

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

(Lancaster, Ohio, August 1, 2016) Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 04:19 a.m. the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from 106 First St. in Pleasantville. The female caller advised Dispatchers of a Domestic Violence situation that was occurring at this location. Deputies were dispatched and upon their arrival were met in front of the residence by 29 year old Nicholas R. Norton, who it was later determined was also a resident at this location.

Nicholas R. Norton was wielding a handgun and was ordered multiple times to drop it by the Deputies and refused. Norton then leveled the weapon at the Deputies and the Deputies were forced to fire their weapons.

Norton was then transported to Grant Medical Center where he is receiving treatment.

Detectives from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office met with Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Marx. The following charges have been filed against Nicholas R. Norton.

- Felony Assault-2903.11 (A)2 -2 Counts, Felony First Degree
- Agg. Menacing-2903.21 (A) - 2 Counts, Misdemeanor First Degree
- Domestic Violence-2919.25 1 Count, Misdemeanor First Degree

Columbus Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) is handling the investigation.

Both Deputies involved in the incident were placed on Administrative leave pending review of the incident.