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2023-3223  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE,  
Canton, OH 44707

Investigative Activity: Video Review - CPD Ofc. Anthony Loparo  
Activity Date: 1/23/2024  
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from BCI SA Al Bansky. SA Bansky was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Canton Police Department.

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

[00\\_0067560849\\_96\\_18\\_a0\\_42-0067196922\\_0067542272\\_0067542292\\_video0.mp4](#)

This video is 2 hours, 34 minutes, and 48 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Anthony Loparo (Loparo). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:08:25.

The video begins showing the inside of a building and a television screen. At 22:08:32, Loparo stands up and proceeds outside to a marked police cruiser. At 22:08:56, sound can now be heard. At this time Loparo is driving his cruiser and sirens are heard. At 22:10:21, Loparo begins to exit his vehicle. At 22:10:25, Loparo's BWC shows Ofc. Garrett Marino (Marino) pointing his pistol at Zachary Fornash (Fornash). Fornash is lying on the ground.

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As Loparo approaches he draws his pistol and asks, "You got him, you got him?" See screenshot below taken at 22:10:30.



Loparo then says "Where's it at? I see it hold on. You got cover?" Loparo then holsters his pistol and approaches Fornash.

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At 22:10:36, the grip of a handgun can be seen in the pocket of Fornash's shirt. See screenshot below. It should be noted that two additional CPD officers are also approaching Fornash. They can be seen at 22:10:34 on the right side of the video.



At 22:10:38, the handgun can clearly be seen. See screenshot below. At 22:10:39, Loparo says "Gun's out."



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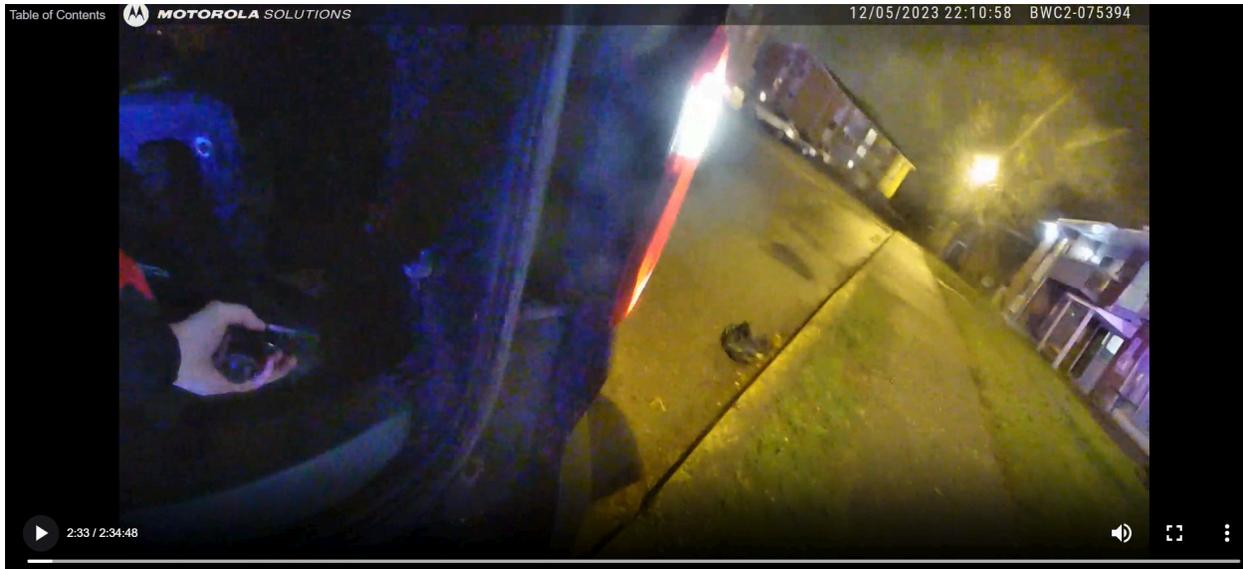


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At 22:10:44, Loparo says "It's a BB gun, it's fake." Loparo then walks to his cruiser and places the gun in the rear cargo area of the vehicle. See screenshot below.



Loparo then closes the rear hitch of his vehicle and walks back toward where Fornash was lying on the ground. See screenshot below taken at 22:11:05.



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Loparo returns to his vehicle, retrieves crime scene tape, and begins to tape off the area. At 22:19:37, an officer tells Loparo to start a crime scene log. At 22:19:54, a plain clothes officer asks Loparo if he picked up a gun. Loparo states that he did and that he took it off Fornash. Loparo and the plain clothes officer walk toward Loparo's vehicle. Loparo states that the firearm is in his trunk. The plain clothes officer asks if Loparo had gloves on. Loparo states that he didn't, and he took it because he didn't want Fornash to grab it. Loparo then retrieves paperwork from his vehicle and begins a crime scene log.

From 22:30:30 to the end of the video at 00:43:14, SA Lieber spot checked this portion of the video. It should be noted that the scene had been secured and Fornash has been removed from the scene. At 00:18:42, BCI Special Agent Larry Hootman arrived on scene.

The video ends at 00:43:14.

[tick331602470-tick331631184-video1.mp4](#)

This video is 3 hours, 59 minutes, and 17 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the vehicle dash camera of Canton Police Department Officer Anthony Loparo. There is no time stamp on this video. As a result, any times referenced below will be the elapsed time of the video.

The video begins showing the vehicle parked and facing a building. At 0:22, Loparo crosses in front of the camera and enters the vehicle. The vehicle begins to drive, and the red and blue emergency lights appear to have been activated. Sound can be heard on the video beginning at 0:32. At 1:55, Ofc. Garrett Marino can be seen. Zachary Fornash can also be seen lying on the ground. See screenshot below.

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See screenshot below taken at 1:59. At this time Loparo's vehicle is stopped.



As Loparo approaches Fornash, multiple other officers also appear on the video. See screenshot below.

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At 2:14, Loparo grabs an item from the right jacket pocket of Fornash (later determined to be a .177 caliber pellet pistol). See screenshot below taken at 2:15. The pistol can be seen in Loparo's hand.



Multiple officers provide aid to Fornash. See screenshot below.

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At 7:55, a Canton EMS vehicle arrives on scene. EMS personnel aid Fornash and he is placed on a gurney. At 9:26, Fornash is taken away by EMS personnel, and he is no longer visible on this dash camera. At 18:27, an officer removes a medical bag from the area where Fornash was previously treated. See screenshot below.



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Due to weather conditions, rain can be seen on the windshield of the cruiser. With the windshield wipers not activated it makes viewing the area difficult. See screenshot below taken at 21:26.



At approximately 31:24, the windshield begins to clear, and the video becomes easier to view.

From 35:00 to the end of the video at 03:59:17, SA Lieber spot checked this portion of the video. It should be noted that the scene had been secured and Fornash has been removed from the scene.

[tick331602470-tick331631184-video2.mp4](#)

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[tick331602470-tick331631184-video3.mp4](#)

This video is 3 hours, 59 minutes, and 17 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the interior vehicle camera of Canton Police Department Officer Anthony Loparo. There is no time stamp on this video. The entirety of the video shows the view below.



### **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.

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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 B for reference only.

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