt. Fernander arrived at Mount Carmel East with victim second . was interviewed by a BCI agent who arrived on the scene, and a bullet was recovered from his person.
All clothing and evidence collected by hospital staff were turned over to LCSO for transport to the CP.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Nauman S-12

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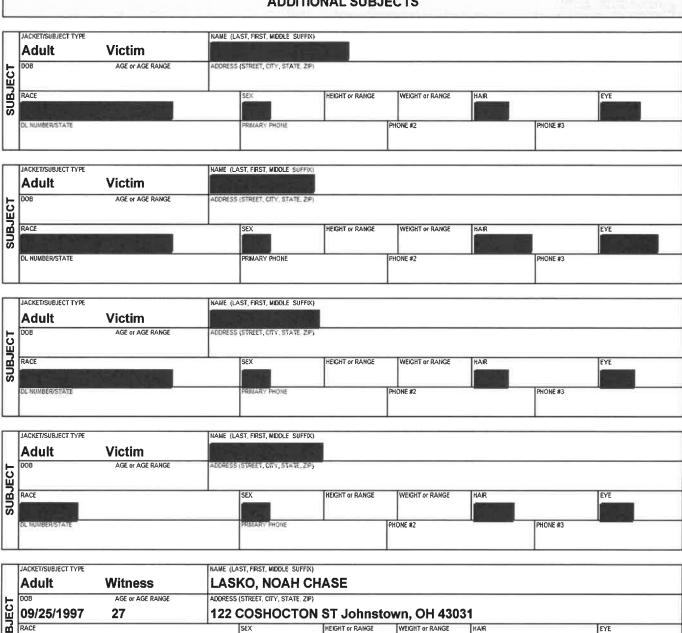
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PRIMARY PHONE

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#### **NARRATIVE**

This report will document the initial actions I, Sergeant T. Nemeth, took in the initial response to an aggravated murder.

On February 4, 2025, at approximately 10:51 pm I was contacted by Chief Jones and Officer Mills advising me there was a shooting at KDC/One and there were multiple victims. I was requested to respond and assist. I responded to the police department, gathered a case of water and walkie batteries, and responded to the scene.

Once I arrived, Sergeant Deckop briefed me on the incident, and I assisted him at the command post. A witness stated he knew who the suspect was. I briefly interviewed him, gathering a physical and clothing description to air to the units, who were still searching for the suspect. A deputy walked up and showed the witness, Noah Lasko, a photograph of Bruce Foster, and Lasko identified him as the suspect in the shooting. Lasko stated he knew Bruce from working and had seen him earlier in the shift but had not seen him since the shooting. Lasko did not witness the shooting directly.

I assisted Sergeant Deckop in gathering information and disseminating it as needed. I coordinated with Columbus Police, providing them with suspect information and locations as the information came in. Once the scene was cleared, detectives began drawing up warrants. I went to retrieve our drone trailer to provide a location for detectives to deploy the drone, set up their computers, and get out of the cold.

I continued to assist at the scene ensuring the scene perimeter was secured and coordinated with BCI when they arrived on scene helping them to understand the scope of the scene. I had no other investigative role at the scene of the shooting.

I cleared the scene and attended the autopsy of the victim, at the Licking County Coroner's Office. Dr. Jeff Lee, Deputy Coroner Chief Pathologist, and Investigator Renee Rogers performed the autopsy. The report from the Coroner's Office is LIC 25-16. I took photographs of the victim and uploaded them into the case file.

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Once the autopsy was completed, I took possession of the victim's personal items from his pockets, a set of keys, a pen, a JKDC proxy card, one Key Bank Mastercard, one Discover card, one Chase Bank card, and one black wallet. The Ohio license was kept by the Coroner's Office to go with the remains. The clothing that was removed was soaked in blood and hung to dry at the Coroner's Office. The clothing will be picked up later when they advise it is dry.

I responded to the police department and gave the personal items to Detective Southers, who was impounding all the evidence from the scene. I scanned a copy of the Coroner's Property release form and turned the original into the Clerk. All notes were scanned into the case file.

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Officer Rehnert responded to the command post at 8825 Smiths Mill Rd North in full uniform and in marked cruiser K9. Officer Rehnert checked in with Sgt. Deckop and then he and Sgt. Nauman responded to 8845 Smiths Mill Rd South to assist Detective Sgt. Strahler. Officer Rehnert and Sgt. Nauman assisted in obtaining identification and phone numbers of possible witnesses from the incident at KDC. After completing that task, both Officer Rehnert and Sgt. Nauman returned to the command post.

Officer Rehnert then responded to Mount Carmel East Emergency room with Sgt. Nauman to assist in identifying and making contact with the victims who had been transported there. Upon arriving at Mount Carmel East, it was found that one victim had been diverted to Grant Medical Center in Columbus. Officer Rehnert cleared from Mount Carmel East and then responded to Grant Medical Center.

Officer Rehnert was met by the Grant Medical Center Chaplin and Officer Browning with the
Columbus Police Department. The victim, was in room 56A. Officer Rehnert
introduced himself to and asked him for his license and phone number.
provided both to Officer Rehnert. Officer Rehnert asked what he saw and
he stated there were three people with him in the office and they were sitting there because it
was almost time to go home at 11. then stated: "He came out of nowhere and
started shooting." Officer Rehnert asked what he looked like and he stated: "He
was a black African and his name is Bruce Foster." Officer Rehnert asked if he knew him and
stated he did and that he was his coworker. Officer Rehnert asked
what Mr. Foster was wearing and he stated he was wearing a jacket and sweat pants.
stated he could not remember what color the jacket was and that Mr. Foster was not
wearing a hat or any head covering. Officer Rehnert asked if he saw what the gun
looking like and he described it as a small handgun. Officer Rehnert asked
Foster had said anything and he stated he had not. Officer Rehnert asked
saw what Mr. Foster did after the shooting stopped and he stated he could not see. Officer
Rehnert asked where Mr. Foster worked at in KDC and he stated they both worked
at quality control. Officer Rehnert asked if Mr. Foster was supposed to be at work tonight and
stated that he was. Officer Rehnert asked if there were any disagreements earlier
in the night and stated there was not. Officer Rehnert asked if Mr. Foster had ever
mentioned doing anything like this before and he stated he has not. Officer Rehnert asked
what Mr. Foster was like at the beginning of the shift and he stated he was "normal". Officer
Rehnert asked if Mr. Foster did anything differently at lunch and stated they do not
normally take lunch together. Officer Rehnert asked if Mr. Foster has ever talked about having

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guns before and stated they do not talk very much. Officer Rehnert asked if Mr. Foster was under any investigations at work or possibly going to be terminated for anything and stated he had heard a rumor that Mr. Foster was going to be terminated because "he was not in the right state of mind." Officer Rehnert asked if he know if Mr. Foster was supposed to be fired this evening and he stated he did not know and that it was just a rumor he had heard. Officer Rehnert asked if he had seen anyone besides Mr. Foster shooting and he stated he did not and did not see anyone else walking with him. Officer Rehnert asked what kind of car that Mr. Foster drives and he stated he comes to work in an Uber and he does not have a car. Officer Rehnert asked who was all in the office with and he stated it was himself, and about the events again and he stated there was only one door in and out of the office and that Mr. Foster walked in and began shooting right away and did not say anything.
Officer Rehnert was informed by a hospital staff member that the victim had a through and through gun shot wound and would be discharged. Officer Rehnert photographed and his wounds. Was provided a business card with the report number on it and the Victim's Rights paperwork was completed and he was provided copies of the necessary victim's resources. Officer Rehnert asked for permission to take his clothes for the investigation and he gave verbal consent, except for his shoes. Officer Rehnert took possession of the garment bags was discharged from the hospital and as Officer Rehnert was escorting and his family out of the building, an agent with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation arrived at the hospital.
A room was provided for the BCI agent to complete an interview with At the conclusion of the interview, Officer Rehnert informed the BCI agent of the information that he had and the agent informed him to take the clothing to the command post and turn it over to the agents at the scene.
Officer Rehnert responded back to the command post and the clothing and identity information of was turned over to an agent from BCI.
Officer Rehnert was tasked with responding to the Duke and Duchess BP gas station on Beech Rd just North of SR 161 and ascertaining if they observed the suspect in the store. Both clerks working stated they recognized the suspect from frequenting the gas station, but had not

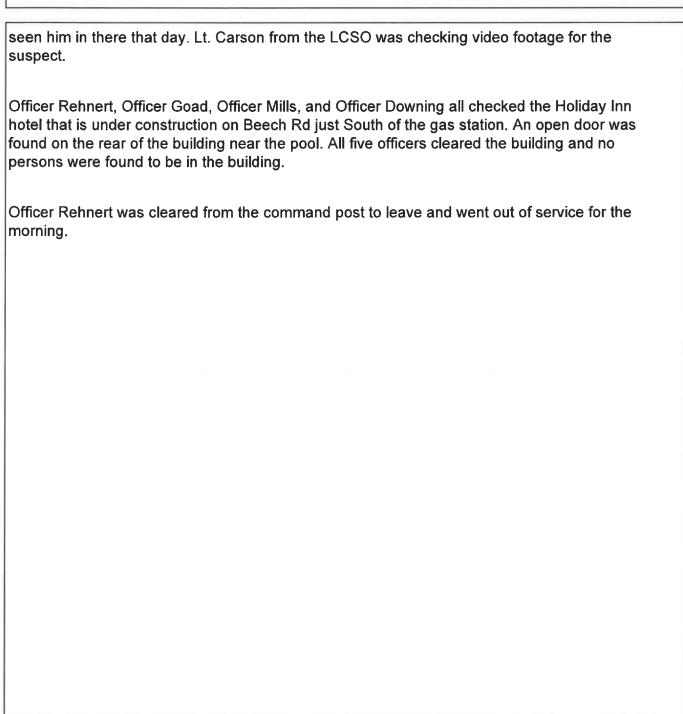
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On the above-listed date and time, Officer Suarez was assigned to work plain clothes at the hotels off of Forest Dr. Officer Suarez was wearing a stocking cap with a New Albany Police patch on the front and badge number (47) on the rear, a blue sweatshirt with a body camera affixed to the front, a lanyard with a New Albany Police badge around his neck overtop the sweatshirt, blue jeans, duty pistol, and portable radio. While in roll call getting briefed for the start of shift, Officers were dispatched to a reported shooting at 8825 Smiths Mill Rd. Dispatch advised that 2 people had been shot and they were receiving multiple calls about the incident. Officer Suarez entered Cruiser 61 with Officer Duncan and responded.

Officers Suarez and Duncan arrived on scene from the southern entrance off of Innovation Campus Way. Officers still had no information about the suspect's location. Officer Suarez observed a large gathering of employees to the east of their position and a silver vehicle with an occupant (black male, gray and black sweater, black pants) in the driver's seat parked between two semi-trailers, behind a forklift. Officer Suarez approached with his duty pistol drawn, pointed at the occupant (22:26), and ordered him to show the Officer his hands. Officers Suarez and Duncan ordered the individual out of the vehicle, advised him of the shooting, and patted him down for weapons (none were located). The individual was instructed to remain in his vehicle as Officer Suarez regrouped with the other Officers on scene to gather information from the group of employees.

Officer Suarez instructed the group of employees to take cover behind the parked semi-trailers. As the employees walked, a female advised Officer Suarez that the suspect was seen walking south-west from the building pointing towards Beech Rd and Innovation Campus Way W. When asked, conflicting information was provided as to who the suspects were and their descriptions. One female employee advised that the suspect was a black male in a black jacket. Another female advised that the suspect was a black male wearing a long-sleeve wool shirt with a logo on the back over the top of a backpack. Another male employee advised that it was 2 black males who fled south from the building. Officer Suarez advised dispatch of the current suspect descriptions and direction of travel.

Officers Suarez and Duncan began to search the immediate area where the employees on scene pointed. Immediately southwest of the building was a wooded area with multiple abandoned buildings. Officers Suarez and Duncan began to clear this area while the other Officers were in the building with the victims. Officer Suarez then observed an individual running towards him with their phone flashlight activated. This individual was a security guard

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for a building and stated that there was 1 shooter, 3 people were shot, another employee was able to wrestle the firearm away from the suspect, and the firearm was secured at the front of the building. Sgt. Deckop advised over the radio that he was with the wounded inside the building. Officer Suarez retrieved the Cruiser 61 medic bag, gave it to the security guard, and advised her to bring it to the Officers on the north side of the building. Due to the imminent threat of the suspect in the immediate area, Officers Suarez and Duncan along with a Licking County Deputy and Pataskala Officer resumed searching the direction employees pointed in. As Officers were clearing the area, medical personnel began to arrive on scene. Officer Suarez requested the other officer hold an open door attached to a garage so he could assist in redirecting medics toward the victims. Officer Suarez spoke with a Plain Township Batallion Chief and instructed him to relocate to the north side entrance off of Smiths Mill Rd N due to the southern entrance being blocked.

Sqt. Deckop advised over the radio that the medics were going in the wrong direction. Officers Suarez and Duncan entered the facility to regroup with the other New Albany Officers as other agencies were arriving on scene and searching the area of the open door found prior. Officers Suarez and Duncan made their way to the north side of the building and encountered a group of employees who were sheltered in a storage room. Officer Suarez spoke with the manager in the room and when asked, advised that the cops were south of him and that a victim was nearby in one of the offices. Officers requested he take them to the victim. The manager pointed to a quality and assurance room advising the victim was inside. On the front-facing glass, a bullet hole was observed. Officer Suarez observed a man in jeans and a multicolored jacket face down under a desk with blood on the ground. Officer Suarez entered the room to assess and attempt to relocate him to the large group of employees nearby. Officer Duncan also entered the room and provided cover. Officer Suarez removed the victim from under the desk and flipped him onto his back. The victim was nonresponsive/unconscious and had a gunshot wound to the head. Officer Suarez advised dispatch of the victim's location and injuries. Officer Suarez spoke with Sqt. Deckop who advised them to continue searching the south side of the building.

As Officers searched, they met with Sgt. McCord who was escorting an individual (white male glasses) in handcuffs. Sgt. McCord advised that the individual was located in a back room and was unsure of his involvement with the shooting. Sgt. McCord advised that he needed to be checked for weapons and taken back to the command post. Officers Suarez and Duncan escorted the individual to the command post which had been established on the south side of the building. Officer Suarez searched the individual and released him to Detective Sgt. Strahler

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and Detective Bauman for questioning.

As Officer Suarez returned to the building, Officers who were west of the building advised that someone was seen leaving the building and getting into a vehicle. Officers Suarez and Duncan walked north through the lot clearing vehicles as they passed them. Officer Suarez cleared a red sedan with his firearm drawn and pointed at the occupant (white male, glasses, forearm tattoo, hat) who was a supervisor previously encountered in the building (23:04). He was instructed to remain in the vehicle. Officer Suarez cleared a dark red SUV with his firearm drawn and pointed at the occupant (elderly man, glasses, hairnet) (23:04). The occupant was advised to remain inside his vehicle. Officers were then flagged down by the supervisor in the red sedan who advised that there was a small smoking area that he thought the suspect could be hiding in. Officers Suarez and Duncan cleared this. As the Officers exited the smoking area, they encountered 3 males (#1 - blue jeans, light-colored shirt, #2 - black pants and checkered long sleeve shirt, #3 - beige sweatpants, black long sleeve shirt) walking south through the parking lot. Officer Suarez, with his firearm raised and pointed at #3 (23:06), ordered the individuals to stop and show their hands. Officer Suarez conducted a pat down on all 3, no firearms were located. The 3 males advised that they worked in the building north of where the shooting occurred and were walking to their vehicles. They were all advised to remain in their vehicles.

Officers Suarez and Duncan reentered the building to continue clearing. Officer Suarez began to clear the upstairs portion on the north side of the building. While clearing, Officer Suarez met with Licking County deputies and continued clearing the building with them. Over the radio, the command post began advising that swat units were responding to the scene to conduct a full sweep of the building. Officers Suarez and Duncan returned to the command post to regroup with Sgt. Deckop. Sgt. Deckop instructed Officer Suarez to go with Sgt. Nauman to Mount Carmel East (6001 E Broad St) to stand guard with the victims. The victims there were

Officer Suarez rode with Sgt. Nauman to the he	ospital and located both	and .
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collected by detectives at the prior hospital.

Detectives with the Licking County Sheriff's Officer conducted an interview with approximately 04:05 am. Officer Suarez entered the room with them in order to capture the interview on body cam. Officer Suarez released all evidence released to him by Wendy Tripp to Licking County Sgt. Woodyard. Sgt. Woodyard assumed custody of the property and placed it in his vehicle.

Officer Suarez left with Sgt. Nauman to return to the command post in New Albany. Officer Suare met with Sgt. Deckop who instructed Officer Suarez to return to his duty uniform and return to the command post. Officer Suarez changed, returned to the command post, and was instructed to replace Officer Downing who was holding the perimeter on the north side of the building. Officer Suarez replaced Officer Downing and guarded the north entrance until released by Officer Blankenship at 09:36.

Due to the scale of the critical incident and the imminent threat of an unidentified shooter, Officer Suarez was unable to obtain identifying information about the individuals who he pointed his firearm at as he continued to clear different areas of the building.

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# **Public Records Denial**

	The following checked items provide the legal basis for why requested records or portions of records were not provided for your inspection or copying.
	A public record is something stored on a fixed medium, created, received, or sent under the jurisdiction of a public office, and documents a function of that public office. The subject of your request did not meet that standard. 2007 Ohio atty. Gen. Ops. No. 034 (an item of physical evidence in the possession of the Prosecuting Attorney that was not introduced as evidence was found not to be a "record.") ( <i>State ex rel. Fant v. Enright (1993), 66</i> Ohio St. 3d 186, 188 (to the extent an item does not document the activities of a public office; it is not a public record and need not be disclosed.)
	Written communications between a public office and its attorney surrounding and concerning legal advice is privileged. State ex rel. V. Dewine, 135 Ohio St. 3d 191, 2013-Ohio-199.
	The Public Records Act "does not contemplate that any individual has the right to a complete duplication of voluminous files kept by government agencies." State ex rel. Glasgow v. Jones (2008), 119 Ohio St 3d 391, quoting State ex rel. Warran Newspapers, Inc. v. Hutson (1994), 70 Ohio St. 3d 619, 624, citing State ex rel. Zauderer v. Joseph (1989), 62 Ohio App 3d 752
	LEADS throughput is exempt from public records requests (ORC 149.43 and OAC: 4501:2-10-03)
	A medical record is not something that a member of the public has a right to inspect or copy. Bartley v Little, 2000 Ohio App. Lexis 6238 (5 <sup>th</sup> Dist.). (149.43(A)(1)(a) and (a)(3))
	Personal Information – "Personal information," including an individual's social security number (State ex rel.
	Office of Montgomery County Public Defender v. Siroki, 108 Ohio St. 3d 206, 2006-Ohio-662 (2006); federal or state tax identification number; driver's license number or state identification number, checking account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number and demand deposit number, money market account number, mutual fund account number, or any other financial or medical account numbers. (149.43(A)(1)(dd)) (18 U.S. Code 2721)
	Photos – Depictions of victims of sexually oriented offenses or Information that could identify the alleged victim of a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence. Depictions by photograph, film, videotape, or printed or digital image of either "a victim of an offense the release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable instruction in the victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity, or capture's or depicts the victim of a sexually oriented offense, as defined in section §2950.01 of the Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense. (149.43(A)(1)(ii))
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(	Confidential Law Enforcement Investigatory Records (CLEIRs) (149.43(A)(2)(h)) A public office may withhold any record that both:
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Records that reveal the critical systems of a public office are infrastructure records and are generally not subject to inspection or copying by a member of the public. (149.433)

Personal identifiable information of a crime victim is confidential. (Ohio Constitution Article I, Section 10a and R.C. 2930.07 149.43(A)(1)(rr))

The name, address, contact information, or other personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen years of age that is included in any record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was an occupant at the time of the accident. (149.43(A)(1)(gg)

Telephone numbers of parties to a motor vehicle accident listed on a law enforcement record or report within 30 days of the accident. (149.43(A)(1)(oo)

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