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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:** Sergeant Darin Karbler (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 11/03/2022  
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**Narrative:**

On November 3, 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) Sergeant (Sgt.) Karbler, 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 Sgt. Karbler'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 Sgt. Karbler 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.

It should also be noted that this video recording took place after the officer-involved critical incident had occurred.

SA Tingley reviewed the video listed as: qka01465\_20220820161921e0, and noted the following:

This video is 66:26 minutes in length and begins on August 20, 2022, at 12:18:51 hours, as Sgt. Karbler is standing outside the DTU BATT armored vehicle in the driveway of Randy Wilhelm's residence located at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The BATT is facing the garage, and other DTU members and multiple Bomb Squad members are also observed standing in the same general area. Initially, there is no audio.

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At approximately 12:19:22 hours, the audio begins.

At approximately 12:25:49 hours, a DTU team from the BATT, accompanied by a bomb squad technician, leave the area of the BATT and move toward the open garage door.

Sgt. Karbler remains at the BATT with other DTU members and another bomb squad technician. After a few moments, the initial DTU team and the bomb squad technician return to the BATT from the residence.

At approximately 12:38:32 hours, the original DTU team and a separate bomb squad technician return to the residence.

At approximately 12:41:58 hours, Sgt. Karbler and a second DTU team move forward to the residence.

At approximately 12:46:01 hours, the first DTU team makes entry into the living area of the residence from the garage.

At approximately 12:51:24 hours, Sgt. Karbler enters the living area of the residence from the garage.

At approximately 1:04:12 hours, Sgt. Karbler leaves the residence through the door into the garage and goes to the DTU equipment van, where he retrieves two pole mirrors. Sgt. Karbler then returns to the residence.

At approximately 1:05:12 hours, Sgt. Karbler re-enters the living area of the residence from the garage.

Sgt. Karbler then spends time in the residence assisting the other DTU members with clearing the residence.

At approximately 1:19:09 hours, Sgt. Karbler leaves the residence through the door into the garage and returns to the area, where multiple DTU vehicles are parked.

The video concludes with Sgt. Karbler standing near a DTU vehicle and speaking with other tactical team members.

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

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- 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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