

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



2022-1726 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, 43050 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Deputy Mox (O)

**Date of Activity:** 11/04/2022

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## Narrative:

On November 4, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body-camera video footage from Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Mox who is also assigned to the Delaware Crisis Negotiations Team (DCNT). 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 Dep. Mox'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 Dep. Mox and the other members of the DTU which were recorded, nor is it a word-for word 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.

SA Tingley reviewed the video listed as: qka01159\_20220820115520e0, and noted the following:

This video is 129:16 minutes in length and begins on August 20, 2022, at 07:54:50 hours, as Dep. Mox is standing in an unknown parking lot with multiple law enforcement vehicles present. Initially there is no audio.

At approximately 7:55:21 hours, the audio is activated.

At approximately 7:55:25 hours, Dep. Mox contacts Jackie Hager (Hagar) (Bradley Wilhelm's girlfriend) and escorts her to a marked sheriff's office cruiser.

At approximately 7:57:24 hours, Dep. Mox begins to interview Hager. Hager stated that she and Bradley Wilhelm left the campground at the Cardinal Center in Morrow County and were followed back to Knox County by a subject that she believed was a bail bondsman. When she

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and Bradley Wilhelm arrived at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and begin to enter the driveway leading to the Wilhelm Bottled Gas Business, she observed glass in the roadway. When she asked about the glass, no one answered her question. When asked, Hager stated that she did not witness any shooting but heard about it later. At the end of the interview, Hager was asked to draw a diagram of Saundra Wilhelm's residence, which she did.

At approximately 8:15:08 hours, Dep. Mox takes the diagram and shows it to the incident commander, DCSO Sergeant Diaz, at the command post.

At approximately 9:07:58 hours, the audio is turned off as Dep. Mox approaches the command post.

For the remainder of the video, Dep. Mox is at the command post watching a live feed from a drone as the incident progresses. However, for most of the video, the view is limited as Dep. Mox has his hand over the camera.

The video concludes with Dep. Mox standing in the parking lot in the general vicinity of the command post.

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

## ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

- Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively.
- Video recordings lack the history, perspective and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.
- Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical incident.
- Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use-of-force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

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