

Witness Statement of [REDACTED]

Date of incident: Saturday, August 23, 2025 (approx. 9:00–11:00 a.m.)

Location: Etna Township Administration Building (“Town Hall”), Etna Township, Licking County, Ohio

Deputy addressed: Deputy Beaudoin, Licking County Sheriff’s Office

Statement date: August 23, 2025

Contact: [REDACTED]

Purpose of event

I host a public “Resident Forum/Open Office Hours” on the **4th Saturday of each month**. The purpose is to allow residents to ask questions and engage in civil dialogue with a trustee. Since April 2025, a group that includes [REDACTED] has repeatedly disrupted these forums.

Summary

On August 23, 2025, during my scheduled forum at Town Hall, [REDACTED] repeatedly **yelled, interrupted, and disrupted** the discussion while other residents attempted to ask questions. After multiple, clear requests from me to either maintain order or leave, [REDACTED] **refused**. I called for deputies. After deputies arrived and spoke with individuals in [REDACTED] group, the disruption continued. I ended the forum and instructed everyone to leave so I could **secure and lock the building**. [REDACTED] **refused to leave**, interfered with my efforts to shut down the building by **pushing his hand up into mine at the light switches**, and later attempted to **block the doors** and **prevent me from leaving in my vehicle** by placing his arm on my driver’s side mirror.

Chronology (approximate)

1. During the forum (≈9:00–10:00 a.m.)

- [REDACTED] repeatedly **yelled over others, interrupted, and disrupted** the discussion.
- I **repeatedly directed** [REDACTED] to maintain order or **leave the building**. He refused.

2. Deputy response

- I called for sheriff’s deputies due to the ongoing disruption.
- Responding deputies arrived and spoke with [REDACTED] group.

- A woman in the group was recording and, from what I observed, showed deputies **snippets** of video but **not** the events leading up to my requests for [REDACTED] to leave.
 - I was told deputies could not make him leave at that time. I disagreed, as he was causing a disturbance.
3. **Re-entry and renewed disruption**
- After temporarily stepping out, [REDACTED] **re-entered the building loudly stating “I’m back,”** again **disrupting** the discussion.
4. **Forum ended; refusal to leave**
- I **formally ended** the forum/open office hours and **instructed all present to leave** so I could secure the building.
 - [REDACTED] **refused** repeated instructions to leave for approximately 15 minutes.
 - I began **recording on my phone** and again directed him to leave; he **flatly said “no”** and remained seated.
5. **Light-switch interference and unwanted contact**
- As part of shutting down the building, I turned off sets of **light switches** located on opposite sides of the room.
 - [REDACTED] **turned the lights back on.**
 - When I returned to the front switches to turn them off, [REDACTED] **placed his hand underneath the switches and under/into my hand, pushing upward** to force the lights on. I kept downward pressure.
 - This was **unwanted, intentional physical contact** that interfered with my ability to shut down the building.
 - At one point, [REDACTED] **moved back and then toward me** in a manner that made me believe **he might strike me.**
6. **Door-closing interference and bungee incident (outside)**
- Outside, [REDACTED] **attempted to block the doors** from being closed as he spoke to his group.
 - The south door was propped open with a **bungee**. I reached around the door to release it so I could close and lock the door.
 - The bungee accidentally **slipped** and, to my understanding, **lightly grazed** [REDACTED] side with **minimal force.**
 - [REDACTED] then **exaggerated a delayed fall** as if he had been struck forcefully. Reminiscent of an NBA or soccer flop trying to get a foul that wasn’t there.
7. **Harassment near my vehicle; obstruction of departure**

- After I locked up, I briefly explained what happened on **Facebook Live** outside the building.
- [REDACTED] **approached closely** and **harassed** me as I walked to my truck, following me.
- At my vehicle, [REDACTED] **placed his hand/arm on my driver's side mirror, preventing me from leaving**. I didn't want him to falsely say I ran over his foot.
- I eventually left the area; [REDACTED] behavior remained **agitated and bizarre**.

Prior history

Since April 2025, this same group—often including [REDACTED]—has **purposefully disrupted** these monthly forums, requiring repeated reminders about decorum. I have also reached out previously to the Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor.

Evidence

- **Cell-phone video** recorded by me beginning after [REDACTED] refused to leave.
- **Facebook Live** video from outside after the building was secured.
- **Security camera footage** from Town Hall (has to be requested).
- Deputies' observations upon arrival.
- Additional resident witnesses present Thaaah Young 9167 Taylor Rd., Reynoldsburg, OH; Deb Hughes 129 Pebble Creek Drive, Etna, OH 43062

Witnesses (non-exhaustive; contact information available upon request)

- Multiple residents who were not part of [REDACTED] group and were attempting to participate in the forum.
- Responding deputies.

Requested action

I request that this incident be **documented** and that the Sheriff's Office **review the videos and witness accounts**. Based on the above, I believe [REDACTED] conduct constitutes **disorderly conduct** and **criminal trespass** (refusal to leave after being directed to do so), and that his **intentional, unwanted physical contact** at the light switches may constitute **assault** (albeit minor). I am **willing to cooperate fully** and **sign any necessary complaints**.

Certification:

I affirm under penalty of falsification that the above statement is **true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and recollection.**

Signature: [Redacted]

Name: [Redacted]

Date/Time: August 23, 2025 10:04pm

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]