

PRESS RELEASE

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Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that a Deputy assigned to the Patrol Bureau was involved in an on duty shooting late Saturday night, while responding to a Domestic Violence complaint. At 11:15 pm the Sheriff's Office received multiple calls from a resident at a Bremen area home who advised that a male subject was there, behaving in a violent, irrational manner. The caller also advised the male subject had a knife in his possession and was making threats with it. A total of four Deputies were dispatched to the call. While in route Deputies encountered the male subject travelling toward Bremen in his vehicle. He was located on W. Main St., Bremen. Responding Deputies attempted to talk with the male subject but he was uncooperative. The male subject had a knife in his possession and refused to put it down. The male subject made an aggressive movement toward one Deputy and the Deputy discharged his firearm striking the male subject. The male was transported to Fairfield Medical Center and then flown by helicopter to Grant Medical Center. He was listed in serious but stable condition at the time of this release. Ohio BCI is conducting an investigation of the incident

UPDATE: July 5, 2017

Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen identifies the Deputy involved in the on-duty shooting in Bremen, July 1, 2017, as 15 year veteran Deputy George Carsey. The subject who was shot has been identified as 27 year old Keen Romine, of the Bremen area. Romine is still being treated at Grant hospital and is listed in stable condition. The incident remains under investigation by Ohio BCI.