



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH
(Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained, Video Review
Involves: Piqua Police Department (O)
Date of Activity: 02/21/2025
Activity Location: Piqua Police Department – Business – 100 N. Wayne Street, Piqua, OH 45356
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

On February 21, 2025, at approximately 1945 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Dave Hornyak and Steve Seitzman met with Lieutenant Jeremy Weber at the Piqua Police Department (PPD) to view body-worn camera (BWC) footage relating to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred earlier that evening at 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua. Lt. Weber identified the deceased subject as David West (DOB 7/21/1980). The officer who fired his duty pistol was identified as Lt. Marcos Rodriguez. Witnessing officers were identified as Off. Jackson Heath, Off. Hunter Mote, and Off. Adam Kimpel. Lt. Weber further advised that West was previously known to have mental health issues, a history of making threats, and had accused the Piqua Police Department of kidnapping his wife and child. A pepper ball gun had also previously been confiscated from West; however, at the objection of PPD, the gun was recently returned to West upon order of the court.

At the request of the agents, Lt. Weber arranged for the review of BWC footage. While initiating the review, Atty. Joe Hegedus, legal representative for Lt. Rodriguez, interrupted the agents to advise that Lt. Rodriguez had stated that his BWC was not operating properly prior when he responded to the incident; therefore, he activated a video recording on his department-issued cell phone and recorded the encounter on that device only. SA Seitzman took charge of retrieving the video from Lt. Rodriguez's cell phone and preserving the footage for the investigation.

The agents then continued to review the BWC video from PPD Officers Heath, Mote, and Kimpel, along with the cell phone video of Lt. Rodriguez. Following the initial review, the agents then proceeded to conduct interviews with witnessing officers and the subject's parents. Full copies of the BWC videos were obtained prior to the agents leaving the department and were later added to the BCI case file.

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The following day, on February 22, 2025, SA Seitzman discovered through video files provided by PPD that Lt. Rodriguez's BWC did in fact record the incident. That video was also reviewed and a copy was added to the case file.

References:

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Attachments:

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