



PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING
RAVENNA TOWNSHIP

July 5, 2021

Last evening at approximately 10:42PM, officers were called to 7334 Bennington Pike in Ravenna Township for a domestic disturbance. The victim advised that she was leaving the residence with her two children to relocate to a neighbors home to remove herself from the dangers of physical harm from her spouse. Deputies arrived to begin investigating the claim when the suspect identified as Matthew J. Morse exited the residence, brandishing a handgun. After multiple attempts were made to verbally order the suspect to drop the weapon, the suspect refused to comply and shots were fired and the suspect was shot. After the suspect was shot, officers secured his firearm and began CPR while awaiting the rescue squad. The suspect was transported to the hospital and within two hours was pronounced deceased. The scene was secured and contact was made to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations to respond to investigate the shooting.

The Portage County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol along with the Ravenna Police Department, Streetsboro Police Department, Ravenna Township Fire Department and Streetsboro Fire Department.

At this time, our thoughts and prayers are with the family members along with the deputies involved and their families during these challenging circumstances.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Spidalieri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Ralph Spidalieri

Chief Deputy

Portage County Sheriff's Office