



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Enforcement Action Statistical Analysis and Reporting System (E-STAR)

Incident Report

Current Status: ☒ Completed ☐ Active ☐ Ready for review ☐ Rejected ☐ Deleted

INCIDENT INFORMATION

E-STAR incident ID: **LES** #25707

Title: Operation Midway Blitz: Chicago - Spikes Thrown at Vehicle Humbolt Park Medical Center

Incident date/time: 10/03/2025 15:50

Type: ☒ Assault against CBP personnel ☐ Reportable use of force ☐ FTY/Vehicle pursuit by a CBP employee
☐ Unintentional firearm discharge ☐ Intentional firearm discharge

Was this a mass encounter incident? Yes ☒ No

Reporting organization: U.S. Border Patrol / Del Rio Sector

Created by: FICK, SHANNON M.

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Reviewer: HORNER, JOHN E

Date reviewed: 10/10/2025

RELATED SYSTEMS: 0

Is there IDVRS footage (Evidence Serial Number) associated with this incident? Yes ☒ No

Related system(s): 0	Related document ID
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INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

Organization/type	Component/agency
Reporting organization:	
CBP	USBP

Were other CBP components/external agencies involved? Yes ☒ No

LOCATION/ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Incident location/AOR: U.S. Border Patrol / Detroit Sector

Landmark: DETROIT GENERAL AREA NON SPECIFIC AREA

Country/international waters: United States of America

Address:

Street: California Ave & Thomas Street

City: Chicago State: ILLINOIS Zip: 60622

Incident coordinates:

Latitude: 41.90112

Longitude: -87.69685

Setting: Indoors ☒ Outdoors

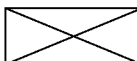
Outdoor setting: ☒ On land ☐ In water (standing or swimming) ☐ On water (in vessel) ☐ In the air

Description of the premises/location: On the road at the intersection of California Avenue and Thomas Street

Environmental factors:

Weather: ☒ Dry ☐ Raining ☐ Snowing ☐ Flooding ☐ Windy ☐ Storm ☐ Haze/blowing dust ☐ Fog ☐ Other

Illumination:



☒ Daylight Dark Dawn Dusk Good lighting Poor lighting Night vision aided Other

Estimated temperature (Fahrenheit): 89

NOTIFICATIONS

CBP personnel notified:

Name	Affiliation/job title	Notification manner	Notification date
BECKER III, WARREN J	Supervisory Border Patrol Agent	In-Person	10/03/2025

Other authorities notified (external to CBP): Federal Tribal State Local Foreign

EMPLOYEES: 4

Name: LEWIS, GAVIN R.

Gender: Male Age: 34 Height: 6'2" Weight: 220 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 07/02/2021

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: U.S. Border Patrol / Detroit Sector

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/03/2025

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty Off duty

Activity: Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC)

Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 4 years 3 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):

BPAIST	BORSTAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BORTAC	DITP	DTI
EDVPTP	EMT	FITP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LLITP (IFITP)	MFF
MRT	PITP	SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes No

Attire: ☒ Uniform Plain clothes

Was LEWIS, GAVIN R. assaulted? ☒ Yes No

Was LEWIS, GAVIN R. injured? Yes ☒ No

Name: JACKSON, WAYNE R.

Gender: Male Age: 48 Height: 5'10" Weight: 170 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 08/01/1999

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: U.S. Border Patrol / Detroit Sector

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/03/2025

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty Off duty

Activity: Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC)

Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 26 years 2 months

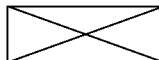
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MRT	PITP	SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes No

Attire: ☒ Uniform Plain clothes

Was JACKSON, WAYNE R. assaulted?



☒ Yes ☐ NoWas JACKSON, WAYNE R. injured? Yes ☒ No

Name: HERSCH, TANNER J.

Gender: Male Age: 32 Height: 5'9" Weight: 185 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 08/06/2021

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: U.S. Border Patrol / Del Rio Sector

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/18/2025

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty ☐ Off duty

Activity: Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC)

Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 4 years 2 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):

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MRT	PITP	SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes ☐ NoAttire: ☒ Uniform ☐ Plain clothesWas HERSCH, TANNER J. assaulted? Yes ☒ NoWas HERSCH, TANNER J. injured? Yes ☒ No

Name: BECKER III, WARREN J.

Gender: Male Age: 52 Height: 5'10" Weight: 200 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 05/14/2012

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: U.S. Border Patrol / Del Rio Sector

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 05/05/2019

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty ☐ Off duty

Activity: Special Operations

Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 7 years 5 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):

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MRT	PITP	SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes ☐ NoAttire: ☒ Uniform ☐ Plain clothesWas BECKER III, WARREN J. assaulted? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWas BECKER III, WARREN J. injured? Yes ☒ No

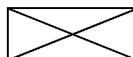
SUBJECTS: 1

Name: UNKNOWN-1

Gender: Male Age: Unknown Height: Unknown Weight: Unknown

Attire: ☒ Civilian ☐ Paramilitary ☐ Police ☐ Nude ☐ UnknownWas the subject wearing body armor? Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Immigration status: Unknown



Country of citizenship: Unknown

Was there an apparent or known mental impairment (E.g., mental illness/alcohol/drugs) in the condition of the subject?

Yes ☒ No

Subject's activity:

Illegal entry

Uncooperative during encounter/inspection

Failure to yield/heave to

Checkpoint runner

Port runner

Alien smuggling

Narcotics smuggling

Scouting

Assault (rocks/other projectiles)

☒ Assault (all other types)

Rioting/civil disturbance

Mass coordinated entry

No suspected illegal activity

Other

Subject's current location and disposition if known: Individual was driving a vehicle that threw spikes out in front of agents

Did this subject assault a CBP employee? ☒ Yes NoWas the subject outside the US or its territories when committing the assault? Yes ☒ No

Weapon(s)/type of assault:

Assault method: Projectile (other than rock)

Projectile description: Spikes that were thrown in front of agents vehicle

Was this subject injured or claiming to be injured? Yes ☒ No Unknown

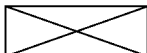
ASSAULTS: 3

Subject	Weapon/type of assault	Was this assault committed against this employee?	Was the employee injured by the assault?
UNKNOWN-1	Projectile (other than rock) - Spikes that were thrown in front of agents vehicle	LEWIS, GAVIN R. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident
		JACKSON, WAYNE R. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident
		BECKER III, WARREN J. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident

BYSTANDER INJURY/COLLATERAL DAMAGE: 0

Did this incident result in collateral property damage? Yes ☒ NoDid this incident result in collateral injury to a bystander? Yes ☒ No

WITNESSES: 0



NARRATIVE

Narrative of HERSCH, TANNER J.

On October 3, 2025, I, Border Patrol Agent Tanner Hersch, as part of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC), was deployed to Chicago Illinois to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement / Enforcement Removal Operations (ICE/ERO) officers on Operation Midway Blitz. I was in my rough-duty Border Patrol uniform with all law enforcement identifiers clearly visible, in accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) standards.

On the above date, I was assisting Border Patrol Agents who were monitoring an illegal alien in custody at the Humboldt Park Health Medical Facility located at 1044 N Francisco Ave, Chicago, IL 60622.

At approximately 1535 hours, I was parked at the intersection of California Ave and Thomas Street near Humboldt Park Health facility along with SBPA Warren Becker, BPA Gavin Lewis, and BPA Wayne Jackson, providing security to Border Patrol Agents inside. At this time, a large group of protestors began gathering around my vehicle. Approximately 20-30 people had gathered, taking cell phone video of my vehicle and screaming profanities.

At this point a red Toyota Camry, bearing IL License Plate ET 29307, pulled up along the driver side of my vehicle and the driver threw several caltrops (small homemade metal spikes) out the window that hit my driver door and fell onto the street next to my tire. Caltrops are made and used to immobilize vehicles by deflating the tires when they are run over.

I exited my vehicle to retrieve the caltrops off the street. As I did this, the driver made a U-turn and threw several more caltrops out the window, landing underneath my vehicle. The driver of the vehicle sped off and fled the area before being able to be taken into custody.

I was not injured, nor did I use any force against the driver or vehicle. My body camera was not active as my attention was focused on the subject's vehicle approaching my driver side door and throwing projectiles. I quickly had to exit my vehicle and address the possible danger to all agents inside during this rapidly evolving situation.

Once the subject was no longer in sight, I returned to my vehicle and cleared the area to avoid any further altercations with agitators.

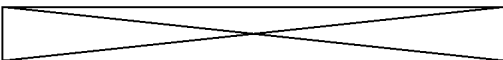
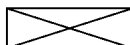
Narrative of BECKER III, WARREN J.

On October 3, 2025, I, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent (SBPA) Warren Becker, assigned as part of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC), was deployed to Chicago Illinois to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement / Enforcement Removal Operations (ICE/ERO) officers on Operation Midway Blitz. I was in my rough-duty Border Patrol uniform with all law enforcement identifiers clearly visible, in accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) standards.

On the above date, I was assisting Border Patrol Agents who were monitoring an illegal alien in custody at the Humboldt Park Health Medical Facility located at 1044 N Francisco Ave, Chicago, IL 60622.

On October 3, 2025, Border Patrol Agents (BPA) Tanner Hersch, Gavin Lewis, and Wayne Jackson, and myself, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent (SBPA) Warren Becker, were assigned as a quick reaction force (QRF) providing security for Strike Teams 1 and 5 during their patrols in Cicero and Humboldt Park area. At around 1535 hours, the QRF had parked on Thomas Street near Adams & Son & Daughter Gardens. Approximately five minutes later, a crowd amassed near our vehicle and began chanting and yelling. A red sedan drove near our vehicle and threw caltrop spikes at the QRF vehicle. The red sedan, a Toyota Camry, with Illinois license plate bearing ET 29307, pulled in front of our vehicle and began to back up in an attempt to box the QRF vehicle in. I exited our vehicle to make contact with the driver. The Toyota Camry quickly turned around and sped off while throwing additional caltrop spikes at our vehicle. The QRF picked up a few spikes to clear the tires and then left the area without incident.

I was not injured, nor did I use any force against the driver or vehicle. My body camera was not active as my attention was focused on the subject's vehicle approaching and accelerating while throwing projectiles. I quickly had to exit my vehicle and



address the possible danger to all agents inside during this rapidly evolving situation.

Once the subject was no longer in sight, all members of the QRF returned to our vehicle and cleared the area to avoid any further altercations with agitators.

Narrative of LEWIS, GAVIN R.

On October 3, 2025, I, Border Patrol Agent Gavin Lewis, as part of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC), was deployed to Chicago Illinois to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Enforcement Removal Operations (ICE/ERO) officers on Operation Midway Blitz. I was in a rough-duty Border Patrol uniform with all law enforcement identifiers clearly visible, in accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) standards.

On the above date I was assisting Border Patrol Agents who were monitoring an illegal alien in custody at Humboldt Park Health Medical Center at 1044 N Francisco Ave. Chicago, IL 60622. Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Warren Becker and Border Patrol Agents (BPA) Tanner Hersch, Wayne Jackson and myself were in BPA Hersch's vehicle parked nearby on California Avenue and Thomas Street intersection when 20 to 30 people gathered around the vehicle and began yelling and screaming profanities while recording with cell phones and cameras.

At approximately 1535 hours, a red Toyota Camry pulled up next to the driver side of BPA Hersch's vehicle and threw spikes out the window. The driver then quickly made a U-Turn and threw more spikes out of the window and left the area. I exited the vehicle to ensure that there were no spikes underneath our vehicle that would deflate the tires. I then returned to BPA Hersch's vehicle and we cleared the area to avoid further escalating the situation.

I was not injured and did not use any less lethal devices on the subject or vehicle during the incident; my body worn camera was not active as I was focused on getting pictures of the vehicle for further law enforcement action.

Narrative of JACKSON, WAYNE R.

On October 3, 2025 I, Border Patrol Agent Wayne Jackson, as a member of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Sector Tactical Unit (BORTAC), was detailed to Chicago, Illinois with Operation Midway Blitz. I was wearing my BORTAC rough duty uniform, with all law enforcement identifiers clearly visible.

I was assigned as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF), for Border Patrol Agents who were guarding an injured subject in custody at Humboldt Park Health Medical Center. Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Warren Becker and Border Patrol Agents Tanner Hersh, Gavin Lewis, and myself were in Hersh's assigned service vehicle parked near the intersection California Avenue and Thomas Street, when 20-30 people gathered around the vehicle and began screaming and yelling at us, while recording. A vehicle was parked close behind us honking constantly with the driver yelling obscenities. At approximately 1535 hours, a red Toyota Camry pulled along the driver's side of our vehicle and the driver threw out a small handful of caltrops. Some of the caltrops hit the side of our vehicle and some went under the vehicle. It was obvious the subject was attempting to place the caltrops near the tires to disable our vehicle. I dismounted the vehicle and began moving toward the Camry as it was conducting a U-turn, as the vehicle passed me the driver again threw a handful of caltrops under our service ride as she sped away.

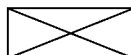
All Agents picked up the caltrops, then got back into our service unit and left the area searching for the red Camry. I was not injured and did not use any form of force in the incident. My body worn camera was not activated due to the scene changing rapidly and not allowing time to activate it.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

File names:

Media (10).jpg

To view these documents refer to the on-line version of this incident report or contact LESC staff.



STATUS HISTORY

Action	By	Date	Comments
Submitted	FICK, SHANNON M.	10/09/2025 08:57	
Rejected	ARCE, JESSE A.	10/09/2025 16:22	link estars
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Approved	HORNER, JOHN E.	10/10/2025 09:39	

