



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



2022-1354
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
(L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Officer K9 Zach Smith (W)
Date of Activity: 06/24/2022
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Friday June 24, 2022, Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred near 135 Old National Rd., Lore City, OH 43755. The female, later identified as Joy Graham (Graham), was stopped with stop sticks but refused to exit the vehicle. A canine was deployed, but Graham brandished a pistol. GCSO SRT was dispatched and after using non-lethal tactics, the SRT tried to extract Graham out of the vehicle. During the incident the two involved deputies fired into the vehicle. After being taken to Southeastern Medical Hospital, Graham ultimately succumbed to her injuries. Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) was assigned as the lead investigator.

On August 10, 2022, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by Cambridge Police Department of K9 Officer Zach Smith (Officer Smith). SA Poole copied the body worn camera (BWC) and cruiser camera footage 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 Cambridge Police folder "K9 Officer Zach Smith BWC 1".

- At 9:24 the footage shows Officer Smith sending the K9 to Graham's vehicle.
- At 9:38 Officer Smith approaches Graham's driver side door. While approaching, Graham makes what appears to be a deferitive movement away and quickly back toward Officer Smith.
- Officer Smith immediately yells, "she has a gun," and quickly retreats away from Graham's vehicle back to cover.
- Next 50 minutes include negotiations between Sheriff Paden and Graham who continues to refuse to exit the vehicle.
- The video ends when you can hear officers are discussing how to extract Graham from the vehicle.

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Cambridge Police folder "K9 Officer Zach Smith BWC 2".

- The video starts after the Officer-Involved Critical Incident had already occurred.
- The video footage shows Sheriff Paden breaking out Graham's driver side window with a ballistic shield.
- The video footage shows officers extracting Graham out of the vehicle and EMT's providing life saving techniques.
- The rest of the video shows Officer Zach Smith helping Major [REDACTED] check for injuries and helping set scene security.

References:

USB Thumbdrive – Black SanDisk memory card 64 GB