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2024-3294

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Portage Bike Trail near
North Freedom Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Investigative Activity: Cellphone Video Review
Involves: Jack Chandler (W)
Activity Date: 11/26/2024
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received video footage from Jack Chandler (Chandler), who was identified as a witness of the officer-involved shooting incident that occurred on October 22, 2024.

SA Fletcher reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Throughout this report the percussion sounds consistent with the sound of gunfire may be referred to as gunshots or gunfire. It should be noted those references are based on the totality of corroborating information and evidence gathered throughout this investigation. It in no way suggests that the percussion sounds referenced could not have originated from some other unknown source. Screenshots were taken of relevant moments in the video.

The video file was titled *Cellphone_Surveillance_Video_of_Incident* and contained video footage recorded by Chandler, on his cellphone. Chandler was standing on the hike and bike path west of the officers' and involved subject's location (*Chandler Cellphone 1*).

The video was 28 seconds in length and the footage showed the hike and bike trail near North Freedom Street in Ravenna, Ohio. The trail was an asphalt paved trail that ran east and west. On the south side of the trail there was a railroad track that ran alongside the pathway. On the north side of the trail was a split-rail fence with a dense tree line behind it. The details most relevant to this investigation have been included below.

- At 00:01 Chandler zoomed in his camera. Four Ravenna Police Department Officers (RPD) in their uniforms could be observed standing in a line across the hike and bike trail. The officers' arms were not visible and appeared to be forward. A white shirtless male could be observed walking west on the path



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towards officers. Yelling could be heard in the background (*Chandler Cellphone 2*).

- At 00:03 the white male continued to move quickly towards officers. Someone yelled "put it down" (*Chandler Cellphone 3*).
- At 00:04 someone continued to yell "put it down" and someone else yelled "fuck off."
- At 00:05 "put it down" could be heard in the background. Chandler moved his camera angle towards the ground. A voice closer to the camera said, "stay down" (likely Chandler) and someone else responded "fuck that" (likely the stabbing victim, Larry Burghy).
- At 00:08 the first gunshot could be heard followed by multiple other gunshots. Chandler's camera angle remained pointed at the paved path.
- At 00:10 the last gunshot could be heard. Chandler's camera angle was still facing towards the ground.
- At 00:11 Chandler brought his camera angle up and the officers and involved subject could be observed in the frame. The involved subject was lying on the ground. The four officers were standing in a line across the hike and bike trail. It appeared as though their arms were pointed forward. Someone could be heard moaning and then someone said, "oh my god" (*Chandler Cellphone 4*).
- At 00:16 the officers began moving towards the involved subject. Two officers were out of frame. The involved subject could be seen on the ground moving his arms. Someone yelled "roll over" (*Chandler Cellphone 5*).
- Someone continued yelling "roll over." The officers could be observed shifting their position closer to the train tracks and standing near the involved subject with their arms pointed forward.
- At 00:27 the video ended with the subject lying on the ground not moving and the officers standing to the right side of the screen near the train tracks. Someone yelled "roll over" (*Chandler Cellphone 6*).

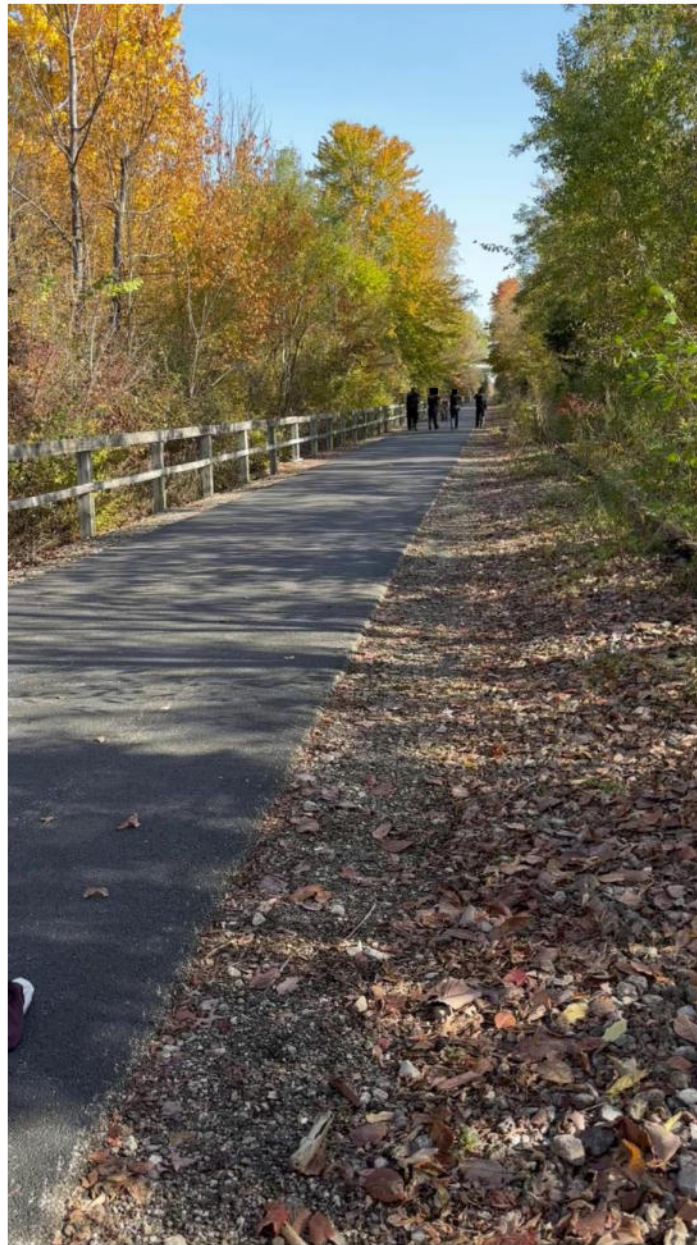


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Chandler Cellphone 1

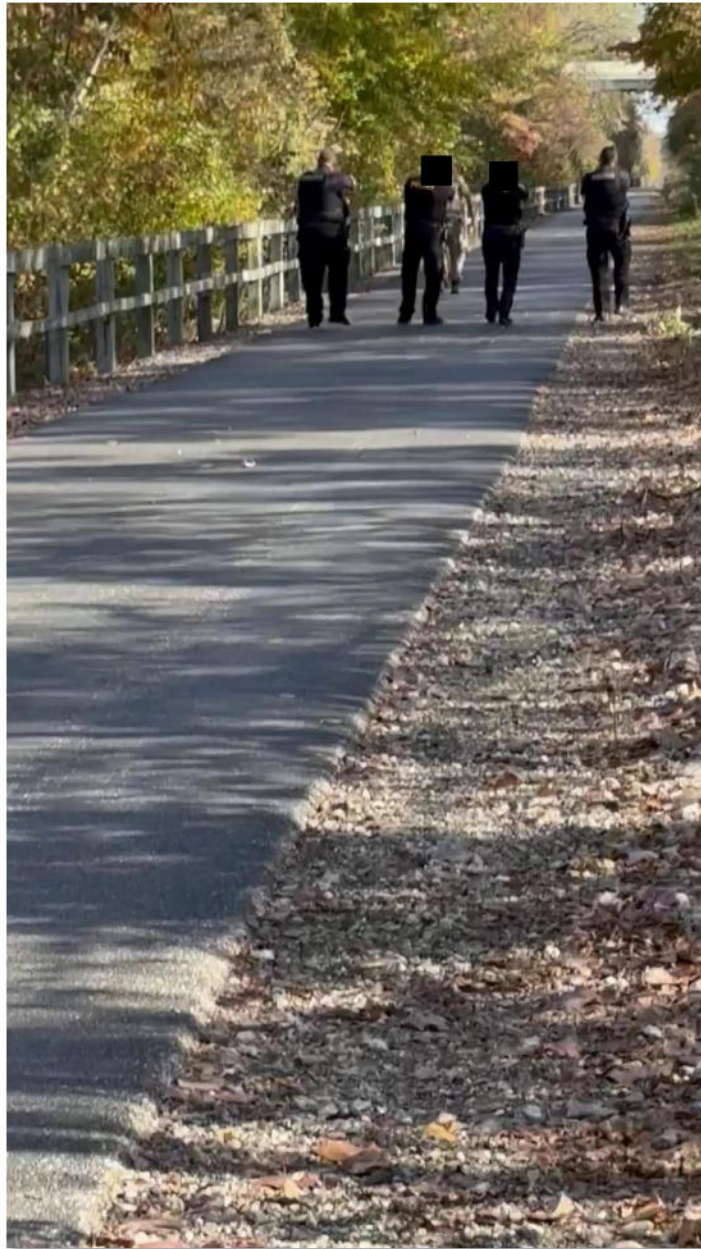


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Chandler Cellphone 2

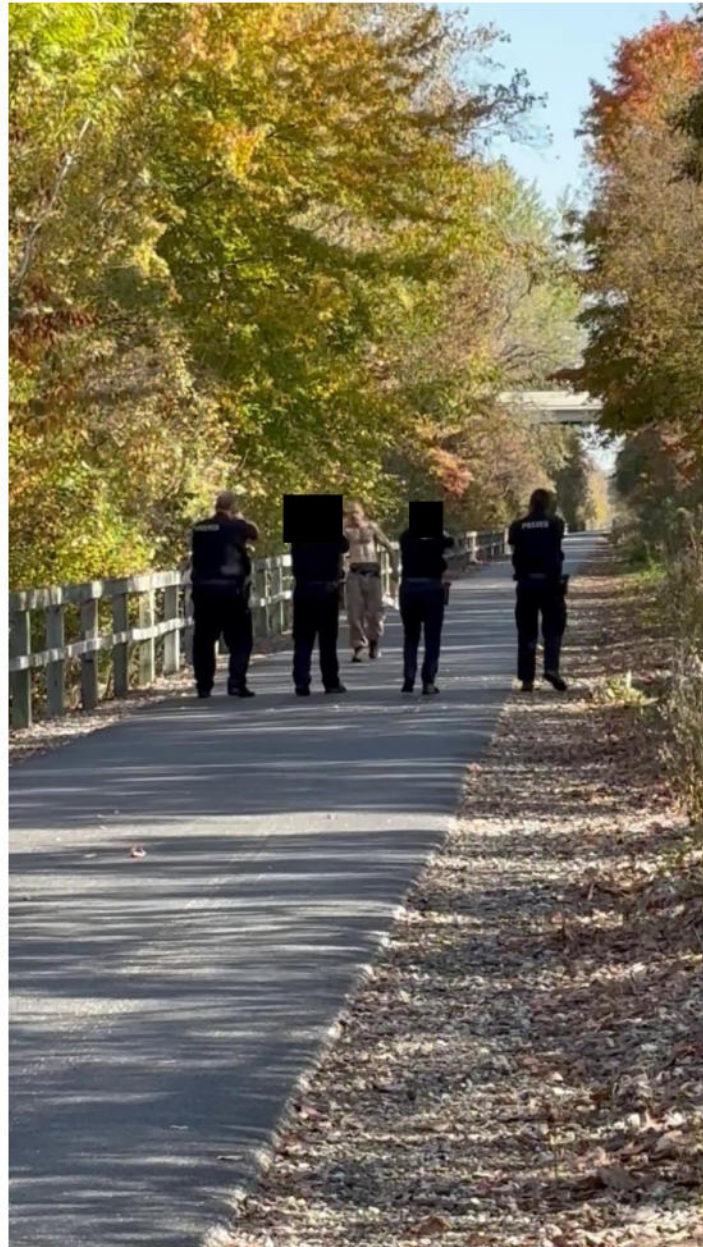


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Chandler Cellphone 3

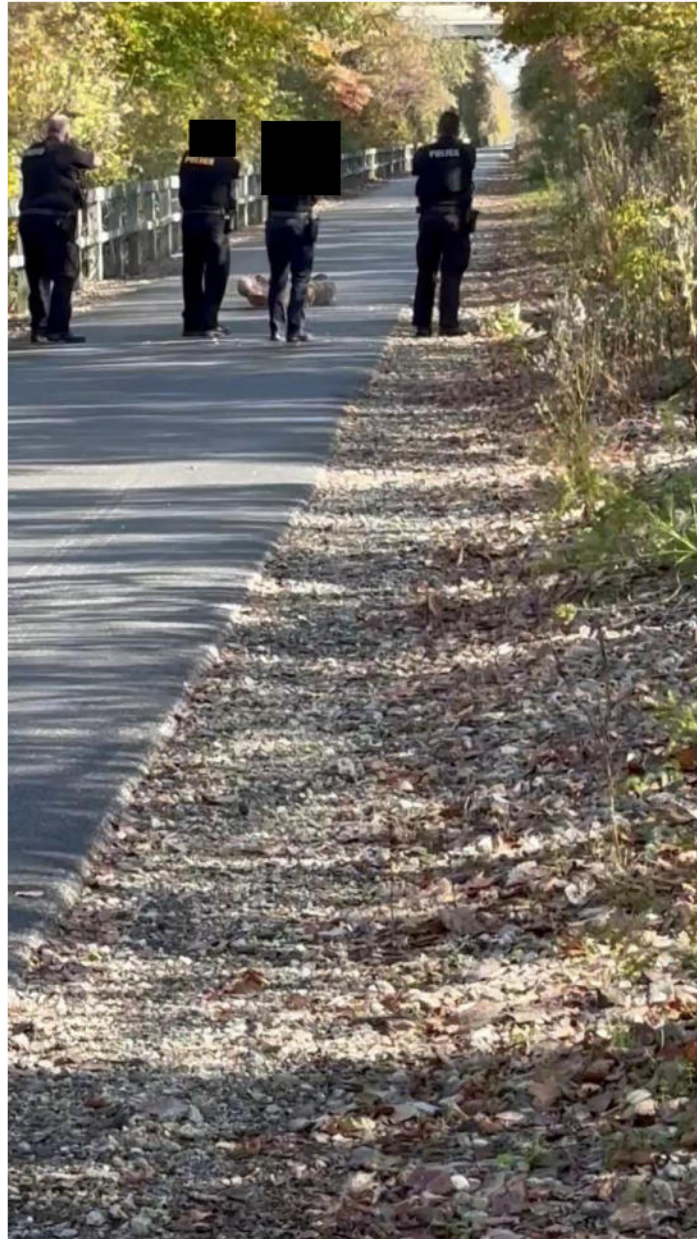


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Chandler Cellphone 4



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Chandler Cellphone 5

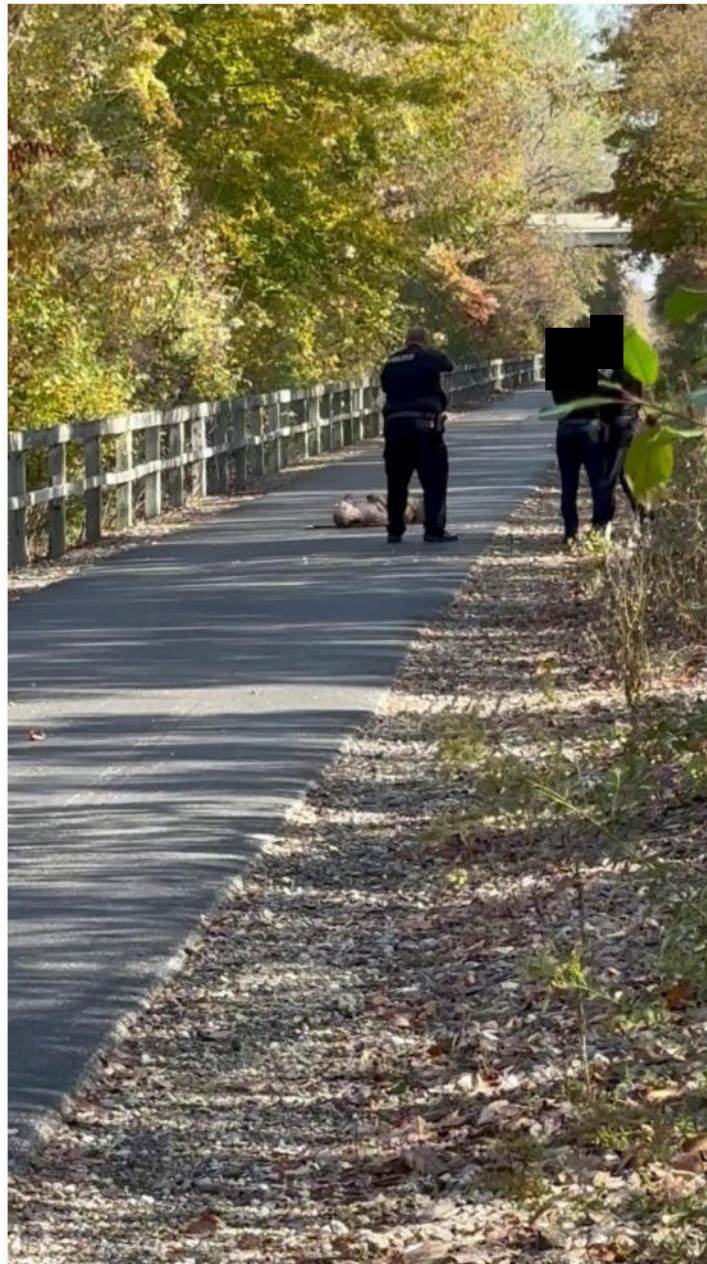


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ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

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 thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item Reference Item A.

References:

Reference Item A – Cellphone Surveillance Video

Attachments:

None