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2026-0121

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1451 E. 219th St., Euclid,
OH 44117, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Review BWC Video – Officer Ramos
Involves: Officer Joseph Ramos (W)
Activity Date: 01/26/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley #154

Narrative:

On Monday, January 26, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed video footage from the Euclid Police Department (EPD). SA Tingley was informed that the videos contained footage from the body worn camera (BWC) recorded by EPD Officer Joseph Ramos (Ramos) related to the OICI which occurred on January 11, 2026, at 1451 East 219th Street, Euclid, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities recorded on Officer Ramos' BWC video (Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-01-11_2223_D01AG656P.mp4 – initial contact with Punckowski) and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant to the OICI. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all of the activities, conversations, or radio traffic recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word for word translation, except where so indicated, of the conversations, radio traffic, and or activities of the law enforcement personnel present, APD Dispatch, or witnesses. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions.

SA Tingley reviewed the video and noted the following:

The video began on January 11, 2026, at 22:22:19 hours, is 01:14:29 in length, and starts with a dark screen and no audio.

At approximately 22:23:18 hours, the audio is activated.

At approximately 22:28:33 hours, Officer Ramos notified EPD Dispatch that he was out at 1481 East 219th Street, Euclid.

At approximately 22:28:42 hours, Officer Ramos contacted [REDACTED] the caller who reported that she was a victim of domestic violence.

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██████████ told Officer Ramos that her daughter was still at the residence at 1451 East 219th Street, which was the scene of the domestic violence incident.

Officer Ramos had ██████████ go back into the residence. Once inside, he asked ██████████ what was going on.

At approximately 22:28:57 hours, ██████████ replied:

"...He started beating the shit outta me... He's trying to kill me..."

Officer Ramos then asked ██████████ if the male subject in the domestic violence incident (Robert Riddlebarger) had any guns. ██████████ said:

"Yes."

At approximately 22:29:23 hours, Officer Ramos asked ██████████ why she thought her daughter was in danger.

At approximately 22:29:29 hours, ██████████ stated:

"Because he's drunk as shit. He started beating the crap out of me...and I was bleeding...tried to kill me."

Shortly thereafter, Officer Ramos notified other officers that firearms were present at the residence at 1451 East 216th Street. Officer Ramos then exited the residence at 1481 East 216th Street and began moving with other officers towards 1451 East 216th Street. Officer Ramos also told other officers that there was a baby in the residence.

Officer Ramos then notified dispatch that ██████████ needed a squad and that officers were surrounding the residence at 1451 East 216th Street.

At approximately 22:31:10 hours, Officer Ramos arrived at 1451 East 219th Street and took up a position where he could cover the rear of the residence.

At approximately 22:32:15 hours, an unknown officer is heard using a cruiser's public address (PA) system identifying themselves as the police and instructing Riddlebarger to open the front door with his hands empty. This instruction was given multiple times over the PA system.

At approximately 22:34:16 hours, officers were heard entering the house through the side door.

At approximately 22:34:20, an unknown officer is heard announcing:

"Police Department. Put your hands up."

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At approximately 22:34:21 hours, shots were fired.

At approximately 22:34:32 hours, Officer Ramos entered the residence through the side door with other unidentified Officers.

At approximately 22:34:37 hours, Officer Ramos went to the basement to check and clear the area.

After clearing the basement, Officer Ramos went back upstairs, passing the area where Riddlebarger was lying and receiving first aid from an Officer, and assisted in checking on the status of the child, who was located in a bedroom safe and uninjured. He then assisted in checking and clearing the remainder of the residence.

At approximately 22:35:19 hours, Officer Ramos exited the residence with the involved officer, [REDACTED] and escorted him away from the residence to a location in the street where he checked [REDACTED] for injuries.

Once Officer Ramos determined that [REDACTED] had no visible injuries, he escorted him to a different area near where EPD cruisers were parked. As he was doing this, he also called out to [REDACTED] and told her that her daughter was safe and that officers would bring her child to her. Officer Ramos also notified dispatch via radio that another squad would be needed to check on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] had returned to 1481 East 219th Street and Officer Ramos contacted her there after a short period of time. Officer Ramos arrived at the residence at the time that EMS personnel were also arriving to check on [REDACTED].

An unknown EMS member asked [REDACTED] what was going on and [REDACTED] replied:

"I'm not okay. He beat the crap out of me. He was trying to kill me."

The EMS member then asked [REDACTED] where she was hurting. [REDACTED] said:

"I was bleeding, uh, from my nose and my ears and my whole head hurts."

At approximately 22:44:49 hours, Officer Ramos contacted the resident of 1481 East 219th Street, Herschel Barnes [DOB:12/19/1989] (Barnes), in the kitchen of the residence. Officer Ramos asked Barnes what had occurred when [REDACTED] came to his door asking for help. Barnes replied:

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"She came here and she, I got, I saw her in the ring camera or something...I opened the door and she just told me like, yeah, I just need help. He was beating the shit out of me, uh, and that was pretty much it."

Shortly after the interview with Barnes took place, Officer Ramos exited the residence and began moving back towards 1451 East 219th Street.

At approximately 22:54:54 hours, Officer Ramos and an EPD Sergeant contacted an EPD Officer stated that he was directly behind [REDACTED] when they entered the residence. (At this time the volume was muted and the transcription was closed likely due to potential Garrity conflicts)

Once the interview with the witness officer was completed by the Sergeant, the video volume was unmuted.

At approximately 22:55:54 hours, Officer Ramos began taping off the exterior of 1451 East 219th Street in order to secure the scene of the incident.

At approximately 23:13:56 hours, Officer Ramos contacted the resident, Rita Finical [DOB: 12/11/1945] (Finical), at 1461 East 219th Street, which was the residence next to the location where the OICI occurred. Officer Ramos asked Finical if she had heard anything related to the OICI. Finical replied:

"No...I didn't hear anything."

Finical also stated that she has some hearing issues and had the television on during the time that the OICI occurred.

After the interview was concluded with Finical, Officer Ramos left 1461 East 219th Street.

Officer Ramos then checked other residences in the area to see if there were signs that there were people moving about. However, he did not attempt to contact anyone at any of the other residences that he checked.

The video eventually concluded as Officer Ramos was sitting in his cruiser and shortly after he turned the audio on the BWC off.

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It should also be noted that there was a duplicate of this video provided by EPD to BCI (Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-01-11_2223_D01AG656P.mp4 - Duplicate initial contact with [REDACTED]). The duplicate video was checked and the date and time and length of the video were identical. Furthermore, the hash values of the video were also checked and were also identical. Therefore, there will not be a separate report documenting the duplicate video.

The dash camera video is attached to this case as Reference Item C which is stored in AXON JUSTICE.

References:

Reference Item C - BWC and Dash Cam Videos - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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