

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



2024-1015

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 Tuscarawas, County

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Deputy Stephanie Donley (W)

**Date of Activity:** 06/04/2024

Activity Location: BCI - Richfield - 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

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## Narrative:

On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body worn camera video footage from Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Deputy Stephanie Donley (Donley). The video footage is related to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on March 31, 2024, in the area of 8th Street SE, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The incident involved Matthew Flynn (Flynn) and a member of the TCSO and resulted in the death of Flynn.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities recorded on Deputy Donley's body worn camera and only document those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all the activities, radio traffic, or conversations of Deputy Donley and the other members of the OSHP or TCSO, the New Philadelphia Police Department (NPPD) or New Philadelphia Fire Department (NPFD) personnel which were recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word-for-word translation of the conversations or comments made by Deputy Donley or other members of the OSHP, TCSO, NPPD, or NPFD. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information documented in the narrative.

SA Tingley reviewed the video recordings listed as BWC2-065121 and noted the following:

The video is 0:36:59 in length and begins at 21:09:00 as Deputy Donley was driving. There was no audio throughout the recording.

At approximately 21:11:08 hours, Deputy Donley arrived at the crash scene on Tell Street NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, which involved the stolen TCSO cruiser.

At approximately 21:11:13 hours, Deputy Donley approached the crashed stolen cruiser with her duty weapon in her hand.

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At approximately 21:12:32 hours, Deputy Donley arrived at the vehicle. However, due to the airbag deployment in the vehicle, the interior of the vehicle was not visible.

At approximately 21:12:49 hours, Deputy Donley then backs away from the vehicle. Multiple unidentified NPPD Officers are then seen as they begin to arrive.

At approximately 21:13:00 hours, Deputy Donley approached the vehicle with multiple NPPD officers.

At approximately 21:13:31 hours, an unidentified NPPD Officer opened the vehicle door.

At approximately 21:13:58 hours, an unidentified NPPD Officer removed Flynn from the vehicle through the driver's door. Officers on scene then began to provide first aid to Flynn.

At approximately 21:16:05 hours, the NPFD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance arrived on scene. The EMS personnel then took over care of Flynn.

At approximately 21:20:59 hours, an unidentified NPPD Officer is seen taping off the area and helping to secure the scene.

Through the remainder of the video, Deputy Donley helped to maintain scene security.

The video concluded with Deputy Donley still at the crash scene.

For further details, please refer to Deputy Donley's body worn camera video which is attached as Reference Item B to this case file.

## References:

REF ITEM B - USB Thumbdrive

## Attachments:

No attachments.

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