



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: Deputy Alfredo Magana (S)
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 "Deputy Alfredo Magana BWC."

- The video starts out with Deputy Magana arriving at the Rodeway Inn and walking towards room 104.



- As Deputy Magana approaches room 104, officers see someone pointing a a gun at them between the curtains in the window.
- Deputy Magana retreats to find cover behind his cruiser and gets out his duty issued rifle.



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- At the 5:00 minute marker, Croston is seen in the window holding a handgun to her head.
- Officers give several verbal commands to drop the weapon.



- At the 5:37 minute mark, Croston continues to not listen and stands in the doorway of room 104 with the handgun to her head.
- Deputy Magana is heard trying to negotiate with Croston giving her commands to drop the weapon and saying 'Please don't do this,' 'Don't make me,' and 'what about your kids.'
- Croston is seen pointing and yelling at the officers.

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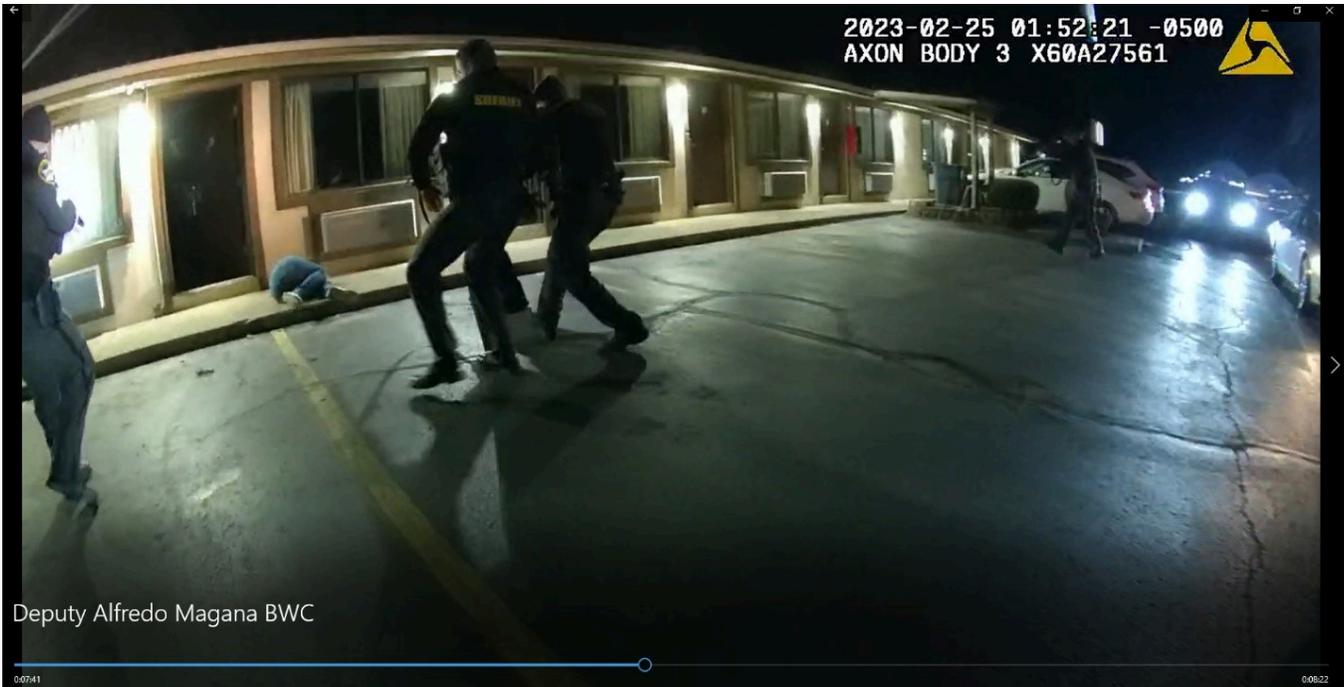


- At the 7:28 minute mark, Croston is seen pointing her handgun directly at Deputy Magana.



- At the 7:28 minute mark after Croston is seen pointing her handgun at Deputy Magana, he fires his rifle several times striking Croston causing her to fall down on the ground.

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- At the 7:41 minute mark, officers and deputies advance on Croston. As Deputy Magana approaches her he finds her handgun laying on the ground in front of her.
- Officers provide first aid immediately while they wait for the medics to arrive on scene.
- Deputy Magana guards Croston's handgun until it was recovered by another officer.
- Deputy Magana is seen placing his duty rifle back into his cruiser.
- The video shows no relevant information past this point.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Officer_Involved_Shooting(3)."

- The video shows a BWC of an officer driving to the scene.
- No relevant video is captured of the incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Officer_Involved_Shooting(4) Deputy Alfredo Magana."

- The video shows a BWC of Deputy Magana after the incident occurred being checked by medics.
- No relevant video is captured of the incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Officer_Involved_Shooting(5) Deputy Alfredo Magana."

- The video shows a BWC of Deputy Magana after the incident occurred being checked by medics.
- No relevant video is captured of the incident.

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References:

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