



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2900 Towne Boulevard,
Middletown, OH 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Victor L. Lykins (S), Officer Austin Renner (W), Officer Jonathan Hilgendorf (S)

Date of Activity: 03/08/2023

Activity Location: Middletown Police Department – Business – 1 Donham Plaza,
Middletown, OH 45042

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Narrative:

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was contacted by the Middletown Police Department in Butler County, Ohio, to assist with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at the Walmart, located at 2900 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH (Warren County) between Victor Lykins (Victor) and the Middletown Police Department.

On March 8, 2023, BCI Special Agent Lauren Frazier conducted a review of the cruiser video for Officer Hilgendorf and Officer Renner from February 25, 2023. To note, there is no audio associated with this video. Middletown Police Chief Birk stated that the audio equipment is inoperable and they are working on replacing equipment.

Officer Hilgendorf Cruiser Video:

Officer Hilgendorf's cruiser video is approximately 32 minutes and 35 seconds long. The video begins with Officer Hilgendorf following a light colored Jeep SUV through the parking lot of Walmart. Once parked, Officer Hilgendorf approaches on the passenger side. Officer Hilgendorf appears to be writing down information on a handheld notebook, then returns to his cruiser. Officer Renner arrives and walks up to the passenger window and speaks with the occupants for several minutes. Officer Hilgendorf approaches on the drivers side and walks the driver back to his cruiser, while Officer Renner remains at the front passenger door.

Approximately 6 minutes and 25 seconds into the video, Officer Renner looks back at Officer Hilgendorf and nods his head. Officer Hilgendorf approaches on the passenger side and Officer Renner opens the front passenger door. Officer Renner is seen lunging into the front passenger seat. Approximately 6 minutes and 33 seconds in, Officer Hilgendorf is seen drawing his

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duty weapon near the rear passenger door and shoots one round through the rear passenger window, which shatters. Officer Hilgendorf gets on the radio with his left hand, while holding his firearm in his right hand, and fires an additional round at approximately **6 minutes and 36 seconds**. Both officers move back, assess the situation, and check themselves for injury. Officers attempt to administer medical aid on the subject prior to back up arriving on scene.

Officer Renner Cruiser Video:

Officer Renner's cruiser video is approximately 43 minutes and 4 seconds long. The video begins with Officer Renner arriving at Walmart and parking behind Officer Hilgendorf's cruiser. Officer Renner walks up to the driver's door and speaks with Officer Hilgendorf, before approaching the passenger side of the subject's vehicle. Officer Renner stays at the front passenger window and Officer Hilgendorf is seen placing the driver in the back of his cruiser.

Approximately **3 minutes and 37 seconds** into the video, Officer Renner looks back at Officer Hilgendorf and nods his head. Officer Hilgendorf approaches on the passenger side and Officer Renner opens the front passenger door. Officer Renner is seen lunging into the passenger seat. At approximately **3 minutes and 45 seconds**, Officer Hilgendorf draws his duty weapon near the rear passenger door, and shoots one round through the rear passenger window, which shatters. Officer Hilgendorf is seen getting on the radio with his left hand, while holding his firearm in his right hand, and fires an additional round at approximately **3 minutes and 48 seconds**. Both officers move back, assess the situation, and check themselves for injury. Officers attempt to administer medical aid on the subject prior to back up arriving on scene.

All video has been uploaded to the AGO network F: drive.