

Krystal Barrows, via Facebook

Last Wednesday night, police in Chillicothe were on the verge of executing a heroin bust when 11-year Ross County Sheriff's Patrol Sgt. Brett McKnight's gun went off accidentally, killing 35-year-old Krystal Barrows who sat inside the home.

According to Matt Schmidt, legal counsel for the Ross County Sheriff's department, it didn't appear as though shots were fired at officers from within the trailer, although he did not physically witness the event.

The stray bullet passed through the outer wall, striking Barrows in the head and leaving her "in critical condition." Moments later, she died at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center.

As bungled as the U.S. 23 Task Force and Ross County Sheriff's raid was, the idea to conduct the raid didn't just come to law enforcement overnight. They had reportedly carried out a "lengthy and ongoing investigation by the sheriff's office and the task force" before mounting the offensive.

Once inside, [police said](#) they found about 11 people, including one man who possessed a loaded weapon, in addition to firearms, "multiple drug abuse instruments, large sums of cash" and "large amounts of what is presumed to be heroin."

"McKnight has been placed on paid leave for the time being," reported [The Daily Caller](#).

While the raid reportedly did net vast amounts of drugs, weapons and presumably bad people, the repercussions of this badly mishandled chapter of the war on drugs will forever affect the lives of Barrow's four children.

Her son Patrick posted the following on [Facebook](#) after his mother's death:

When my mom was alive she was always trying to find ways to help people when she was a nurse and even in death my momma saved two peoples lives today because she was an organ donor I love you momma R.I.P i miss you

The War on Drugs is widely perceived to be a mere hoax devised to distract from the fact [the government itself trafficks drugs](#), as well as [protects their cultivation](#) in faraway lands, generating seemingly endless opportunities for police to act out the role of heroes.

At the very least, the War on Drugs gives law enforcement an excuse to fire up [acquired heavy duty military equipment](#) and don expensive tactical military gear and weaponry, allowing them to safely unleash unholy war on mainly small-time drug dealers and [sometimes the wrong house](#).

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