



# PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **SHERIFF**



## Press Release

August 5, 2017

Supplement to press conference from August 4, 2017  
Brandon Lee Powell, Escaped Inmate

**Paulding, Ohio**—As of 11:30 a.m. this morning, the search continues for escaped Paulding County Inmate Brandon Lee Powell, age 32, an Antwerp, Ohio resident.

Agents from the FBI, US Marshals and the Ohio State Highway Patrol are currently assisting local authorities with this search. The US Marshals have offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of Powell.

The current search involves canvassing the area, speaking with residents in the area and following any leads coming into the office. There are no road closures at this time.

If anyone has information regarding the location of Powell, please contact the Sheriff's Office immediately. There is also a link on the sheriff's office website to submit an anonymous tip. The anonymous tip is truly anonymous. It is not possible to reply to the tip email. Information can also be emailed to Sheriff Jason K. Landers at [jklanders@pauldingohsheriff.com](mailto:jklanders@pauldingohsheriff.com).

Powell was booked in the Paulding County Jail July 8<sup>th</sup> on allegations of Rape. On July 13<sup>th</sup> he was admitted into the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. Powell overtook the transport deputy on the return trip to the Paulding County Jail on August 4<sup>th</sup>. While still restrained in a belly belt restraint system and leg shackles, Powell was able to take possession of the deputy's duty weapon prior to the escape.

Powell is considered armed and dangerous.

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# PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **SHERIFF**



## Press Release

August 6, 2017

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Branden Lee Powell, Escaped Inmate

**Paulding, Ohio**—As of 1:30 p.m. today, the search continues for escaped Paulding County Inmate Branden Lee Powell, age 32, an Antwerp, Ohio resident.

Agents from the FBI, US Marshals and the Ohio State Highway Patrol are currently assisting local authorities with this search. The US Marshals have offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of Powell.

The current search involves canvassing the area, speaking with residents in the area and following any leads coming into the office. There are no road closures at this time.

“Our team of local, state and federal agencies continues to follow tips coming into my office,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. “We are working around the clock to apprehend Mr. Powell. I cannot express enough gratitude to all of the folks that have reached out with support in various ways.”

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## Press Release

August 7, 2017

Supplement to press conference from August 4, 2017  
Branden Lee Powell, Escaped Inmate

### Paulding, Ohio—

This evening at approximately 6:00 p.m. information developed by law enforcement officers determined Branden Lee Powell was possibly in the rural area of Antwerp, Ohio. Officers and agents from Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, FBI and US Marshal Services collaborated and ultimately located Powell in the basement area crawl space of his parents' home. Efforts were made by law enforcement personnel to successfully and peacefully bring Powell out of the crawl space and place him in custody; however, Powell did not comply with those efforts. Branden Lee Powell chose to take his own life by gunshot at approximately 9:30 pm.

I would like to thank the numerous law enforcement agencies: Ohio State Highway Patrol, FBI, US Marshal Services, neighboring Sheriff's and their deputies and their personnel who have assisted us around the clock since this past Friday.

While this is not the outcome law enforcement had hoped for, law enforcement hopes the community can rest knowing this armed and dangerous individual is no longer a danger to the community.

Additional information and/or additional details cannot be provided as this continues to be an ongoing investigation.

Thank you.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers

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