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2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Video Review: Detective Michael Laurello's BWC Reviewed, Amped Replay Used

Involves: Detective Michael Laurello (W)

Activity Date: 11/05/2024

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

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On November 5, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) completed a review of the video captured from the body-worn camera (BWC) of Detective Michael Laurello (Detective Laurello) during this incident.

Amped Replay was used to review the video.

SA Valente made working copies of the 7 BWC videos made by Detective Laurello and placed the copied videos in a folder on his BCI issued laptop. The working copies of the videos were used for the review.

BWC VIDEO #1:

Michael Laurello 202408292254_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 7,919 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:04:24.23 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 22:54:54
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	7,919
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Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 00: 22:59:18
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured Detective Laurello obtaining contact information from Jacquelyn Fortson (Fortson), sister of the subject. Detective Laurello then briefly introduced himself to Ferrel Thomas (Ferrel), father of the subject, and Genisis Tyson-Thomas (Genisis), sister of the subject. No derivative works were made from the video.

BWC VIDEO #2:

MichaelLaurello_202408292323_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 12,479 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:06:56.38 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 23:23:34
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	12,479
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 23:30:30
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured Detective Laurello as he spoke with Ferrel. During the conversation Ferrel told Detective Laurello the subject was high on mushrooms at the time of the incident but was fine earlier in the evening. Ferrel told Detective Laurello the subject believed someone had killed his sister and for that reason the subject fired his gun inside the home and did so more than once. Ferrel told Detective Laurello he should never have left the subject alone in the house.

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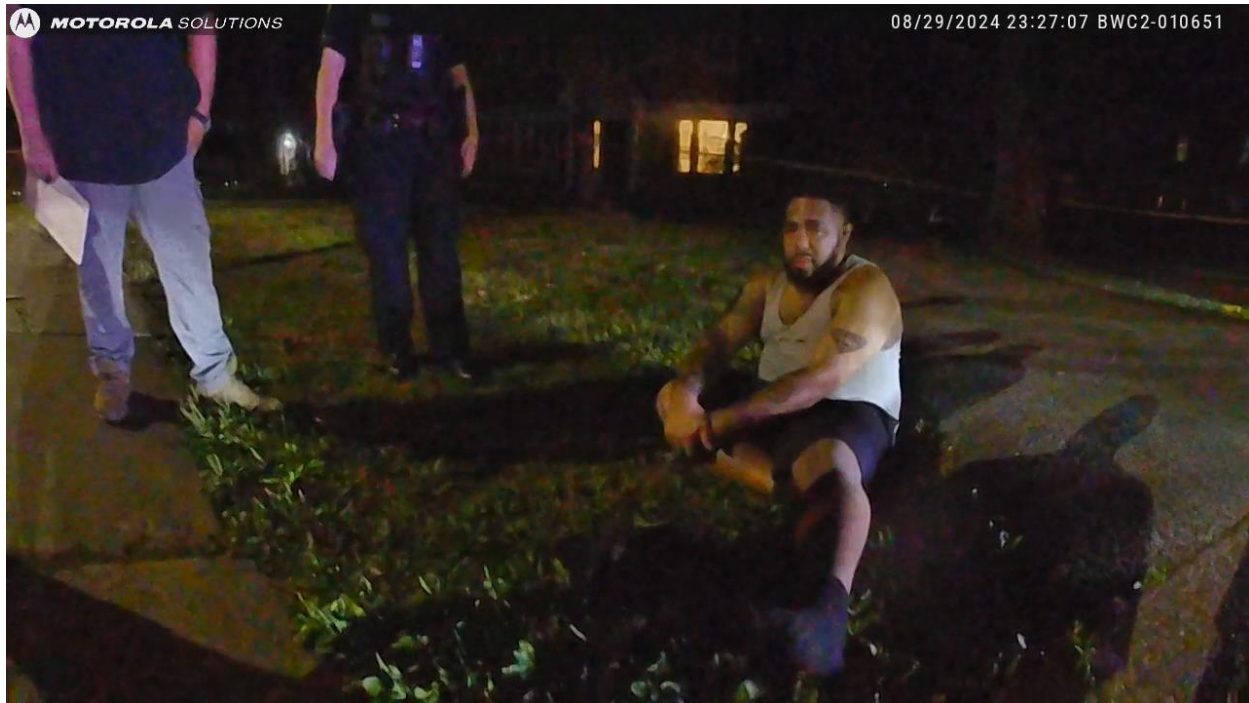


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Frame	6,397
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 23:27:07
Activity/Notes	Ferrel is depicted in this frame sitting in front of his home speaking with Detective Laurello.

Beginning around the above frame, Detective Laurello asked Ferrel, “Did he (the subject) shoot outside at all?” Ferrel responded, “After, yeah, right before y’all shot him and killed him.” Detective Laurello then asked, “And he was outside when he shot?” Ferrel replied, “I’m sure.” Detective Laurello asked how he knew that. Ferrel answered, “Because I was standing out here watching y’all shoot him and kill him.”

All frames referenced above, except for the start time and end time frames, were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay. The images were exported to the folder “Det. Laurello BWC 2 Derivatives and Reports.”

An Amped Replay report was generated for Detective Laurello’s BWC video review and bookmarked images. The report was exported to the same folder noted above. Please This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency except as provided by law - a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.



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refer to the report for further details. The Amped Replay reports for the BWC videos were attached to this report. Refer to this report for further details.

The video file working copies, the Amped Replay bookmarked images, and the Amped Replay reports were copied to a USB thumb drive and were placed into the BCI physical case file as Reference Item N.

BWC VIDEO #3:

MichaelLaurello_202408300004_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 17,429 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:09:41.55 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:04:29
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	17,429
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00: 00:14:11
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured Detective Laurello as he spoke with Genisis. Genisis requested car keys be removed from the home and given to her. While Detective Laurello spoke with Genisis, Ferrel hugged a female believed to be the subject's grandmother and made comments indicative of the subject being responsible for his own death.

During that conversation Ferrel loudly exclaimed, "They didn't do it. He did it to him-fucking self!" The woman responded, "He killed himself?" Ferrel replied either, "No he did, mother" or "No he didn't, mother." Genisis interjected, "He was shooting at them." Ferrel continued, "It's not them. It's not they fuckin' fault, it's my fault. It's my fuckin' fault." Ferrel continued to repeat the subject's death was not the fault of police and was his own fault. Most of the remaining conversation between Ferrel and the woman

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was unintelligible and drowned out by Genesis's repeated attempts to convince the police to retrieve keys from inside the home.

No derivatives were made from this video recording.

BWC VIDEO #4:

MichaelLaurello_202408300020_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 599 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:19.99 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:20:59
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	599
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00: 00:21:19
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured Ferrel asking Officer Ondercin if property could be removed from the home for him.

No derivatives were made from this video recording.

BWC VIDEO #5:

MichaelLaurello_202408300032_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 4,559 frames in the video.

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- The video was 00:02:32.12 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:32:08
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	4,559
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00: 00:34:41
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured a portion of an interaction between members of the subject's family, police, and BCI Temporary Working Supervisor (TWS) Armstrong. During the interaction TWS Armstrong explained to the subject's family, who were seated in a truck in the roadway, he was with BCI, not the Cleveland Heights Police Department and he wished to speak with anyone who was present at the time of the officer-involved shooting. The subject's father was also asked if he would sign a consent form, allowing BCI agents to search his residence for evidence related to the officer-involved shooting. The subject's family generally seemed apprehensive to continue the conversation and left with officers stating they would seek to obtain a warrant.

No derivatives were made from this video recording.

BWC VIDEO #6:

MichaelLaurello_202408300050_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 1,649 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:55.02 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:50:54

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Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.
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Frame	1,649
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00: 00:51:49
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video captured Detective Laurello briefly advising Officer Franklin that BCI agents had arrived, and she would need to continue to provide scene security at the rear of the subject residence.

No derivatives were made from the video.

BWC VIDEO #7:

MichaelLaurello_202408300059_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 689 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:22.99 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:59:11
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	689
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00: 00:59:34
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video briefly captured Detective Laurello obtaining a water bottle and the subject's neighbors walking towards their home.

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No derivative works were made from the video.

References:

Item N - USB Thumbdrive - Amped Replay Report and Derivatives for BWC Videos

Attachments:

1. Detective Laurello BWC #2 Working Copy Report

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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 33908
Report Generation Time 2024-11-05 14:04:30.000

File Information

Input File Name MichaelLaurello_202408292323_BWC2010651-0 - Working Copy.mp4
Input File Hash (MD5) 90375d03092ccfa7c702ca5cdde2f5b5
File Size 250.6 MB
Format mov,mp4,m4a,3gp,3g2,mj2
Codec h264
Width 1280
Height 720
File Fps 29.9700
Length (frames) 12480
Duration (time) 00:06:56.382
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-2614
Location: 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Camera: Detective Laurellow BWC #2
Purpose of Viewing: Investigation
Submitted by: SA Valente
Review Summary: See Report.

First Frame
Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 12479



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 29.9700

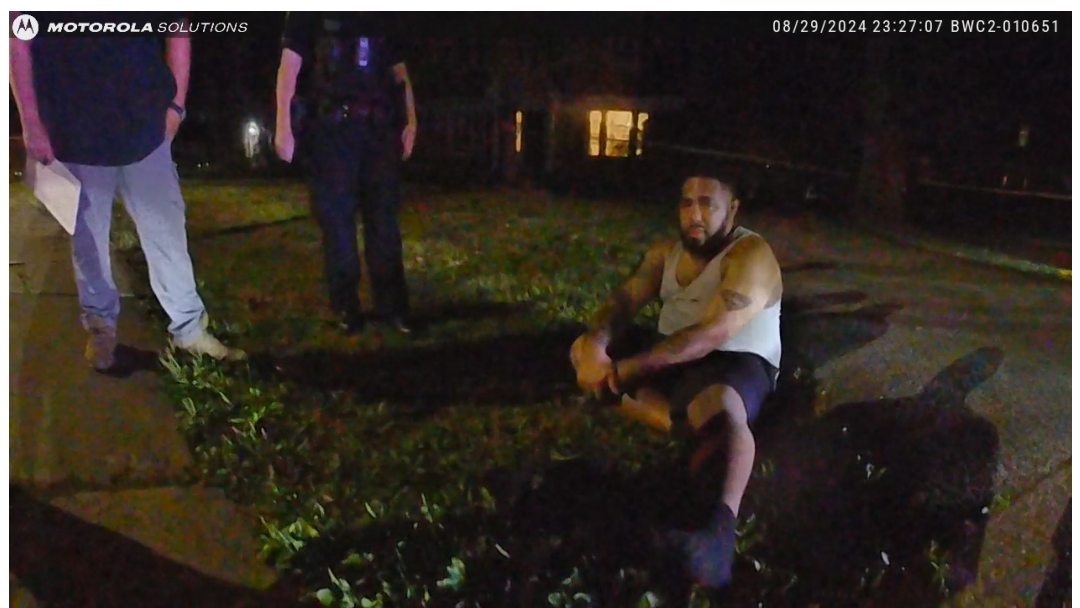
Motion Detection Information

Region of Interest Full Frame

Threshold 1

Bookmarks

Frame 6397



Description Ferrel is depicted in this frame sitting in front of his home speaking with Detective Laurello.

Motion Detection Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

No annotations applied

Audio Redaction Information

No audio redaction applied