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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5050 Eastpointe Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256, Medina County



Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Charles Alexander (S (S), Ohio State

Highway Patrol (O)

Activity Date: 12/12/2024

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

Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum

Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) received video footage from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). SA Bynum was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the camera assigned to OSHP

OSHP Lisbon

1. Lisbon OSP Dash cam Pursuit

OSHP Aviation

1. 20241111_Medina AMBER Alert Shooting_U509_U1328

OSHP

1. Amber_Alert_OIS_-_P24111100002120

OSHP Troopers

- CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_Shooting_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2008
- 2. CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Body_4_Video_2024-11-11_2012_D01A6925E
- 3. CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_Shooting_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2008-2
- 4. Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2012
- 5. Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2031



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- 6. CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_V ideo_2024-11-11_2009
- 7. CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_V ideo_2024-11-11_2022
- 8. CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2010
- 9. Bogard_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2013
- 10.Harris_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2012
- 11. Pangburn_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2009
- 12. Schell_Dash_Camera_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2009

SA Bynum reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The file "Lisbon OSP Dash cam Pursuit" was a video that was 06:54 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser in Lisbon, Ohio. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 16:21:22 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X68352778. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 01:17 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was observed turning onto a gravel drive (Image 1).



(Image 1)



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At the 01:39 mark of the video, the OSHP Trooper calls out the license plate HPP3057 to dispatch. At the 01:58 mark of the video, the siren was operated and the truck turned off of the gravel drive into the grass (Image 2).



(Image 2)

At the 02:04 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was stopped and verbal commands to stop the vehicle and put his hands out of the window were given (Image 3), before Charles Alexander drove off through the field.



(Image 3)

At the 04:22 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's truck was observed exiting the field onto a driveway (Image 4) and then it was not observed on video after that point. Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted.



(Image 4)



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The file "20241111_Medina AMBER Alert Shooting_U509_U1328" was a video that was 44:37 in length and was on the OSHP helicopter. The video began with a black screen and green writing around the edge as shown in image 5.



(Image 5)

At the 10:22 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed stopped near the dumpster in the Arby's parking lot. Multiple officers were shown in the video using cover as shown in Image 6 and 7.





(Image 6)

(Image 7)



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At the 11:39 mark of the video, Charles Alexander was observed in the U-Haul truck with a pistol in his left hand (Image 8).



(Image 8)

At the 16:57 mark of the video, Oaklynn was observed sitting on the lap of Charles Alexander (Image 9).



(Image 9)



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At the 30:01 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's left hand was observed moving from a position pointing at Oaklynn to near his phone. While moving, a pistol was observed in his left hand (Image 10). Then at the 30:23 mark of the video, Charles Alexander was observed scrolling on his phone with his left hand (Image 11) and then pointing a pistol at Oaklynn.





(Image 10)

(Image 11)

At the 36:24 mark of the video, 71-exit ramp (Image 12).

vehicle was observed on the



(Image 12)



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At the 37:33 mark of the video, Charles Alexander's left hand was observed holding a pistol and scrolling on his phone (Image 13) and then he pointed it at Oaklynn (Image 14 and 15).







(Image 13)

(Image 14)

(Image 15)

At the 37:48 mark of the video, dispatch advised that they were no longer on the phone with Charles Alexander and then at the 38:10 mark of the video, a vehicle was moved and spotlight was positioned on the cab of the U-Haul (Image 16).



(Image 16)



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At the 38:16 mark of the video, Oaklynn was observed covering her ears and near the dashboard (Image 17). Shortly after, the helicopter advised that shots were fired.



(Image 17)

At the 38:34 mark of the video, SWAT approached the U-Haul and then removed Oaklynn (Image 18). Nothing of evidentiary value was noted in the remaining portion of the video.



(Image 18)



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The file "Amber_Alert_OIS_-_P24111100002120" was a video that was 35:12 in length and was from OSHP and assigned to the day of the incident. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:57:49 -0500 and Axon Body 4 D01A6712C. At the 00:15 mark of the video and shown in Image 1, was shown on the video along with his rifle sitting on top of his Dodge Durango. Then placed the body camera on top of the vehicle next to his rifle. Audio is not present in the video until 00:18 mark of the video (Image 19).



(Image 19)

At the 00:35 mark of the video, requested a light on the U-Haul cab. At the 01:20 mark of the video, was observed exiting the top of his vehicle until the 02:02 mark of the video, when returned. The body camera was pointed towards the sky during the incident. At the 02:12 mark of the video, heard speaking to Montville Township Police Officer Joel Eckstine about the distance and location of Oaklynn Alexander. At the 02:40 mark of the video, heard requesting the "Assault team" be ready to go. At the 03:13 mark of the video, a single gunshot was heard, followed by the sound of a bolt action rifle being opened. After the shot. was heard and observed on the video advising the police officers near the truck to approach by yelling the word "Assault". At the 06:23 mark of the video, the body camera was removed from the roof of s vehicle and turned off the secured it to his chest mount. At the 20:23 mark of the video, audio portion of the video to make a personal telephone call and the audio does not come back on for the duration of the video. Nothing of evidentiary value was noted in the remaining portion of the video.



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The file "CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_Shooting_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2008" was a video that was 1:29:28 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser 1274. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:06:54 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683528HX. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 03:32 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed traveling Southbound on 71 (Image 20).



(Image 20)

At the 05:41 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed driving through the rest area (Image 21).



(Image 21)



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At the 08:48 mark of the video, OSHP cruiser 1274 stopped at 71 and 271 to set up spikes and at the 10:59 mark of the video, the U-Haul passed the cruiser in the middle lane (Image 22) after running over a set of spikes.



(Image 22)

At the 14:02 mark of the video, OSHP cruiser 1274 was observed passing the U-Haul to set up south of Route 18. The U-Haul's left front tire was flat, with the rim sparking and the left rear tire was flat (Image 23).



(Image 23)



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At the 17:51 mark of the video, the U-Haul was parked in Arby's parking lot and radio traffic is heard stating that there has been a shot fired. Cruiser 1274 was then parked in the rear of Bob Evans facing the U-Haul (Image 24).



(Image 24)

At the 17:48 mark of the video, radio traffic announced that there was a shot fired, but nothing could be observed or heard on the video as the cruiser was still moving towards the location. At the 19:09 mark of the video, a shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. At the 54:08 mark of the video, a shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. This was the shot from OSHP

At the 54:34 mark of the video, SWAT and officers were observed approaching the U-Haul and removing Oaklynn (Image 25). Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted.



(Image 25)



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The file "CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Body_4_Video_2024-11-11_2012_D01A6925E" was a video that was 01:01:22 in length and was from an OSHP body cam for Trooper 1274. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:10:40 -0500 and Axon Body 4 D01A6925E. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 05:27 mark of the video, OSHP 1274 was observed deploying spikes on 71 (Image 26).



(Image 26)

At the 07:10 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed traveling over the spikes, causing the attached line to pull though the weeds (Image 27).



(Image 27)



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At the 14:33 mark of the video, OSHP 1274 deployed his rifle and took a position on an electrical box with the rifle pointed at the U-Haul (Image 28).



(Image 28)

At the 15:23 mark of the video, a shot is heard from the U-Haul and then at the 17:56 mark of the video, OSHP 1274 was heard telling other officers that Charles Alexander had something with a green laser light.

At the 32:57 mark of the video, OSHP 1274 moved to a position of cover behind Bob Evan's Restaurant until the 36:00 mark, when everyone moved behind cruisers that were not in line with the sniper and the cab of the U-Haul. At the 50:23 mark of the video, a gunshot was heard. After confirmation of the shot, SWAT approached the U-Haul. Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted in this video.

The file "Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2012" was a video that was 1:12:47 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:11:07 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683527RR. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 16:17 mark of the video, the cruiser is parked on Route 18 at Bob Evan's entrance (Image 29). The cruiser was moved down slightly, but due to its position there was nothing noted of evidentiary value. Image 30 shows the view at the end of the video.





(Image 29)

(Image 30)



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The file "CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_Shooting_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2008-2" was a video that was 1:36:53 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:06:55 - 0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683527MD. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 03:29 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed traveling Southbound on 71 (Image 31).



(Image 31)

At the 05:36 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed driving through the rest area (Image 32).



(Image 32)



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At the 08:08 mark of the video, dispatch was heard stating that he (Charles Alexander) was threatening to kill his child (Oaklynn) and himself. At the 17:20 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed parking in Arby's parking lot (Image 33).



(Image 33)

At the 17:39 mark of the video, a shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. At the 19:06 mark of the video, a shot was heard, but nothing could be observed on the video. At the 20:07 mark of the video, the MCSO drone was observed flying near the U-Haul (Image 34).



(Image 34)

At the 27:29 mark of the video, a public address system was heard telling Charles to "put the gun down", "Let us help you", and "Throw the gun out of the window and let us help you guys". At the 28:12 mark of the video, a police officer in the background was heard stating that he (Charles) was pointing the gun at himself and the juvenile (Oaklynn). Unit 922 advised dispatch that he was attempting to make contact with Charles over the PA. Additional requests were given over the PA for Charles to let his daughter go and to throw the gun out of the window. At the 33:24 mark of the video, an officer is heard in the background updating other officers that "He is starting to lose it", "He told the little girl that she is going to go to heaven", and We need to do something".



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At the 54:31 mark of the video, SWAT and officers were observed approaching the U-Haul (Image 35) and removing Oaklynn. Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted.



(Image 35)

The file "Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2031" was a video that was 49:50 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:29:32 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683289C. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 08:13 mark of the video, the cruiser arrived at the entrance to Bob Evan's (Image 36) and then moved to a location closer to Eastpointe Drive (Image 37) until the 15:52 mark of the video when the cruiser was moved further East on Route 18 to block traffic. Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted.





(Image 36)

(Image 37)



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The file

"CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2009" was a video that was 57:29 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:08:53 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X68352G3H. Audio is not present until the 00:07 mark of the video. At the 01:27 mark of the video, the cruiser stopped on 71 North in attempt to deploy spikes. At the 02:58 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed traveling South on 71 (Image 38).



(Image 38)

At the 15:41 mark of the video, the cruiser is parked on Eastpointe Drive, but due to its location the incident cannot be seen. (Image 39). Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted.



(Image 39)



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The file

"CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2022" was a video that was 1:28:54 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:21:17 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683528HQ. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 03:32 mark of the video, the cruiser stopped in Arby's parking lot (Image 40).



(Image 40)

At the 42:59 mark of the video and after the incident, the cruiser was moved to a different location in the parking lot until the end of the video (Image 41). Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted in the video.



(Image 41)



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The file "CHARLES_ALEXANDER_RTR_SHOOTING_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2010" was a video that was 1:00:11 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:10:33 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683528TN. Audio is not present until the 00:05 mark of the video. At the 01:21 mark of the video, the U-Haul was observed traveling Southbound on 71 (Image 42).



(Image 42)

At the 14:26 mark of the video the OSHP cruiser parks in Bob Evan's parking lot (Image 43).



(Image 43)

Due to the location of the cruiser during and after the incident (Image 44), nothing of evidentiary value was noted.



(Image 44)



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The file "Bogard_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2013" was a video that was 57:46 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:11:39 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683526RV. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 15:03 mark of the video, the cruiser parked at Bob Evan's parking lot entrance (Image 45). Due to the location of the cruiser, nothing of evidentiary value was noted beyond observing SWAT approach the U-Haul at the 49:53 mark of the video (Image 46).





(Image 45)

(Image 46)

The file "Harris_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2012" was a video that was 1:05:16 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:11:20 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683528D3. Audio is not present until the 00:45 mark of the video. At the 14:47 mark of the video, the cruiser parked in Bob Evan's parking lot (Image 47). Due to the location of the cruiser, nothing of evidentiary value was noted beyond observing SWAT approach the U-Haul at the 50:12 mark of the video (Image 48).





(Image 47)

(Image 48)



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The file "Pangburn_Dash_Cam_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2009" was a video that was 1:02:17 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:07:59 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X683527L9. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 18:07 mark of the video, the cruiser parked in Bob Evan's parking lot (Image 49). Due to the location of the cruiser nothing of evidentiary value was noted, other than its spotlight being used to illuminate the U-Haul at the 33:49 mark of the video (Image 50) and SWAT approaching the U-Haul at the 53:33 mark of the video (Image 51).





(Image 49)

(Image 50)



(Image 51)



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The file "Schell_Dash_Camera_Axon_Fleet_3_Front_Camera_Video_2024-11-11_2009" was a video that was 1:13:41 in length and was from an OSHP cruiser. On the upper right portion of the video is the date and time, beginning at 2024-11-11 20:08:04 -0500 and Axon Fleet 3 F X6835274C. Audio is not present until the 01:30 mark of the video. At the 5:23 mark of the video, the cruiser joined the pursuit of the U-Haul (Image 52).



(Image 52)

At the 15:55 mark of the video, the cruiser parked while the U-Haul drove in the Arby's parking lot (Image 53). Nothing further of evidentiary value was noted, other than the cruiser was moved after the incident to Arby's parking lot (Image 54).





(Image 53)

(Image 54)

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



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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 video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item Reference Item C - Aviation_Drone_Dash_and_Body_Camera_Video for reference only.

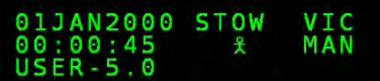
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Attachments:

1. 2024-11-11 OSHP Camera Screenshots







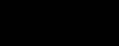
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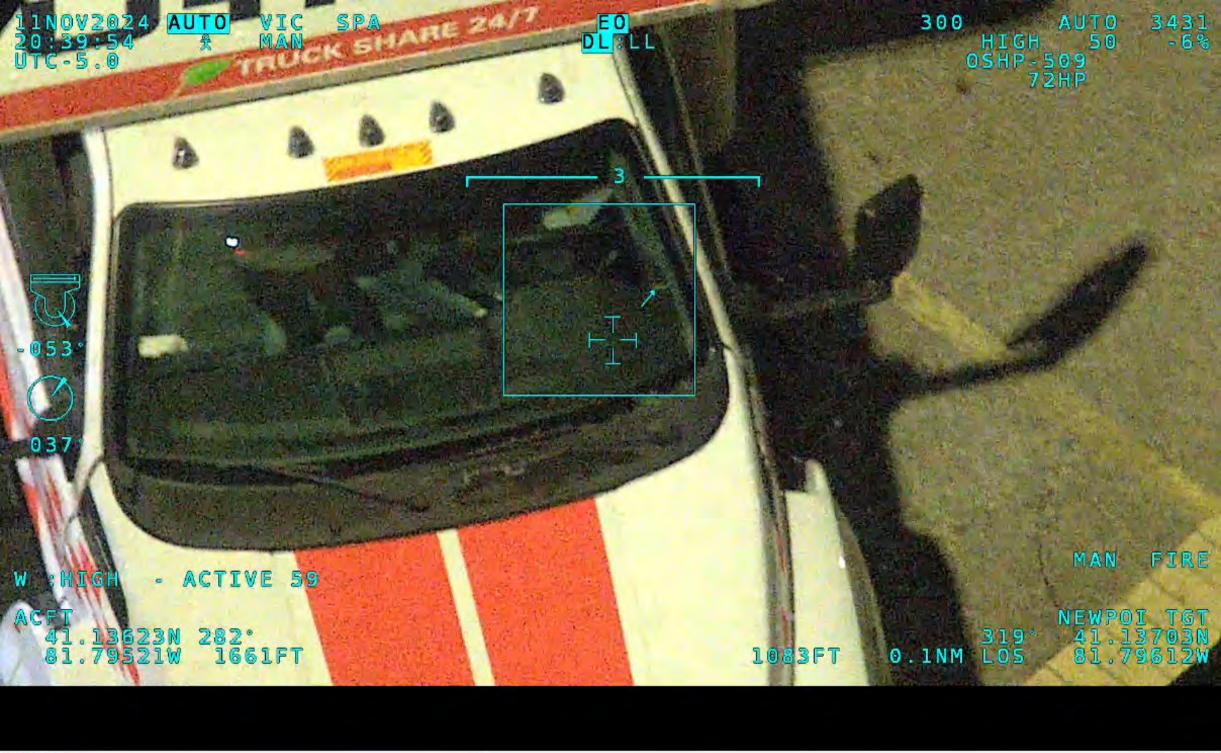
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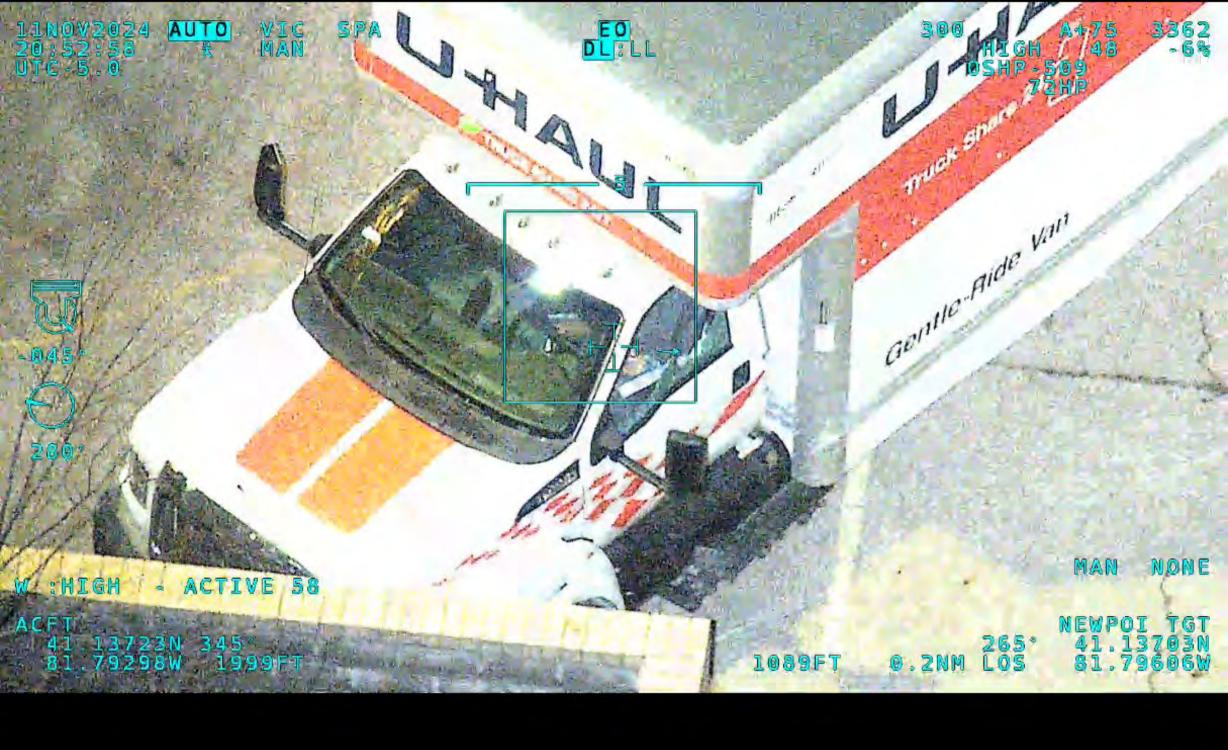






















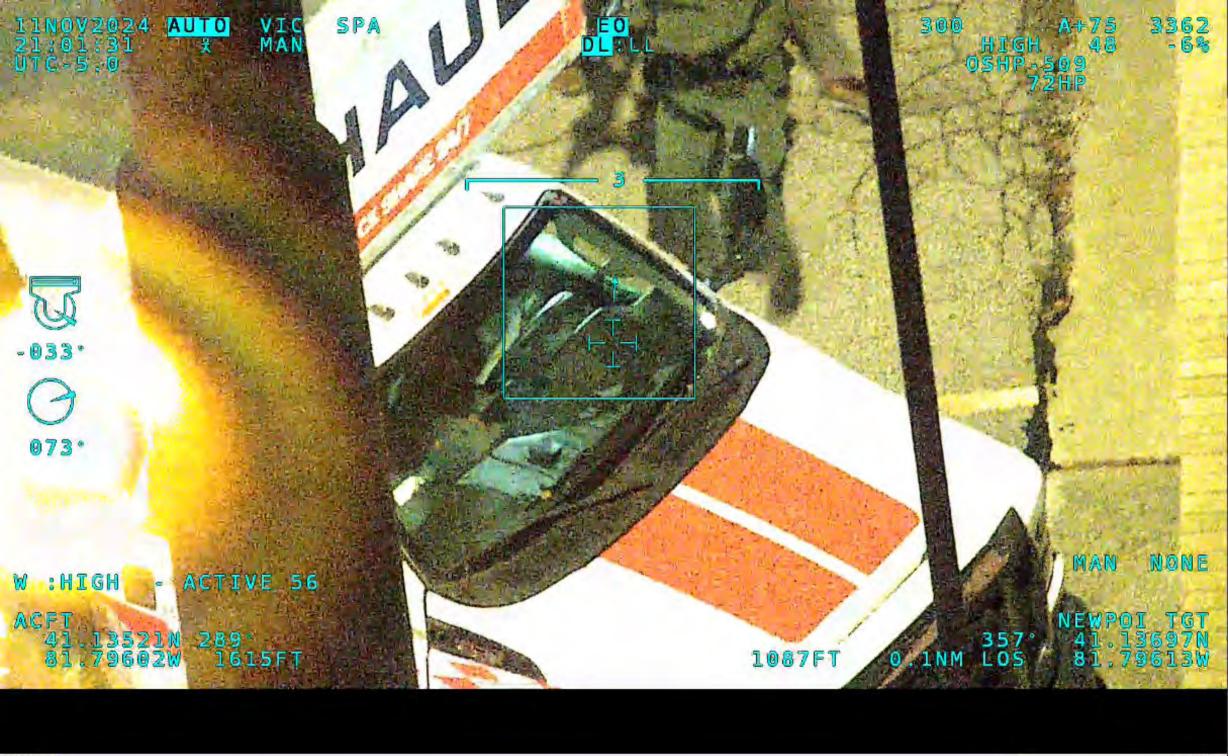












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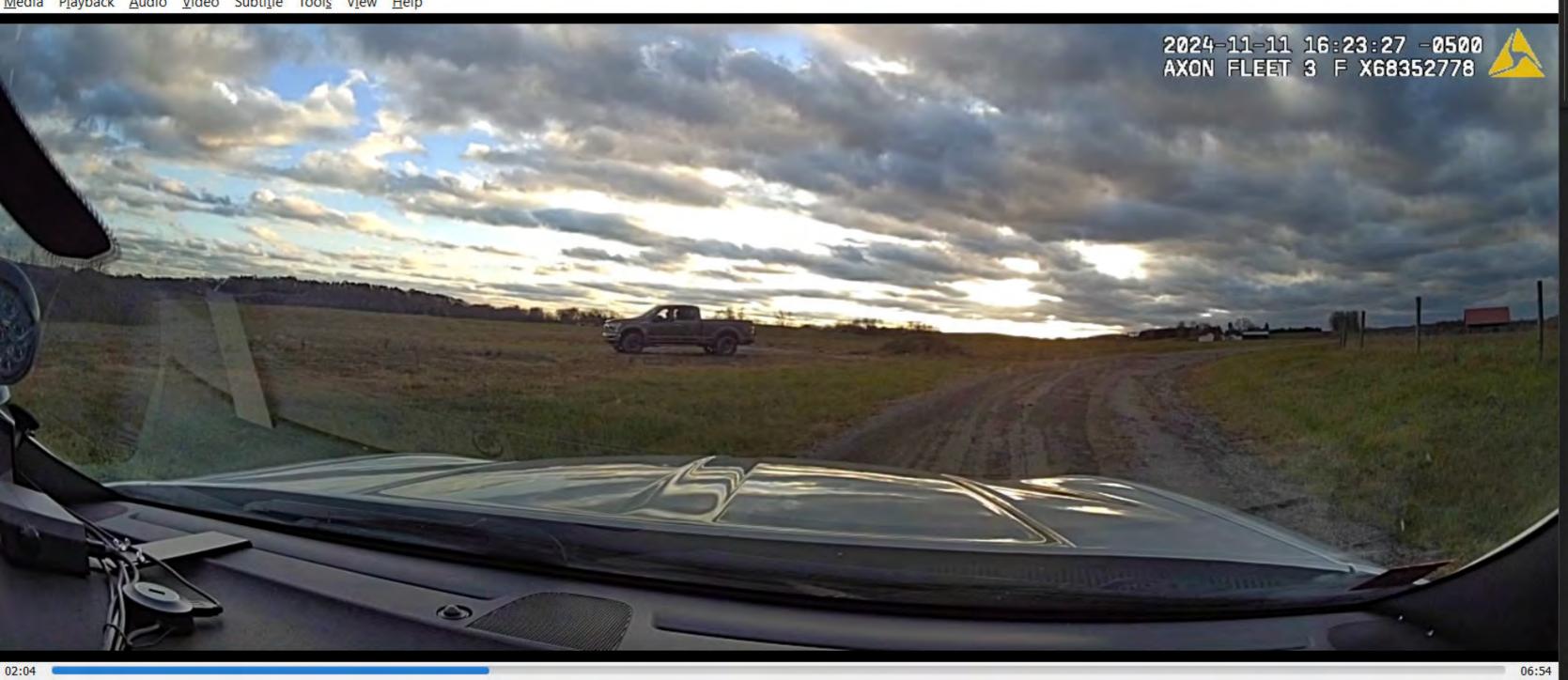








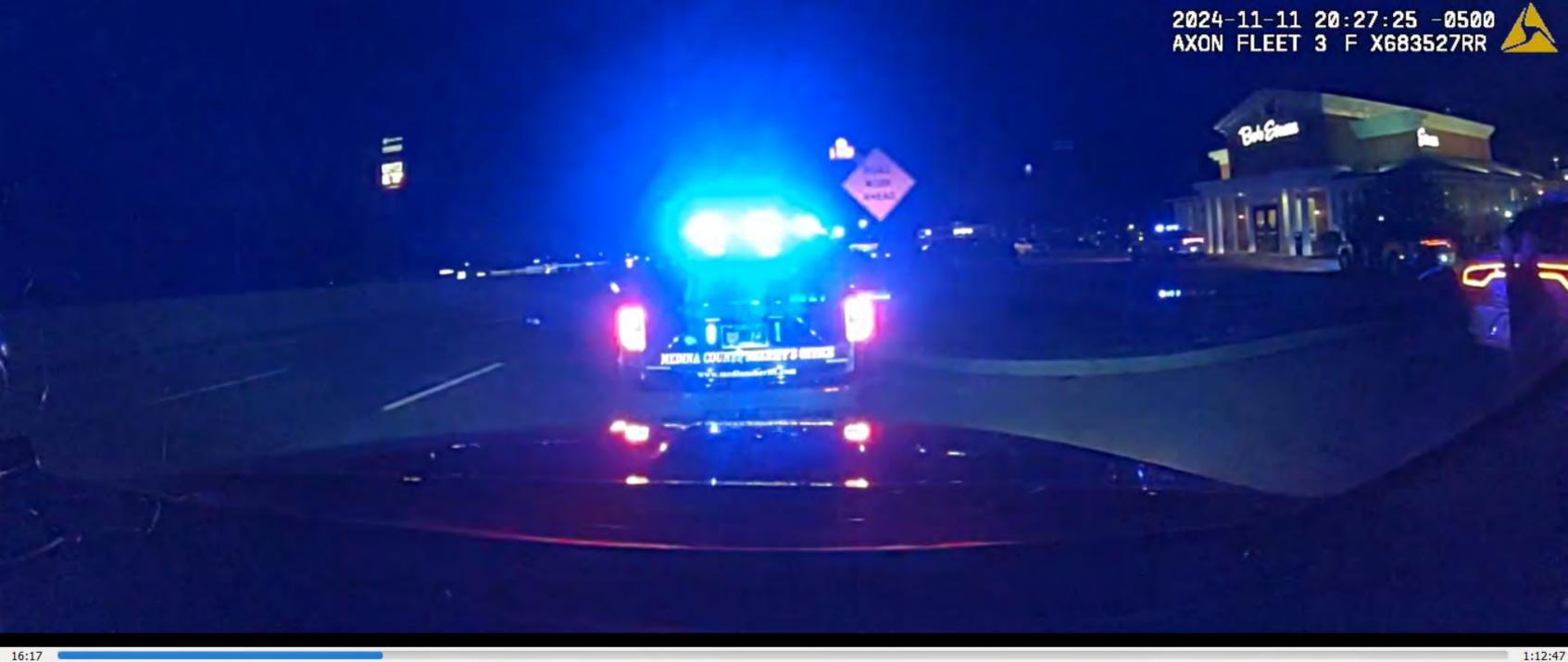






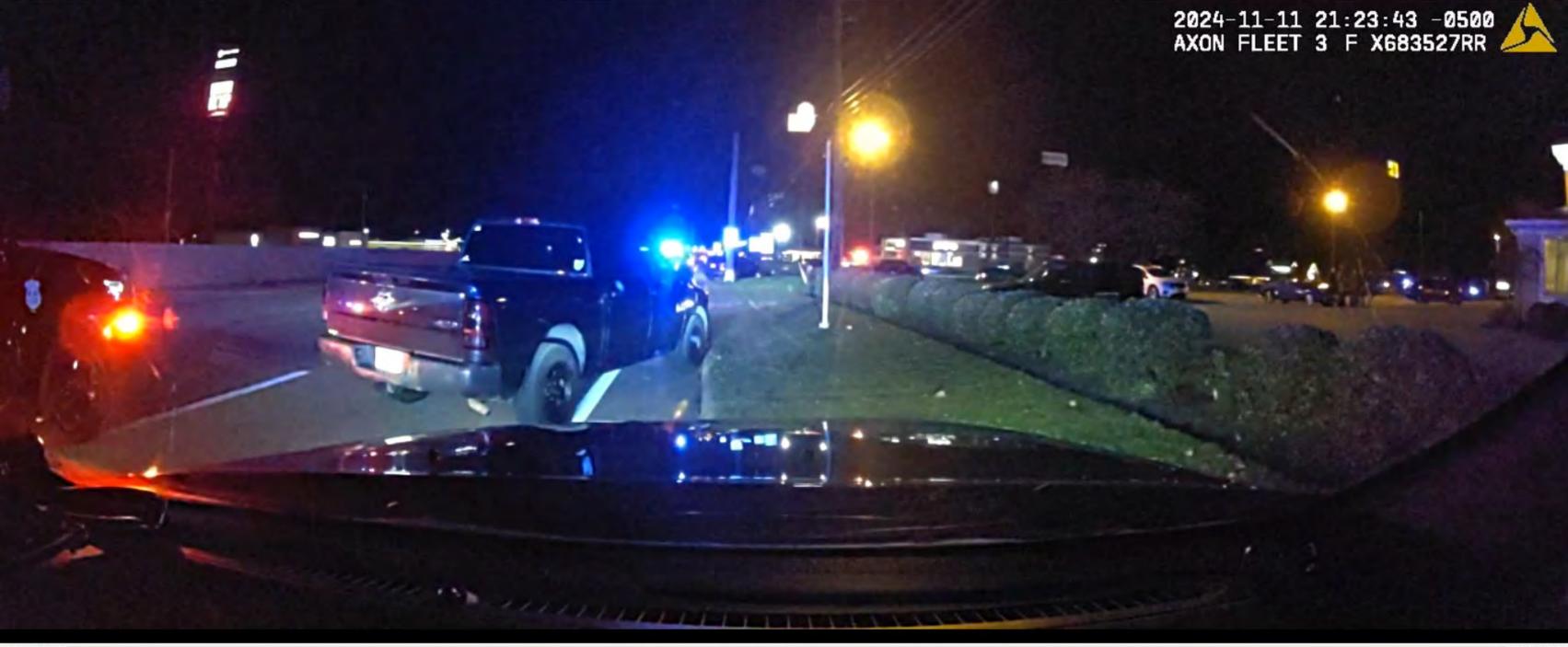








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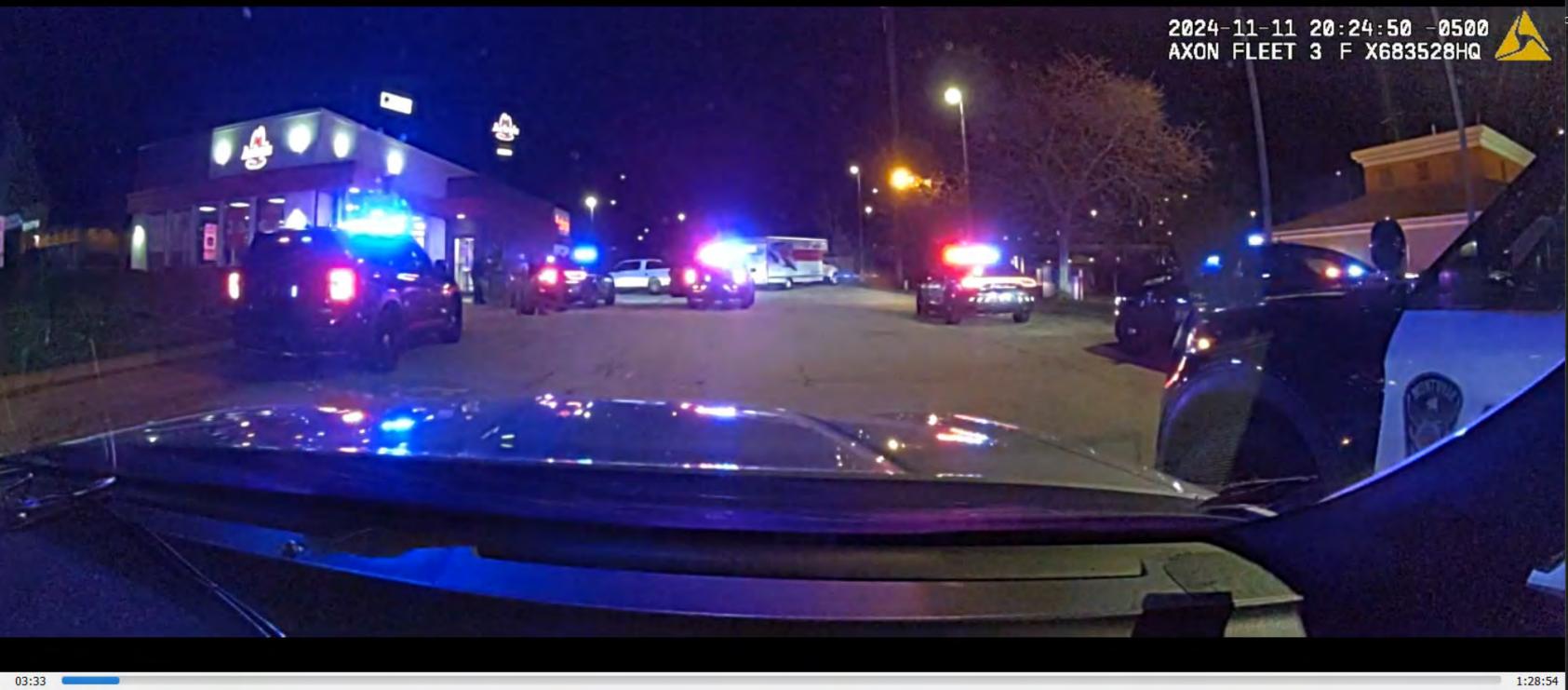
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