



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report**



2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Video Review: [REDACTED] BWC Reviewed,
Amped Replay Used

Involves: [REDACTED]

Activity Date: 09/17/2024

Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On September 17, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) completed a review of the video captured from the body-worn camera (BWC) of [REDACTED] during this incident.

[REDACTED] created three separate BWC videos relevant to this investigation and all three videos were reviewed as noted below.

Amped Replay was used to review the videos.

SA Valente made working copies of the three BWC videos and placed the copied videos in a folder on his BCI issued laptop. The working copies of the videos were used for the review.

BWC VIDEO #1:

[REDACTED]_202408292217_BWC2010812-0 Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 254 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:16:952 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 22:17:53
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	254
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:18:10
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

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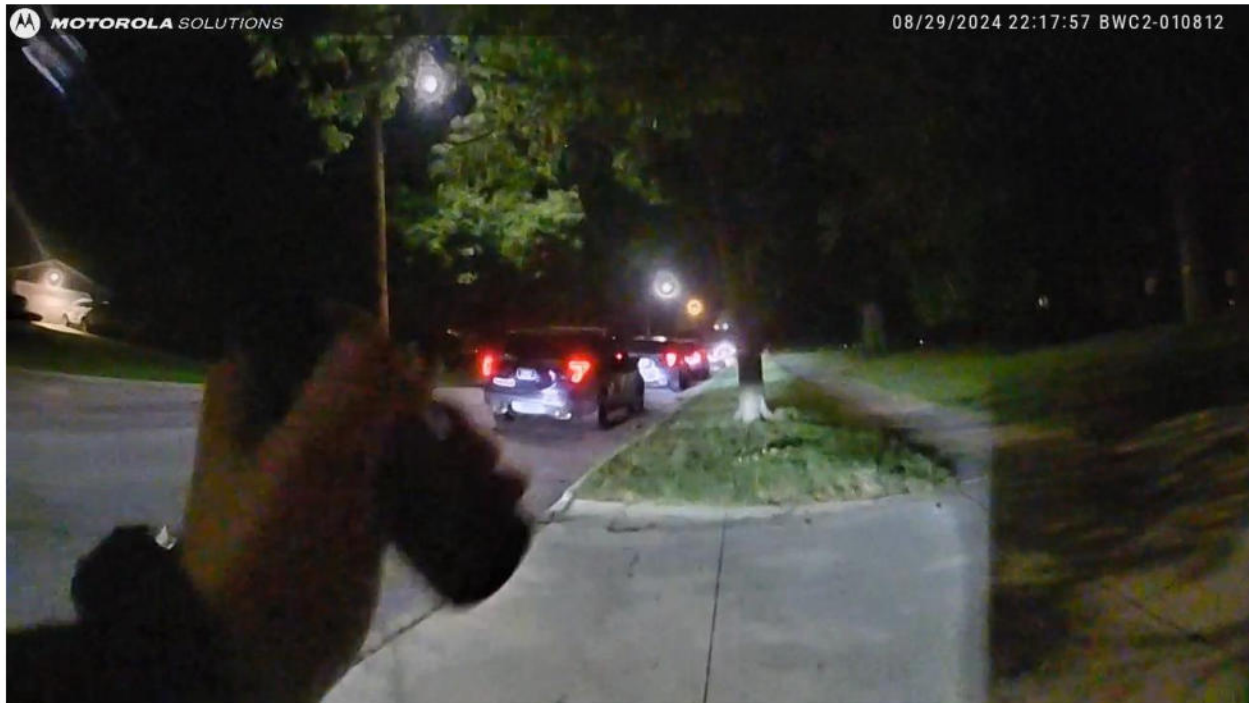
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The video began as [REDACTED] was standing in front of 1321 Yellowstone Road, and walking toward the subject residence located three houses to the west.

The following frames were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay and the activity and content were noted:

Frame	10
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:17:53
Activity/Notes	A yellow "AMERICAN ASPHALT" sign is visible in the lower right portion of the frame providing a reference point to indicate [REDACTED] was then standing in the tree lawn in front of 1331 Yellowstone Road.



Frame	59
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:17:57
Activity/Notes	As [REDACTED] walked across the driveways of 1321 and 1331

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	Yellowstone, which share a common/ connected driveway apron, a fellow officer can be heard on [REDACTED] police radio state, "Alright, yeah he has the gun in his hand at the front door." At the end of this transmission [REDACTED] [REDACTED] immediately turned around and began to walk towards his cruiser.
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Frame	123
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:18:01
Activity/Notes	[REDACTED] shadow is present as he was now turned away from the subject residence and began to return to his police cruiser.

Frame	185
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024

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Activity/Notes	██████████ began unlocking the front passenger door of his patrol vehicle. While doing so, an officer can be heard saying on the police radio "He walked back into the house." At the same time, ██████████ stated to someone not visible on the video, "Hey, keep cover behind the cruiser." and the recording ended.
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BWC VIDEO #2:

██████████_202408292221_BWC2010812-0 Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 10,859 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:12:04:76 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 22:21:30
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	10859
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:33:34
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

This second BWC video began approximately 3 minutes and 20 seconds after the following BWC video ended. The officer-involved shooting occurred during the time the last BWC video ended and this BWC video began. As this BWC video began, ██████████ was now standing to the right (south) of the front door of the home located at 1305 Yellowstone Road. ██████████ rifle was pointed towards the driveway of 1305 Yellowstone.

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Frame	8
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:21:30
Activity/Notes	The subject, Christian Thomas, is visible in the upper left corner of the frame. Thomas appeared to be lying on his stomach facing away from the direction of approaching officers. Thomas' hands and feet are not clearly discernable at this point in the video. [REDACTED] rifle is pointed in the general direction of Thomas.

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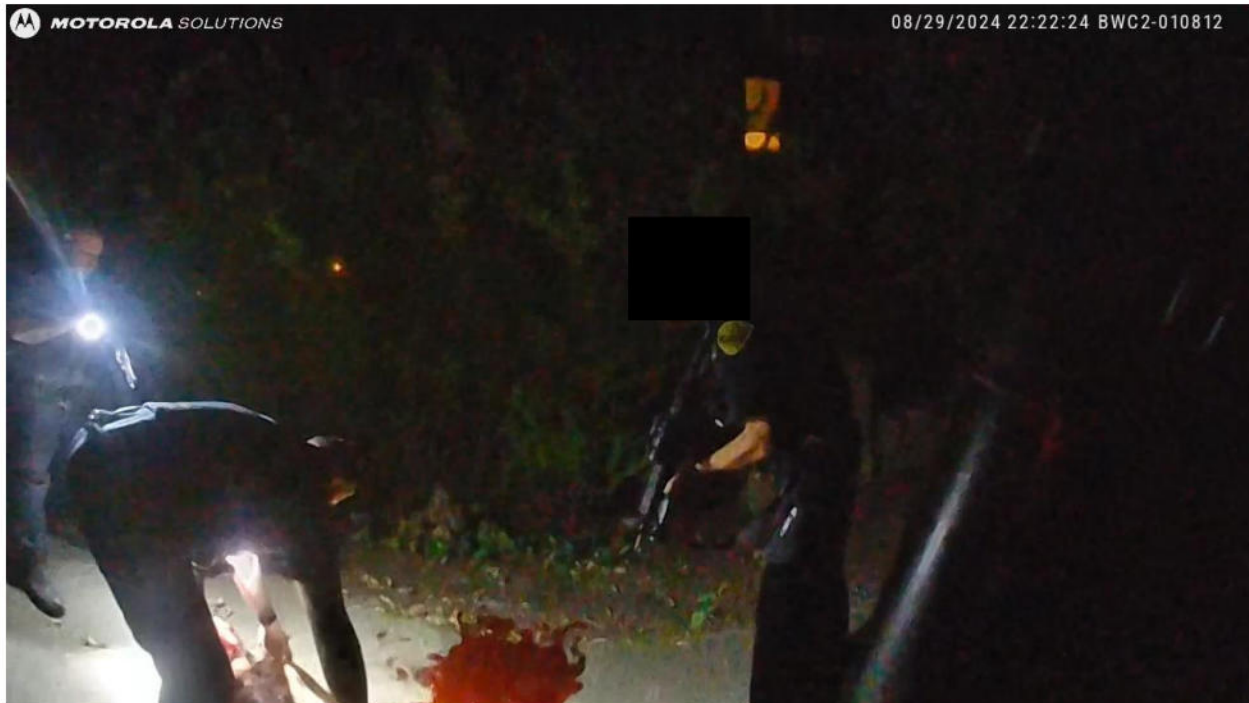


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Frame	216
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024
Activity/Notes	██████████ was now positioned in the front yard of 1305 Yellowstone Road after having walked backwards and away from Thomas. Moments after this frame, ██████████ then returned towards the subject.

Frame	496
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:22:03
Activity/Notes	An officer can be heard over the police radio stating, "All right radio, roll a squad."

Frame	811
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:22:24

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Activity/Notes	Beginning around this frame, [REDACTED] asked the group of three officers who were positioned in front of him and who had just made contact with the subject, "Where's the gun?" [REDACTED] who was standing near the subject, responded saying something that began unintelligible but included "I think he dropped it." After receiving this response, [REDACTED] returned towards the front door and shined his flashlight in that area, indicative of looking for a firearm dropped by the subject.
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Frame	1681
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:23:22
Activity/Notes	Beginning around this frame, [REDACTED] can be heard saying, "90, radio, if the squad can pull up."

After requesting the ambulance approach the scene, [REDACTED] walked towards the sidewalk in front of the subject's home where Genisis Thomas (Genisis) was then standing. Genisis is the sister of the subject. Genisis, asked [REDACTED] as he approached, "Did you all shoot him with that (an apparent reference to the rifle [REDACTED] was holding)?" [REDACTED] responded to Genisis, who appeared distraught, "No, No." [REDACTED] approached Genisis and attempted to console her and keep her from approaching the subject who was receiving treatment from other police officers.

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Frame	3010
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:24:51
Activity/Notes	██████████ handed his patrol rifle to Officer Elbiri and said, "Take this, put it in the cruiser."

In the following frames ██████████ joined another officer in attempting to hold the subject's father, Ferrel Thomas (Ferrel), back from approaching the subject as he was being evaluated by EMS. While doing so, Ferrel complained to police that he should have stayed inside the home rather than have listened to the officer's commands to exit the home.

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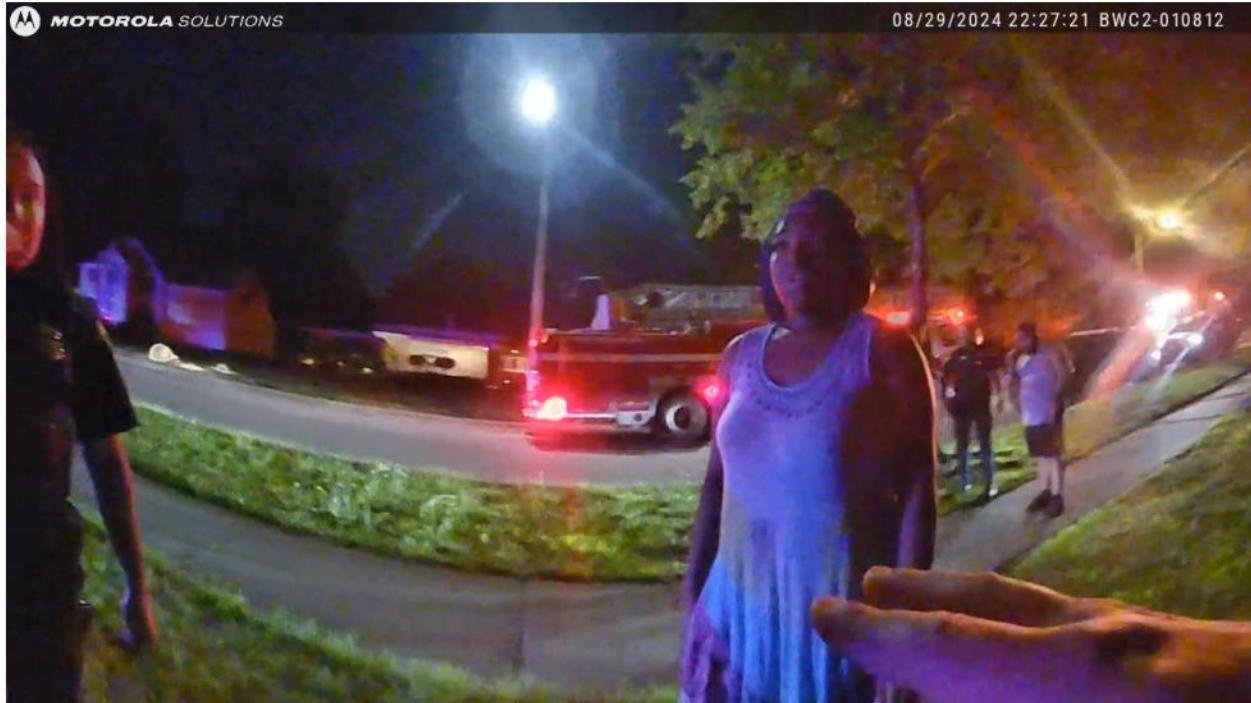


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Frame	5260
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:27:21
Activity/Notes	██████████ and Genises began to discuss the shooting in the front yard of the subject's home.

Genisis told ██████████ "Y'all didn't have to shoot him. Y'all couldn't have tased him or something? Maced him? ██████████ replied, "I know, but he was shootin." Genisis replied "Is that the only thing y'all know how to do is shoot a fuckin' gun?" ██████████ replied "He was shooting, He was shooting. Listen, he was shooting at us." Genisis replied "How many, y'all shot him like eight times. ██████████ responded, "He was shooting at us. He was shooting this way." Genisis replied, "Oh my fucking god. He's about to die" Genisis then answered a phone call ending the conversation. At the conclusion of this conversation ██████████ returned towards the front of the home and appeared to look around with his flashlight in an apparent attempt to locate a firearm discarded by the subject.

Frame	6762
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:29:01

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Activity/Notes	██████████ who appeared to have been looking for a discarded firearm asked ██████████, "Hey, no, no firearm recovered yet?" ██████████ responded to a question from a nearby fireman asked at the same time rather than ██████████.
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In the following frames ██████████ asked Officer Ondercin if a firearm discarded by the subject had been found. Officer Ondercin stated "no", noticed blood on his person and the two briefly discussed if Officer Ondercin may have been shot. ██████████ checked Officer Ondercin and did not find evidence beyond the already noticed blood that would indicate Officer Ondercin was shot.



Frame	7979
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:23:22
Activity/Notes	██████████ was standing next to Officer Ondercin as Officer Ondercin explained to a fireman where the subject lived and further stated "He came out

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	this window and the shots were fired here..."
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Frame	8592
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:31:03
Activity/Notes	[REDACTED] was standing between the subject's front yard and the neighboring yard. [REDACTED] told another officer to look in the area for a firearm.

In the following frames [REDACTED] appeared to again search around the front door and the front left (north) of the home for a firearm discarded by the subject.

Frame	10542
Video-Embedded Timestamp	08/29/2024 22:33:13
Activity/Notes	[REDACTED] began to walk between the subject's home and 1305, and stated "You found it? Okay." This is an apparent reference to the subject's firearm being located.

[REDACTED] then reported to Officer Ondercin that he fired his weapon. Officer Ondercin told [REDACTED] he would need to leave the scene. [REDACTED] stated okay and began to walk away. As he began walking away, [REDACTED] BWC recording ended.

BWC VIDEO #3:

[REDACTED]_202408292234_BWC2010812-0 Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 359 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:23:96 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 22:34:05
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

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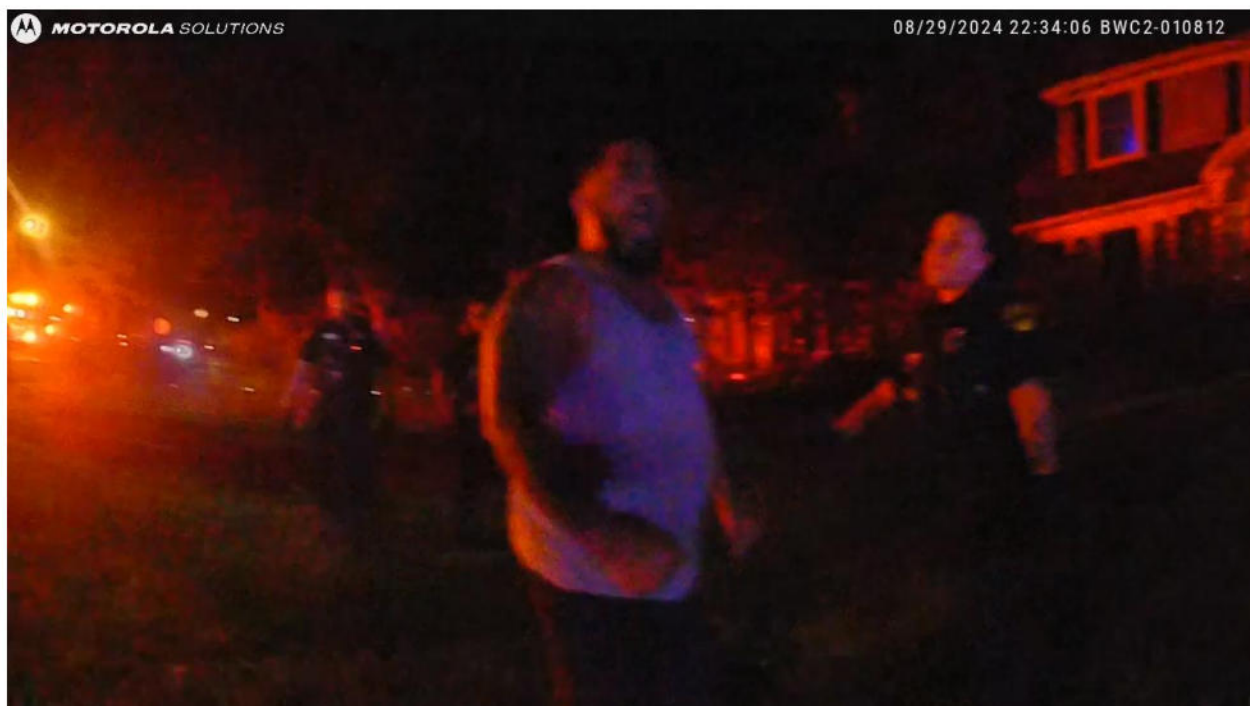


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Frame	359
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:34:29
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

This third BWC video began approximately 31 seconds after the following BWC video ended. The video began as officer were attempting to calm down Ferrel.



Frame	16
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:34:06
Activity/Notes	Ferrel is visibly upset and yelled "I can't!" before slowly walking in circles and crying in his front yard. [REDACTED] and Officer Perez appeared to be trying to calm Ferrel down.

After Ferrel began to walk away from [REDACTED] while crying, [REDACTED] asked Officer Elbiri for the key to the police car and stated "Alright, I gotta go." The BWC video then ended as [REDACTED] began to walk away from the scene towards his police vehicle.

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All frames referenced above, except for the start time and end time frames, were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay. The images were exported to the folders "Of [REDACTED] BWC 1 Derivatives and Reports", "[REDACTED] BWC 2 Derivatives and Reports", and "[REDACTED] BWC 3 Derivatives and Reports"

An Amped Replay report was generated for each of [REDACTED] three BWC videos reviews and bookmarked images. The reports were exported to the same three folders noted above. Please refer to the reports for further details. The Amped Replay reports for each of these BWC videos was attached to this report. Refer to these reports for further details.

The video file working copies, the Amped Replay bookmarked images, and the Amped Replay reports were copied to a USB thumb drive and were placed into the BCI physical case file as Reference Item N.

References:

Item N - USB Thumbdrive - Amped Replay Report and Derivatives for BWC Videos

Attachments:

1. [REDACTED] BWC #1 Working Copy Report
2. [REDACTED] BWC #2 Working Copy Report
3. [REDACTED] BWC #3 Working Copy Report

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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 33908
Report Generation Time 2024-09-17 15:37:29.000

File Information

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Playback Fps 14.9828
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 255
Duration (time) 00:00:16.952
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

First Frame
Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 254



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 15.0000

Output File

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Motion Detection Information

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Bookmarks

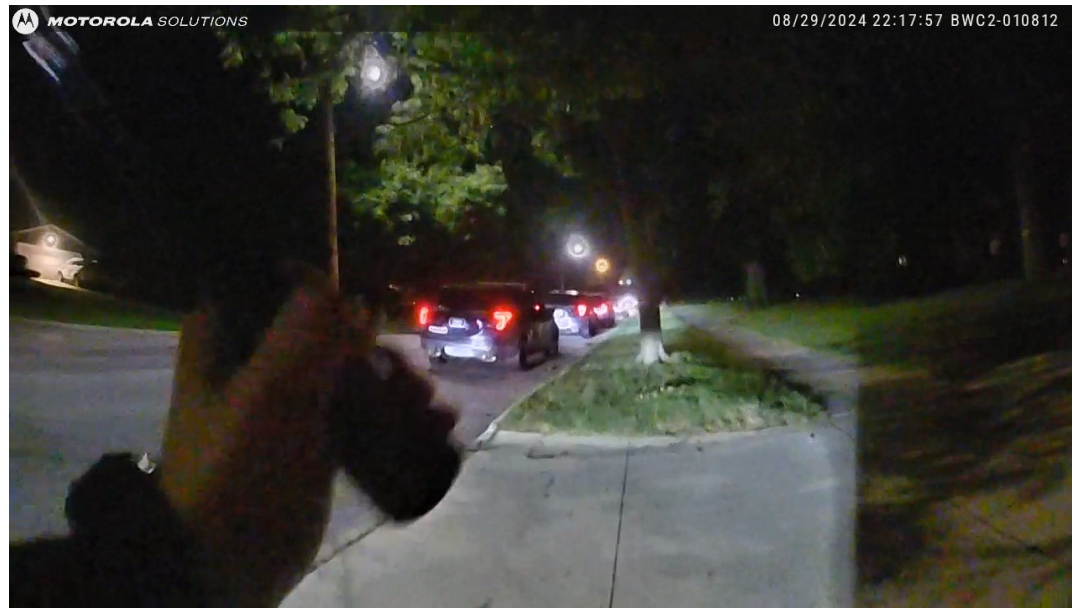
Frame 10



Description

A yellow "AMERICAN ASPHALT" sign is visible in the lower right portion of the frame providing a reference point to indicate [REDACTED] was then standing in the tree lawn in front of 1314 Yellowstone Road.

Frame 59



Description

As [REDACTED] walked across the driveways of 1314 and 1321 Yellowstone, which share a common/ connected driveway apron, a fellow officer can be heard on [REDACTED] police radio state, "Alright, yeah he has the gun in his hand at the front door." At the end of this transmission [REDACTED] immediately turned around and began to walk towards his cruiser.

Frame 123



Description

[REDACTED] shadow is present as he was now turned away from the subject residence and began to return to his police cruiser.

**Description**

██████████ began unlocking the front passenger door of his patrol vehicle. While doing so an officer can be heard saying on the police radio "He walked back into the house." At the same time, ██████████ stated to someone not visible on the video, "Hey, keep cover behind the cruiser" and the recording ended.

Motion Detection Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

No annotations applied

Audio Redaction Information

No audio redaction applied

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 33908
Report Generation Time 2024-10-03 09:22:16.000

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Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 10860
Duration (time) 00:12:04.762
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-2614
Location: 1309 Yellowstone Road
Camera: ██████████ BWC #2
Purpose of Viewing: Investigative Review
Submitted by: SA Valente
Review Summary: See attached report.

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 10859



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 14.9828

Processing Information

Correct Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Rotate Angle: 0

Crop Roi: x: 0, y: 0, w: 0, h: 0

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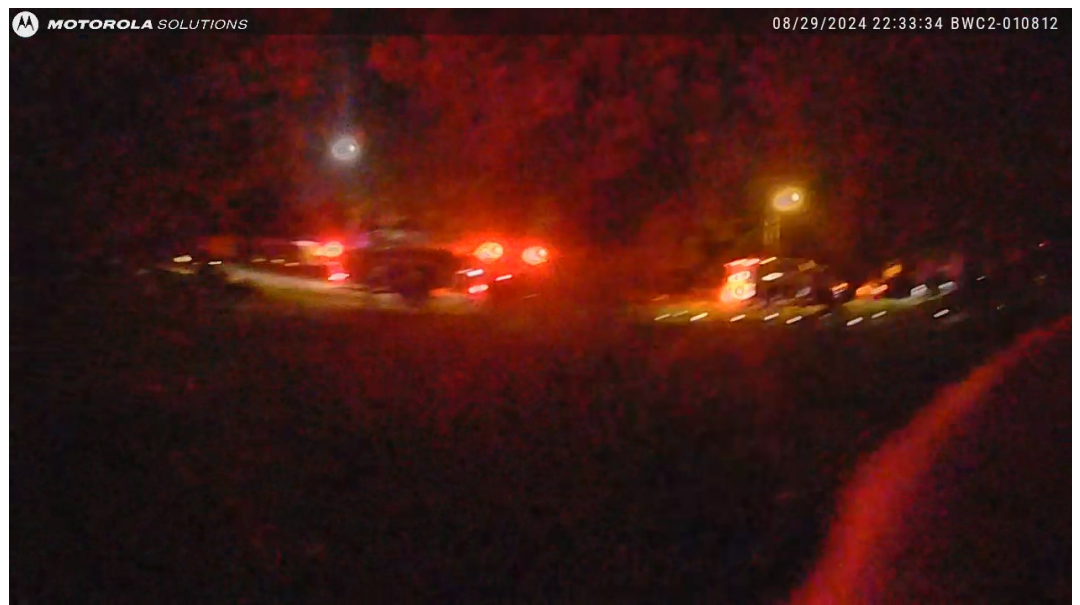
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Last Frame of Output Video
Frame 10859



Motion Detection Information

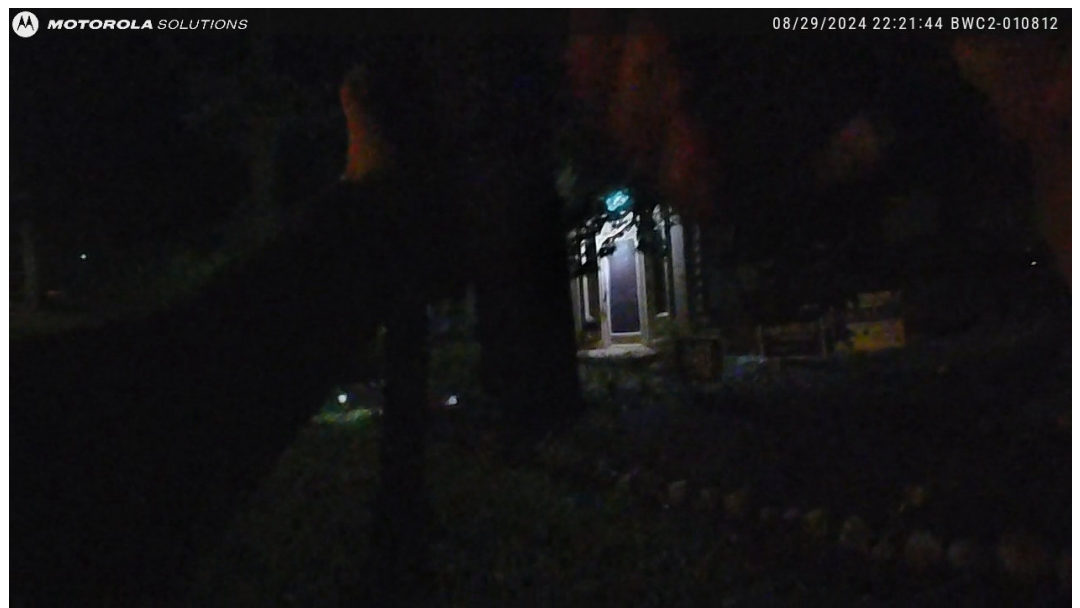
Region of Interest	Full Frame
Threshold	1

Bookmarks

Frame 8



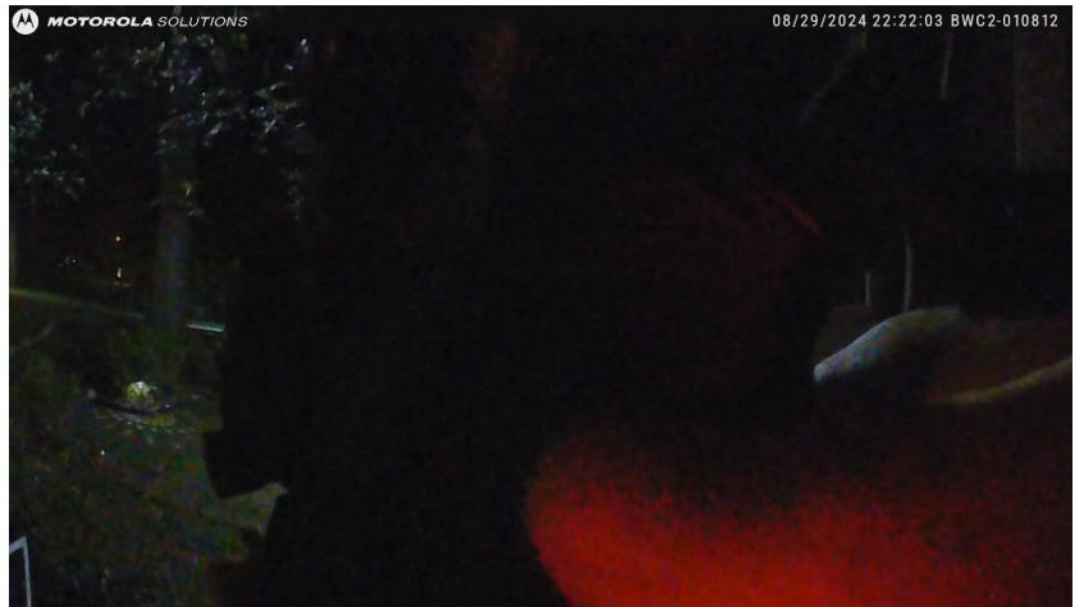
Frame 216



Description

██████████ was now positioned in the front yard of 1305 Yellowstone Road after having walked backwards and away from Thomas. Moments after this frame, ██████████ then returned towards the subject.

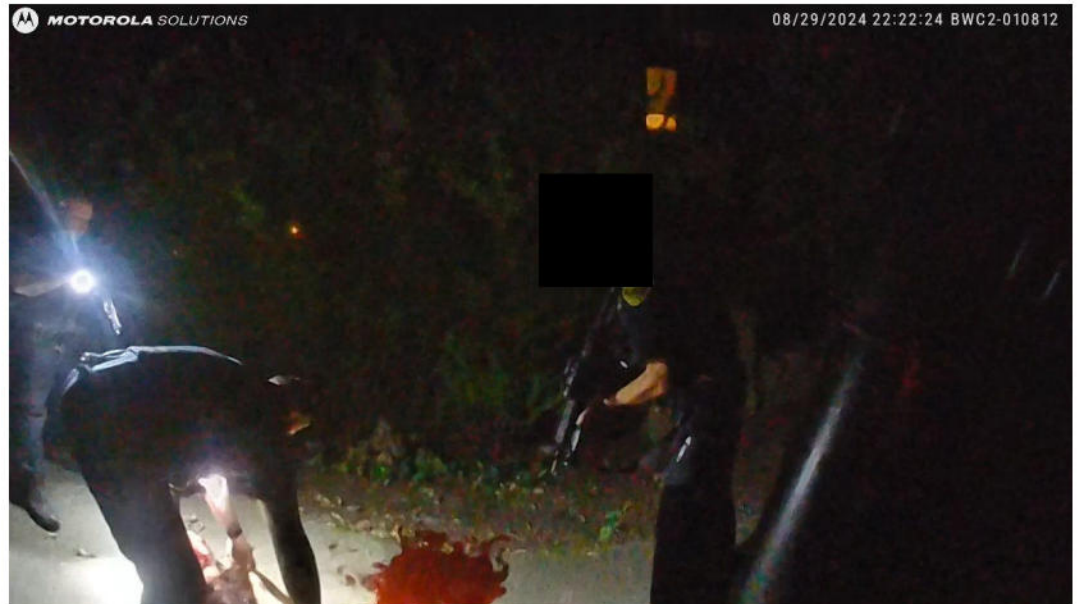
Frame 496



Description

An officer can be heard over the police radio stating, "All right radio, roll a squad."

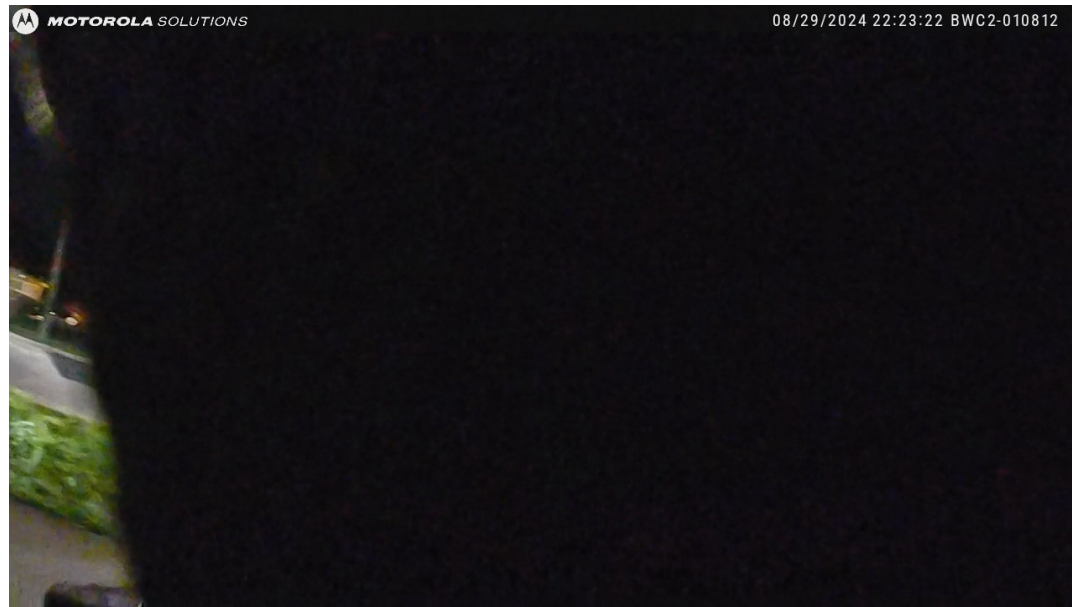
Frame 811



Description

Beginning around this frame, [REDACTED] asked the group of three officers who were positioned in front of him and who had just made contact with the subject, "Where's the gun?" [REDACTED] who was standing near the subject, responded saying something that began unintelligible but included "I think he dropped it." After receiving this response [REDACTED] returned towards the front door and shined his flashlight in that area, indicative of looking for a firearm dropped by the subject.

Frame 1681



Description

Beginning around this frame, [REDACTED] can be heard saying, "90, radio, if the squad can pull up."

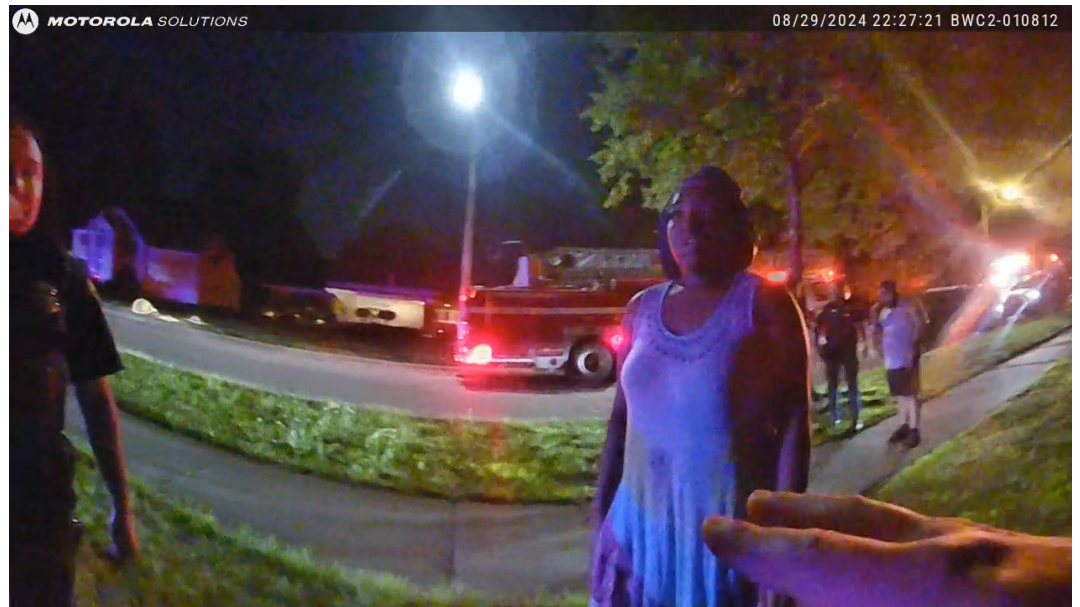
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Description

[REDACTED] handed his patrol rifle to Officer Elbiri and said "Take this, put it in the cruiser."

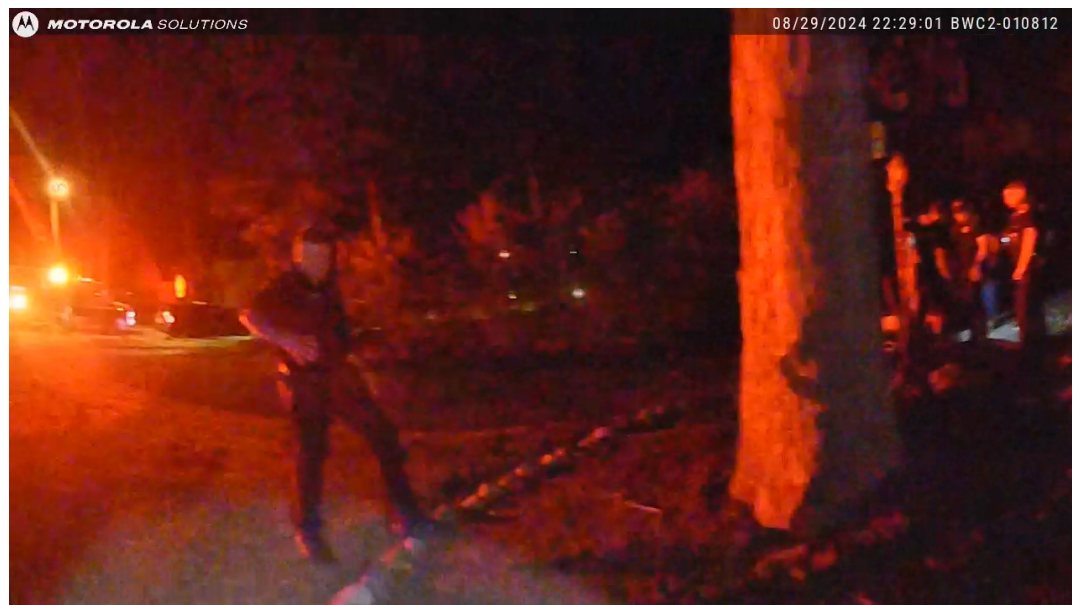
Frame 5260



Description

██████████ and Genises began to discuss the shooting in the front yard.

Frame 6762



Description

██████████ who appeared to have been looking for a discarded firearm asked ██████████ "Hey, no, no firearm recovered yet?" ██████████ responded to a question from a nearby fireman asked at the same time rather than ██████████

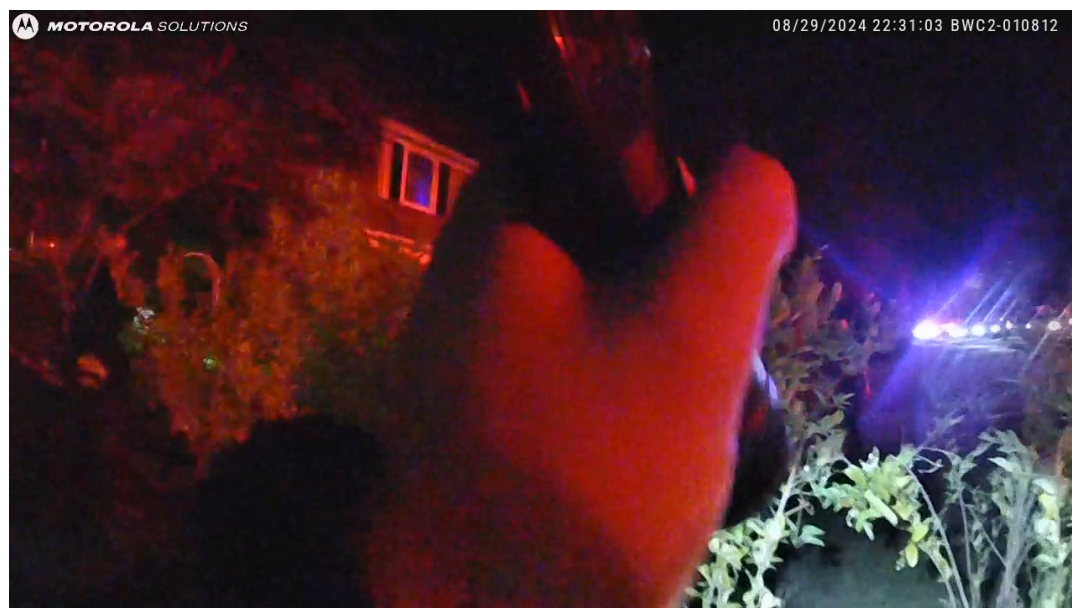
Frame 7979



Description

██████████ was standing next to Officer Ondercin as Officer Ondercin explained to a fireman where the subject lived and further stated "He came out this window and the shots were fired here..."

Frame 8592



Description

██████████ was standing between the subject's front yard and the neighboring yard. ██████████ told another officer to look in the area for a firearm.



Description [REDACTED] began to walk between the subject's home and 1305, and stated "Youn found it? Okay." This is an apparent reference to the subject's firearm being located.

**Motion Detection Bookmarks
Information**

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

No annotations applied

Audio Redaction Information

No audio redaction applied

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 33908
Report Generation Time 2024-10-03 10:16:24.000

File Information

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Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 360
Duration (time) 00:00:23.960
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-2614
Location: 1309 Yellowstone Road
Camera: [REDACTED] BWC 3
Purpose of Viewing: Investigation
Submitted by: SA Valente
Review Summary: See attached report.

First Frame
Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 359



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 14.9828

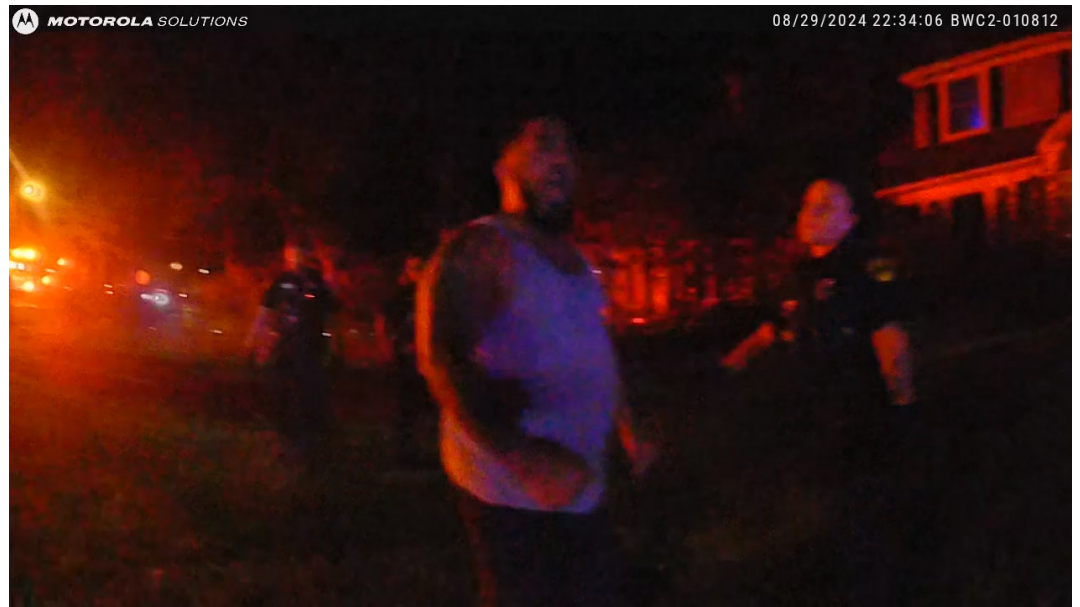
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Motion Detection Information

Region of Interest Full Frame
Threshold 1

Bookmarks



Description Ferrel is visibly upset and yelled "I can't!" before slowly walking in circles and crying in his front yard. [REDACTED] and Officer Perez appeared to be trying to calm Ferrel down.

Motion Detection Bookmarks Information No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information No annotations applied

Audio Redaction Information No audio redaction applied