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2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

**Investigative Activity:** Receipt and Review of Records – Radio Traffic  
**Involves:** Ashland County Sheriff's Department (O)  
**Activity Date:** August 8, 2023  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Nicholas Valente #139

**Narrative:**

On August 8, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valenta) received a collection of records from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) related to the death of Larry Dunham (Dunham). Included in these records were copies of the radio traffic audio recordings captured during the event.

SA Valente reviewed the radio traffic. Not every audio recording transmission was noted below. SA Valente only noted specific transmissions that he believed were most relevant to this investigation. For additional details, the full collection of radio traffic should be reviewed.

SA Valente noted the following:

The ACSO provided BCI with a total of 114 audio recordings and 2 corresponding text files. Not all of the audio recordings were found to be related to this event.

The dispatcher is identified as 300.

Deputy Johnie Wilcox is identified as 331 and 31.

Deputy Jacob Hemenway is identified as 328 and 28.

Deputy Brittney Pennywitt is identified as 333 and 33.

- 247\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_19\_56\_16\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - Dispatcher: 300 to 328 signal 958b boy.
  - 328: Go ahead.
  - Dispatcher: 205 US Route 250 East, 205 US Route 250 East, break. Caller's advising that the male is sitting next to a fire with a code 40, break.
  - 328: Go ahead
  - Dispatcher: She is requesting a silent approach. Attempting to get further.
  - 328: Clear
  - 331: 31 will also be en route.
  - Dispatcher: That's clear. Just reiterating, she's requesting a silent approach.

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- Unknown (331 or 328): That's clear.
- Dispatcher: She's also advising he might possibly attempt 58 via deputies.
- 248\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_19\_57\_26\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - 333: 33's en route
  - Dispatcher: 33 clear.
- 249\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_19\_58\_07\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - Dispatcher: Units responding be advised my partner's having phone issues. She keeps breaking up. We're not able to get any further information. Break.
  - Unknown: Go ahead.
  - Dispatcher: We have no history at this residence so I don't even have a name, age, or description.
  - Unknown: Okay
- 250\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_20\_01\_59\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - Unknown: Arriving units here are 35.
  - Dispatcher: Advise.
  - Unknown: Units are 37.
  - Dispatcher: That's clear, should be a Larry Dunham. He has two code 40s and he's in the clubhouse.
- 251\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_20\_03\_04\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - 333: Shots fired.
  - 331: Shots fired.
  - Dispatcher: Copy shots fired.
  - Dispatcher: Do you want a squad started?
  - 331: Affirm.
  - Dispatcher: Clear
  - 334: 34 is en route.
  - Dispatcher: Clear
  - Unknown: 16 is clear.
- 254\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_20\_05\_19\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - 331: 31 to radio that male does not have a pulse.
  - Dispatcher: Copy, no pulse. 31, do you want the squad to stage or just come directly there?
  - 331: Please have 'em come direct.
  - Dispatcher: That's clear.
- 257\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_20\_10\_12\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - 333: 33 to radio my body cam died.
  - Dispatcher: Notes clear

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- 260\_3R\_SO\_03DSP\_2023\_08\_05\_20\_16\_33\_by\_Start\_Time\_asc
  - Dispatcher: Radio to 333, be advised squad is en route.
  - 333: Okay, thank you.

Reference Item: C – Collection of ACSO Radio Transmissions

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