



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



2022-1316

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Ackerman Izak (V)

Investigative Activity: Dash Camera Review
Involves: Ackerman Izak (V)
Date of Activity: 07/01/2022
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 06/24/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) received video footage from the Allen County Sheriff's Department. SA Vollmer was informed that the videos contained footage from Deputy Izak Ackerman's (Ackerman) dash cam.

SA Vollmer reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

Video 1 – Deputy Ackerman is driving his patrol car and begins to follow a red sedan. After a series of turns and trying to catch up to the driver, he activates his lights but the vehicle continues driving. The driver pulls down an alley and pulls off in the grass. The driver opens the car door and immediately takes off running. Deputy Ackerman takes off running after him. At 1 minute and 35 seconds into the video, both men are out of sight of the camera. Deputy Ackerman re-emerges in the video at two minutes five seconds. He is seen talking on his radio, while running to the passenger side of his cruiser.

Back up arrives and Deputy Ackerman uses his flashlight to shine towards where the subject is. Deputy Ackerman is seen with a bloody injury to his face. More law enforcement arrives, as well medics. The area is taped off and BCI arrives to investigate.

The video is approximately three hours long.

Video 2 – The video footage appears to show a wider angle of the same footage as Video 1. In this video, Deputy Ackerman and the subject can be seen in the area where the altercation took place, however, the area is dark which makes it hard to see what is occurring. Initially, Deputy Ackerman had his flashlight on and it appeared the subject turned around and faced the deputy and both men went to the ground. The flashlight went dim during the altercation and muzzle flashes can be seen. Deputy Ackerman is seen running back towards the area of his cruiser with a visible injury to his jaw.

Nothing else significant occurs after that which wasn't seen in Video 1.

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Video 3 – Video footage of the rear-facing camera of the back seat. Nothing significant is seen.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Exhibit 2

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:

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

The CD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file.

File No.: 22-1316

Submitted By: S/A Vollmer

Date: 07/01/2022

From: Allen County Sheriff

To be returned

Not to be returned

Description: _____

Thumb drive containing Deputy Ackerman's cruiser video

Exhibit # 2