



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



2023-0556
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: Trooper Benjamin Jenkins (W), Trooper John Moore (W)
Date of Activity: 02/25/2023
Activity Location: Rodeway Inn – 23897 US Route 23, Circleville, OH 43113,
Pickaway County
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Narrative:

On Saturday February 25, 2023, Circleville Police Department (CPD) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred outside of room 104 of the Rodeway Inn, 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville, OH (Rodeway Inn). CPD and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When deputies and officers arrived they located the female, who brandished a firearm. Two (2) deputies discharged their firearms, striking the female, who was transported to Grant and later succumbed to her injuries.

On April 26, 2023, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by Circleville Police Department. SA Poole copied the body worn camera (BWC) to a USB thumb drive and saved it within the physical case file. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Officer_Involved_Shooting (6) Trooper John Moore."

- The video begins with Trooper Moore in front of room 104 at the Rodeway Inn.
- Trooper Moore walks around the Hotel actively looking for Croston.



- Trooper Moore and other officers walk in front of room 104 and see a handgun between the curtains through window pointing at them.
- Trooper Moore and other officers move to cover behind the cruisers and start giving Croston commands to drop the weapon.
- The video is blocked due to Trooper Moore having a shield in front of him.
- Trooper Moore then moves behind another cruiser.
- Trooper Moore is heard yelling, "Put the gun down please Pamela" several times.
- At the 14:36 minute mark, several shots are heard.
- Trooper Moore then advances towards Croston's location with other officers and begins giving medical aid to Croston and waits for the medics to arrive.
- There is no relevant video to the incident for the remainder of the video.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Shooting_Incident_Trooper Ben Jenkins,"

- The video starts with Trooper Jenkins in route to the Rodeway inn.
- Trooper Jenkins arrives and parks near room 104 with other officers already on scene.
- Officers can be heard yelling "gun, gun". Trooper Jenkins finds cover behind a cruiser and gets his duty rifle out the back of his cruiser.
- The video is blocked by his arms and cruiser due to holding cover behind a cruiser.
- At the 11:46 minute mark, shots being fired can be heard.
- Trooper Jenkins advances towards Croston's position with other officers and begins helping give medical treatment to Croston.
- Trooper Jenkins assists with giving medical treatment until medics arrive.
- There is no relevant video to the incident for the remainder of the video.

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References:

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