

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



2022-1545

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt 101, Austintown, Ohio 44515

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

**Date of Activity:** 07/28/2022

Activity Location: Ohio BCI&I Richfield NE Regional Office – Business – 4055

Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County

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## Narrative:

On Thursday, July 28, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (SA Lehnhart) received an email from Lieutenant Seth Douthitt of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Special Response Team (SRT). The email contained a link to evidence.com, which had twelve (12) video recordings related to the officer-involved shooting that occurred on July 19, 2022, involving Imonie Hackett and one (1) member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Special Response Team (SRT).

SA Lehnhart reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Title: 2022-07-19 15:52:14 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2875T

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1552 hours. The video recording was seventeen (17) minutes and eight (8) seconds long (00:17:08). The recording shows an unidentified OSHP SRT member standing in the doorway of apartment #104. This trooper remained in the apartment doorway with his body and rifle facing towards apartment #101. The trooper remained in this position for the entirety of the video.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:06:25 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2711T

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1606 hours. The video recording was twenty-four (24) minutes and two (2) seconds long (00:24:02). The recording shows members of the OSHP SRT team lined up near the door in apartment #104. At 1612 hours, several loud knocks can be heard coming from the area of apartment #101. Those noises were verified as coming from the OSHP SRT Robot which was trying to navigate the hallway.

At 1616 hours what appeared to be three (3) shots are heard on camera. A brief time later, the team moved down the hall to breach apartment #101's door. Team members push their way

through the door to find the young male standing at the end of the apartment hallway with his hands up. The boy is quickly picked up by a team member and carried out of the building.

At 1618 after successfully clearing the apartment, a call for EMS to enter is made. Arrangements were being made to move the robot for EMS entry. As troopers provide aid, a handgun is located near the corner end table.

At 1620 hours, EMS arrives.

At 1623 hours, EMS is on the cellular telephone with medical control asking for permission to place a secondary airway. Permission was granted while additional EMS providers appear.

AT 1628 hours, Hackett is seen on a cot, being carried out of building A, by EMS.



OSHP SRT enter to find young male at end of hallway.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:10:14 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2875T (Graphic Images)

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1610 hours. The video recording was seventeen (17) minutes and fifteen (15) seconds long (00:17:15). The recording shows members of the OSHP SRT team lined up near the door in apartment #104.

At 1612 hours, the OSHP SRT robot works to gain communications by knocking on Apartment #101's door.

At 1616 hours what appears to be three (3) shots are heard. Additionally, radio traffic can be

heard saying "shot out, shot out, shot out." OSHP SRT moves to breach the apartment door. After the door is breached, OSHP SRT team members can be heard saying "come here buddy." As the apartment was cleared, troopers begin first aid measures, secured the weapon, and call for paramedics to enter. Paramedics are observed entering the apartment and assuming emergency care.

At 1623 hours, EMS is on the cellular telephone with medical control asking for permission to place a secondary airway. Permission was granted while additional EMS providers appear.

At 1624 hours, OSHP SRT member walks out into building A's hallway. Video ends as trooper is walking outside of Building A.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:13:20 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2972T

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1613 hours. The video recording was thirteen (13) minutes and six (06) seconds long (00:13:06). The recording shows an unidentified OSHP SRT member standing in apartment #104, second (shield) behind a rifleman in the doorway. Noise coming from the hallway is that of the OSHP SRT robot negotiating the building's hallway.

At 1616 hours what appeared to be three (3) shots are heard on camera. The team moved down the hall to breach the door of apartment #101. Team members push their way through the door to find the young male standing at the end of the hallway with his hands up. The boy is quickly picked up by a team member and carried out of the building. Troopers begin searching apartment for items that can be utilized for first aid. The apartment is cleared by OSHP SRT members.

At 1623 hours, EMS is on the cellular telephone with medical control asking for permission to place a secondary airway. Permission was granted while additional EMS providers appear.

Video ends while troopers conduct a secondary search of apartment #101 for any additional individuals.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:14:10 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2920T

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1614 hours. The video recording was ten (10) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds long (00:10:59). The recording shows members of the OSHP SRT team lined up near the door in apartment #104.

At 1616 hours what appears to be three (3) shots are heard. Team members begin asking if they should breach. After the breach, the team is seen calling and removing the nine (9) year old boy from the residence. They continue to search the apartment for other individuals. Troopers are observed removing OSHP SRT equipment from the apartment. After equipment is secured, troopers return to apartment #101 to assist in a secondary search for individuals.

Video ends as troopers walk outside and around the building to OSHP's armored vehicle located on the southwest side of the apartment.

<u>Title: 2022-07-19 16:14:57 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2087V</u>

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1614 hours. The video recording was twenty-three (23) minutes and twenty-six (26) seconds long (00:23:26). The recording shows a member of the OSHP SRT Team operating the robot.

The robot's camera shows the legs of the troopers breaching the door. After the breach, the operator moved the robot into a protected position near the north steps where it remained until the robot was extracted from the bottom floor of building A.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:15:21 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2291U

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1615 hours. The video recording was seven (7) minutes and thirty-one (31) seconds long (00:07:31). The recording shows a member of the OSHP SRT team standing outside on the southwest exterior side of Building A.

At 1616 hours team members flinch and move for cover. The team then moves in to "break and rake" the bedroom window. The mini robot operator on the exterior of the building is seen trying to reconnect communications with the robot. Eventually he abandons the controller and the team moves to the broken window to try and recover the mini bot.

The video ends as troopers remain outside collecting their equipment.

<u>Title: 2022-07-19 16:16:10 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2347V</u>

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1616 hours. The video recording was thirteen (13) minutes and thirteen (13) seconds long (00:13:13). The recording shows unidentified OSHP SRT members standing in apartment #104.

At 1616 hours team members begin asking if they should breach. After the breach, the team is seen calling and removing the nine (9) year old boy from the residence. They continue to search the apartment for others. A trooper is observed checking for a pulse on Hackett and reporting that he felt nothing. They begin to clear furniture and obstructions out of the way for responding EMS personnel. A secondary search is conducted on the apartment.

At 1623 hours, EMS is on the cellular telephone with medical control asking for permission to place a secondary airway. Permission was granted while additional EMS providers appear.

Troopers return to apartment #104 to collect equipment and leave Building A as the video comes to an end.

<u>Title: 2022-07-19 16:22:58 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2893U</u>

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1622 hours. The video recording was two (2) minutes and twenty-five (25) seconds long (00:02:25). The recording shows an unidentified OSHP SRT member walking in the tree lawn area between 4851 Westchester Drive, Building A and 4853 Westchester Drive, Building A, where the OSHP SRT sniper was positioned in the laundry room. Next video is a continuation of this video.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:25:24 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2893U

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1625 hours. The video recording was two (2) minutes and twenty-seven (27) seconds long (00:02:27). The recording shows an unidentified OSHP SRT member walking in the tree lawn area between 4851 Westchester Drive, Building A and 4853 Westchester Drive, Building A, the building where the OSHP SRT sniper was positioned in the laundry room. The video continues as the trooper enters 4853 Westchester Drive, Building A and records the laundry room where the sniper was operating. Next video is a continuation of this video.

<u>Title: 2022-07-19 16:28:27 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2893U</u>

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1628 hours. The video recording was two (2) minutes and eighteen (18) seconds long (00:02:18). The recording shows two (2) unidentified OSHP SRT members standing in the laundry room. Next video is a continuation of this video.

Title: 2022-07-19 16:30:52 -400 Axon Body 3 X60A2893U

According to evidence.com, this video started recording on July 19, 2022 at 1630 hours. The video recording was two (2) minutes and zero (00) seconds long (00:02:00). The recording shows an unidentified OSHP SRT member walking the halls and eventually out of 4853 Westchester Drive, Building A.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as Item A. for reference only.

## Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Entry\_1

## 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



