

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2022-1726 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt. Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Officer Dickison (O)

Date of Activity: 10/31/2022

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Narrative:

On October 31, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body-camera video footage from two recordings from Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) and Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer (Ofc.) Dickison. The video footage is related to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on August 20, 2022, at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, and involved Randy and Bradley Wilhelm and members of the DTU.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities and conversations recorded on Ofc. Dickison's body camera and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all of the activities or conversations of Ofc. Dickison and the other members of the DTU which were recorded, nor is it a word–forword translation of the conversations. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information documented in the narrative.

It should also be noted that due to the DTU members wearing earpieces, radio traffic cannot be heard.

SA Tingley reviewed the video listed as 095700 and noted the following:

This video is 00:09:22 minutes in length and begins on August 20, 2022, at 09:56:55 hours, as Ofc. Dickison is standing inside of the moving DTU van with the door standing open and with other members of the DTU visible. No audio is heard.

At approximately 10:00:13 hours, the DTU van arrives at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The DTU BATT armored vehicle is seen parked facing northbound on Monroe Mills Road at the entrance to the driveway leading to Randy Wilhelm's residence at the aforementioned address with damage to both front windshields of the BATT.

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At approximately 10:00:57, Ofc. Dickison re-enters the DTU van with another DTU member.

At approximately 10:01:05 hours, the DTU van leaves southbound on Monroe Mills Road. After traveling and making a couple of turns, the van eventually begins traveling northbound on Gilchrist Road.

At approximately 10:06:17 hours, the van arrives in the area of 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in order to pick up the five DTU members involved in the officer-involved critical incident.

The video ends with the five DTU members involved in the officer-involved critical incident walking toward the DTU van.

SA Tingley then reviewed the video listed as 104100 and noted the following:

The video is 1:06:03 in length and begins at 10:41:46 hours, as the DTU van is parked on Gilchrist Road near Saundra Wilhelm's (Wilhelm) residence at 15266 Gilchrist Road. No audio is heard.

At approximately 10:45:42 hours, Ofc. Dickison walks southbound on Gilchrist Road.

At approximately 10:47:36 hours, Ofc. Dickison and another DTU member enter the driveway leading to Wilhelm's residence and begin walking eastbound, up the driveway.

At approximately 10:48:36 hours, Ofc. Dickison arrives at the outbuilding which is located south of Wilhelm's residence. Once there, he meets up with other DTU members. There is still no audio heard.

At approximately 11:00:31 hours, Ofc. Dickison moves with other DTU members to the rear (east side) of Wilhelm's residence where the DTU Bearcat is parked. There is still no audio heard.

At approximately 11:01:07, Ofc. Dickison arrives at the DTU Bearcat and meets up with DTU members who were assigned to the Bearcat.

At approximately 11:04:40 hours, Ofc. Dickison and other members of the DTU move to the rear of Wilhelm's residence. There is still no audio heard.

At approximately 11:08:04 hours, Ofc. Dickison enters Wilhelm's residence through a broken window on the east side of the residence. Other members of the DTU also enter, and, together, they begin clearing the residence.

At approximately 11:09:11 hours, a DTU member makes contact with Wilhelm in the residence. There is still no audio heard. Once Wilhelm is moved to a seat in the lower level of the residence, the DTU continues to clear the residence. Still no audio.

At approximately 11:24:51 hours, Wilhelm is brought to the front door (westside) of the residence and moved to a seat on the front porch of the residence. There is still no audio heard.

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At approximately 11:25:43 hours, the audio begins on the recording.

At approximately 11:38:52 hours, the audio is turned off, however, the video remains turned on.

At approximately 11:43:19 hours, the Fredericktown Fire Department ambulance and crew arrive at Wilhelm's residence, in order to check on the wellbeing of Wilhelm.

The video then concludes with Ofc. Dickison and other members of the DTU standing in the front yard of Wilhelm's residence after the ambulance departs with Wilhelm.

These video recordings are attached to this case file as Reference Item A.

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