



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



2022-2918

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH
44203

Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of Video Footage
Involves: Lake Anna YMCA (O)
Activity Date: 12/26/2022
Activity Location: Lake Anna YMCA, 500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, Ohio
44203
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On December 26, 2022, at approximately 0942 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) met with staff of the Lake Anna YMCA, 500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, Ohio and obtained a thumb drive which contained surveillance video footage relevant to this investigation. On December 29, 2022, at approximately 1539 hours, SA Valente returned to the Lake Anna YMCA and obtained an extended length video recording from the camera that views the parking lot where Zachary Zoran (Zoran) was shot by Barberton Police.

A review of these recordings noted the following:

The Lake Anna YMCA had three separate cameras which captured Zoran as he was on their property. These files were titled:

1. *North Lot_20221226_085531*
2. *Front Lot 3_20221226_085721*
3. *24 7 Door 1_20221226_090548*
 - a. *2022-12-29 - 24 7 Door 1_20221226_085655* - this file is an extended version of the above recording.



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The first recording, titled: *North Lot_20221226_085531*, captured Zoran as he walked towards the facility from the north to the south.



YMCA North Lot Still 1

In the above image Zoran can be seen as he approached Margaret Patterson (Patterson) for the first time. Patterson was walking southbound along Newell Street approaching West Hopocan Avenue. Zoran was walking westbound along West Hopocan Avenue.

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YMCA North Lot Still 2

Zoran continued to follow Patterson as she approached the Lake Anna YMCA.

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The second recording titled: *Front Lot 3_20221226_085721*, captured Zoran as he walked towards and past the main entrance of the Lake Anna YMCA.



YMCA Front Lot Still 1

Zoran is captured on this camera recording as he continued to follow Patterson, who was now accompanied by Morgan Morrisey (Morrisey).

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YMCA Front Lot Still 1 Cropped.

A close up of Zoran, Patterson, and Morrisey just before the two women walked into the Lake Anna YMCA. As the women crossed through the parking lot, Zoran stopped momentarily and looked in their direction before continuing on.

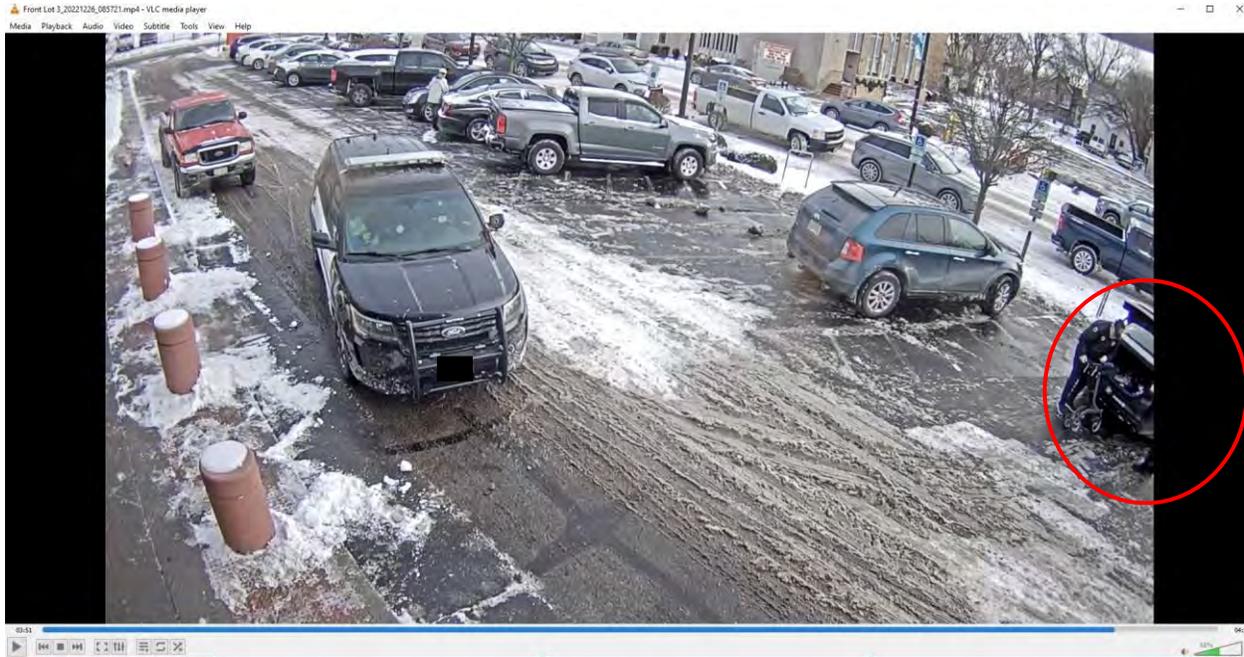


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YMCA Front Lot Still 2

Moments later, Officer Velo can be seen as he arrived at the Lake Anna YMCA. Charles Nicholas can also be seen on the right side of this image unloading a walker from the trunk of his car. Nicholas, who himself reported having just had a strange verbal interaction with Zoran, walked into the Lake Anna YMCA moments after Officer [REDACTED] and provided him with an updated location of Zoran.

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The third recording titled: *24 7 Door 1_20221226_090548*, showed the interaction between Zoran and the Barberton Police to the rear of the Lake Anna YMCA property.



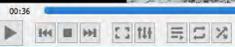
YMCA 24 7 Door – Still 1

This camera faced the rear of the Lake Anna YMCA and partially captured the incident between Zoran and police. This camera's view of the interaction between the subjects was significantly obstructed by a large pine tree. Note that this camera was also the furthest from the subjects at the time of the incident and this camera recording; like the other Lake Anna YMCA surveillance videos, was created with a variable frame rate and lower image quality than the other known recordings of the incident. Witness Evan Kuhn can be seen in the foreground, while Zoran, Officer [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED] are present in the background.

Attachments:

1. Collection of 6 still images taken from the above noted videos as shown above.

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