



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



2022-1734
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 27724 Zuck Road, Howard,
Ohio 43028

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: Kevin Williams (W)
Date of Activity: 08/22/2022
Activity Location: Ohio BCI&I Richfield, Northeast Regional Office – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County
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Narrative:

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) received video footage from the Knox County Sheriff's Office. SA Lehnhart was informed that the videos contained footage from the body-worn camera video recorded by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

SA Lehnhart reviewed and noted the following:

2022-08-22 21:09:33 -0400
Axon Body 3 X60A41425

Video is 27 minutes and 54 seconds (00:27:54) long. The body-worn camera (BWC) video is that of Deputy Kevin Williams (Williams).

Deputy Williams was originally working a security detail at the Wilhelm Family property before being dispatched to assist on Zuck Road.

The video opens with a view of the Delano residence. Deputy Williams arrived on scene and was able to drive his patrol vehicle to an area in front of the Delano residence, which provided officers with additional protection from Delano as she fired a shotgun towards them.

Delano was heard firing her weapon at the following times in the video: (01:37), (02:25), (04:31), (05:28).

At (05:37), Deputy Collins is heard yelling, "Drop the gun now." Deputy Collin's fires one shot at (05:39).

Officers are seen moving towards Delano, who is laying on the ground in front of her Cadillac.

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Deputy Williams asks for a first aid kit, while he removes his patrol rifle from his shoulder. Over the next several minutes, he begins to assist Sergeant Ramsier with aid to Delano. At (08:13), Deputy Williams begins cardiopulmonary resuscitation compressions (CPR). EMS assumes care for Delano at (12:22). Deputy Williams then goes to check on Deputy Collins near the roadway.

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 USB drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item A, for reference only.

References:

A – USB Thumbdrive