



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



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

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: DPD Ofc. ██████ (S)
Date of Activity: 10/14/2022
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Narrative:

On October 14, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body-camera video footage from Dublin Police Department (DPD) Officer (Ofc.) ██████ ██████ ██████, who is also assigned to the Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU). 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. ██████'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. ██████ 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.

It should also be noted that due to the DTU members wearing earpieces, radio traffic cannot be heard except when inside the Bearcat, when the radio inside of the Bearcat can be heard.

As there is no date or timestamp on this video, the time listed will be the progression of the video from the beginning of the video.

SA Tingley reviewed the video listed as 095120, and noted the following:

This video is 27:43 minutes in length and begins as Ofc. ██████ is seated in a moving Bearcat.

At 00:58, Ofc. ██████ opens the Bearcat rear door and exits the Bearcat. Ofc. ██████ is standing at the passenger rear of the Bearcat and begins watching the property to the east of the mother's house at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

At 04:36, another DTU team is seen at the outbuilding located south of the mother's house.

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At 04:37, gunshots heard.

At 05:13, Ofc. [REDACTED] and other members of the DTU move to new positions behind the driver's side of the Bearcat, with Ofc. [REDACTED] taking a position at the driver's side rear of the Bearcat.

At 05:23, more gunshots heard.

At 05:24, Ofc. [REDACTED] takes a kneeling position and begins monitoring the property to the south and southeast of his location.



At 07:17, more gunshots heard.

At 11:37, Ofc. [REDACTED] is advised that at least one of the threats is heading toward the DTU position at the mother's house.

At 11:50, an unidentified DTU member says, "Here he comes."

At 11:57, the quad/Razor begins coming through the tree line on a path southeast of the mother's house.

At 11:59, the quad/Razor clears the tree line.

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At 12:00, Ofc. [REDACTED] begins firing. DTU Lieutenant (Lt.) [REDACTED] who is standing over Ofc. [REDACTED] at the driver's side rear of the Bearcat, also begins firing. Due to the close proximity of the two DTU members, the exact number of shots fired by Ofc. [REDACTED] could not be determined.

At 12:16, the last shots fired by the DTU are heard.

Conversation is then heard between the DTU members as they continue to cover the quad/Razor, which came to a final rest near the tree line, a short distance east of the outbuilding (the outbuilding being south of the mother's house).

At 17:28, the DTU MRAP armored vehicle is seen at the location where the quad/Razor came to a final rest. At this point, the DTU team at the Bearcat stands down to avoid any crossfire issues.

At 17:30, the video is stopped so that the remainder of the video can be checked for potential Garrity issues.

As Ofc. [REDACTED] was within a few feet of DTU Lt. [REDACTED] and his body camera was recording at the same time as Lt. [REDACTED]'s body camera, it was determined that only one of the video recordings needed to be fully reviewed in regard to potential Garrity issues. Accordingly, BCI SA Charles Moran (Moran) and BCI SA Nick Valente reviewed the remainder of the video footage from Lt. [REDACTED]'s body camera. At the end of their review, SA Moran advised that there was potential Garrity content on the video. He also stated that there was no more important information directly related to the officer-involved critical incident on the remainder of the video.

This video recording is attached to this case file as Reference Item A.

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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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