



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



2025-1666
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 909 Garden Ave., Middletown,
OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: Michael Baker (S)
Date of Activity: 05/27/2025
Activity Location: – 909 Garden Ave., Middletown, OH

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Agent (SA) Richard Ward received and reviewed Middletown Police [REDACTED] body-worn camera.

The report summarizes the BWC and recommends the video be viewed in its entirety. See SA Seitzman's investigative report where the Amped Replay software was utilized to extract sub clips from [REDACTED] BWC.

On May 27, 2025, at 0720 [REDACTED] body-worn camera (BWC) activates.

0720:25: [REDACTED] exited his marked patrol vehicle and met up with Middletown Police Detective Hoyle, Grindstaff, Crank and Singleton on the sidewalk and all proceeded to 909 Garden Ave.

0720:37: The audio activated on [REDACTED] BWC.

0720:52: [REDACTED] and Detectives Hoyle (Halligan), Crank (ram) and Grindstaff (lethal cover-rifle) walked onto the porch of 909 Garden Ave. and Grindstaff announces, "909 Garden, Middletown Police, search warrant, open the door." These announcements were repeated.

0721:13: Detective Hoyle placed the Halligan in the door jam of the outer security door and Crank utilized the ram to set the Halligan. After a couple attempts, the inner wood/glass door open simultaneous the outer door. A brief snapshot of a shirtless person (Michael Baker) appeared in the doorway pointing firearm and [REDACTED], who was squared up to the front door, discharged his handgun four times into the doorway. A silhouette of a person (Mary Dunn) appeared in the video positioned deeper inside the residence.

0721:21: [REDACTED] and other officers entered the residence. Baker is observed on his back with hands and arms raised. [REDACTED] turned Baker on his stomach and begins to place handcuffs on Baker's wrists. Blood is observed squirting from of a hole on Baker's back.

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0721:50: Another officer is heard requesting a tourniquet.

0722:35: A silver revolver is observed on the floor close to the threshold of the bedroom. [REDACTED] stated, "right there, do not let that go," referring to the revolver.

0723:01: A female is heard screaming.

0723:24: [REDACTED] exited the residence. An officer is observed running toward and into the residence with a medic bag.

0723:41: [REDACTED] re-entered the residence and exited shortly thereafter.

0724:15: [REDACTED] deactivated is BWC.

Attachments:

No attachments.

References:

AXON Justice [REDACTED] BWC Video