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Officer Involved Critical Incident - W. 46th Street, between Collins Blvd.
and Valley View Blvd.

Investigative Activity: APD Ofc. Brandon Zukoski Body Camera Review
Activity Date: 6/6/2022
Activity Location: Area of 46th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from the Ashtabula Police Department (APD). SA Lieber was informed that the video contained footage from the body camera worn by Officer (Ofc.) Brandon Zukoski (Zukoski).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The video is 1 minute and 59 seconds in duration. The date stamp at the beginning of the video is 04/13/2022, at 01:26:39 hours. Note that no audio is present on the recording until 01:27:11.

The video begins showing Zukoski standing next to his patrol vehicle. See screenshot below:



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At 01:27:31, an officer radios, "We're moving." Zukoski responds, "Copy." For the next approximately 50 seconds, Zukoski and another officer, believed to be Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Zackery Metz (Metz), stand on the south side of the bridge.

See screenshot below taken at 01:27:59, showing Zukoski and Metz standing on the south side of the bridge.



At 01:28:23, Zukoski walks toward Lieutenant [REDACTED] and informs him that other officers are making contact with the subject (David Ward Jr.).

The video ends at 01:28:39.

The DVD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item A.

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