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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton,
OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Taylor Coleman Anthony Cotton (S)

Date of Activity: 10/25/2024

Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR 56 SW, London,
OH 43140

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received cruiser and body-worn camera footage from the Dayton Police Department. The footage was shared via Axon's Evidence.com.

This report focuses on footage from Dayton Police [REDACTED] SA Seitzman documented the portions of the video he believed to be the most relevant in obtaining the facts necessary to provide an understanding of the events surrounding the OICI. SA Seitzman understands that there is commonly a delay in audio upon activating the cruiser and body-worn cameras. The delay is typically due to the video recovering historical data during the playback, meaning, once the camera is activated, it backs up to a predetermined time. Based on the footage received, SA Seitzman noted that the Dayton Police Department's cameras back up approximately one minute.

SA Seitzman reviewed the footage and noted the following:

Body-Worn Camera Footage:

- The footage starts at 0836 hours, according to the timestamp embedded in the video.
- [REDACTED] parked south of 1273 Rosedale Drive. He walked up to the residence and drew his pistol. Another Dayton Police cruiser can be seen blocking Rosedale Drive near Access Road.
- [REDACTED] briefly conversed with another officer.
- The dispatcher advised [REDACTED] that an attempted call to the 911 caller went to voicemail.
- An officer broadcast over the radio that there is a "mental health gentleman that lives

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at that address" and further stated that the subject had been "pink slipped" before. (3:16) [Agent's note: The term "pink slip" generally refers to an application for emergency admission for a mentally ill person meeting certain criteria for hospitalization.]

- Another officer at the scene told [REDACTED] that there was a history of firearms at that residence.
- At approximately 0841 hours, radio traffic can be heard indicating that there was "one coming out" of the residence [REDACTED] approaches the residence. An officer can be heard yelling to a female, asking her to leave the door open. The female says that there is a dog in the residence. [REDACTED] asked the female who else was inside the house, to which she responded that her husband was getting ready for work. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked her who called for the police. She stated both she and her husband did. The female told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] something to the effect of the person she called about "almost set the house on fire." (5:43)
- At approximately 0842 hours (according to the timestamp in the video), a tan sedan arrived, driving south on Rosedale Drive. The female told the officers, "Ya'll need...Him the one. Him the one say he gonna have a shootout with ya'll." The tan sedan then turned right onto Access Road and came to a stop. (6:00)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] positioned himself on the side of a blue sedan parked on Rosedale Drive in front of 1273 Rosedale Drive. He pointed his pistol in the direction of the tan sedan and yelled for the occupant to put his hands up. The occupant in the tan sedan can be seen opening the driver's door. (6:15)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yelled for the occupant to "put it down" then radioed, "99. We got someone with a gun." (6:16)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] continued to yell at the subject to put it down. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said, "We're not trying to do this. Just drop it and then come out and talk to us. None of us are trying to do this today." [REDACTED] [REDACTED] repeats his commands to the subject several times. (6:39)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] radioed that the involved vehicle was a tan Buick and that the subject was in the driver's seat holding a shotgun and refusing to put it down. He further described the involved subject as a Black male, approximately 20-30. He then provided the subject's clothing description.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] continued talking to the subject and said, "We want to end this peacefully, but you gotta put the gun down, man. Just put it down and talk to us. Just put it down and come talk to us. That's it. That's all you gotta do. We're not trying to do this. We don't wanna to get hurt. We don't want you to get hurt. Your mom doesn't want to see you get hurt. We're not trying to do this. Just put it down, please." (8:16)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] continues to try to get the subject to put the gun down and talk to him. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] can be heard saying, "You're too young for this stupidity. Please don't make us do this, man. We're not here for this. No one wants this. We need you to at least talk to us and tell us what's up." (10:12)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] continues in his attempts to talk to the subject. He can be heard saying, "Please put the gun down and talk to us, man. Let us resolve this peacefully. No one's trying to do this, man." (11:28)
- At approximately 08:48 hours, according to the timestamp, an unknown male yells to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], "It's not loaded." [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded by saying, "I don't know that. I'm not going to risk it. We're trying to get him to drop it. We don't want this

- either, dude. (12:12)
- At approximately 0851 hours, according to the timestamp, the subject can be heard saying something to the effect of this being the "only way." The subject also says something to the effect of "on the way up." [REDACTED] continued to ask him questions; however, the subject cannot be heard responding. (15:12)
 - At 0855 hours, according to the timestamp, an unknown male subject in the background can be heard saying, "I will help you. That shit is not real in your head, bro." [REDACTED] followed up by saying to the subject, "Taylor, man, listen to him back there. We're not trying to do this. It's not how we want this to go. It's not how he wants this to go. We want... we want to help whatever your issue is. We want to help it, man. But, you gotta put the gun down and come talk to us. And I know you're thinking about it. You're trying to figure out what's going on right now. You're trying to figure out a solution. We want to help you find a solution, but you gotta help us. I don't know how old you are, but you look fairly young, man. You got a lot of life ahead of you. I don't know what the issue is. We can solve it. You don't have to go out this way. We don't have to end it this way." (19:42)
 - [REDACTED] told the subject that he learned a lot of the issue surrounding the subject having not seen his children in months. He told the subject that that would find a solution. [REDACTED] and another officer asked the subject for the names and ages of his children. [REDACTED] tries for several minutes to get the subject to put the gun down and talk to him. The subject cannot be heard responding. (22:10–33:10)
 - At 0909 hours, according to the timestamp, as [REDACTED] was talking to the subject, the subject exited his vehicle. [REDACTED] moved further behind cover and stood up. He began firing toward the subject. [REDACTED] fired multiple rounds. SA Seitzman was unable to determine the amount of rounds fired by [REDACTED] based on the video. (33:15)
 - The shots lasted approximately 4 seconds and 25.85 excess frames (approximately from frames 59946 to 60092 at a playback speed of 30.0372 frames per second).
 - [REDACTED] and other officers quickly approached the subject and began rendering medical aid. (33:24)
 - [REDACTED] removed himself and other involved officers from the immediate scene. He instructed all officers who fired a pistol to reload their pistols with a full magazine. He then instructed them to place their involved magazines into a pocket. He also reminded the officers that their body-worn cameras were still running.
 - [REDACTED] then told a supervisor at the scene that he believed he fired 10 or 11 times.
 - [REDACTED] terminated his body-worn camera at approximately 0915 hours, according to the timestamp.

[REDACTED] s Cruiser Camera Footage:

- [REDACTED] s cruiser camera did not provide any additional detail due to its position.

[REDACTED] F. [REDACTED] s Body-Worn Camera Footage:

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- [REDACTED] F. [REDACTED] arrives at the scene at approximately 0837 hours, according to the timestamp. He conversed with another officer, then walked back to the trunk of his cruiser to obtain a patrol rifle. He then joined Officer [REDACTED] taking cover behind a blue car.
- At approximately 0842 hours, according to the timestamp, the tan sedan is seen on camera.
- [REDACTED] F. [REDACTED] remained with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the relevant portions of the incident. At approximately 0909 hours, gunfire can be heard. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who is within [REDACTED] F. [REDACTED]'s camera frame can be seen firing 11 shots from his pistol. It also appeared that [REDACTED] R. [REDACTED] fired shots from his rifle; however, due to the position of his camera, it is unknown how many shots he fired by viewing the footage.
- [REDACTED] F. [REDACTED]'s footage did not provide any additional details.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s Body-Worn Camera Footage:

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived at the scene at approximately 0837 hours, according to the timestamp. He parked his cruiser on Access Road behind 1273 Rosedale Drive. He exited his cruiser with a patrol rifle.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s camera was obstructed for the majority of the incident.
- A voice (presumably [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s) can be heard saying, "Just so everybody's on the same page, if he drives down this way, we're not shooting. Unless he points the gun at us. Just 'cause he's driving off doesn't mean we'll shoot." (26:42)
- At 0909 hours, according to the timestamp, gunfire can be heard. It appeared that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fired his weapon based on movement seen in the footage. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], then at the front passenger door of his cruiser, responded with other officers to the area of the involved subject. Multiple officers can be seen rendering aid to the involved subject. (32:48)
- At 0911 hours, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] announced that he fired. (09:11)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] estimated that he shot four times. (37:25)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s footage did not provide any additional details.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s Body-Worn Camera Footage:

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived at approximately 0837 hours according to the timestamp. He parked on Access Road behind 1273 Rosedale Drive. He exited his cruiser and joined [REDACTED] [REDACTED].
- At approximately 0842 hours, the tan vehicle turned onto Access Road. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pointed his service pistol in the direction of the vehicle. Officers can be heard announcing that the subject had a gun. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] took cover behind the open driver's door of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s cruiser.
- At 0847 hours, according to the timestamp, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] laid stops sticks down across the roadway. (11:08)
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] switched his position to the front passenger door of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s cruiser. He joined Officer D. Flory at the front passenger door.
- At 0909 hours, gunshots can be heard. Due to the position of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s camera, it is unknown how many shots he fired based on the footage.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s footage did not provide any additional details.

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██████████'s Body-Worn Camera Footage:

- ██████████ arrived on scene at approximately 0849 hours, according to the timestamp. He parked on Rosedale Drive south of Yale Avenue.
- ██████████ took cover behind a Dayton police cruiser, which was situated south of the blue car mentioned above. (07:21)
- A male voice can be heard in the background yelling, "Taylor, you better fucking chill out." Another voice says, "That's my blood brother. The gun's not loaded ya'll. I'm gonna beat his ass. (10:10)
- A male voice in the background says, "Taylor, put that shotgun down and get the fuck out. This is Drone, your brother talking to you. Taylor, (unintelligible). Let it go, bro. I will help you. That shit in your head is not real, bro." (12:03)
- A female voice can be heard saying, "I hope they kill that bitch today." The female continued to yell. (23:15)
- Multiple shots can be heard at 0909 hours, according to the timestamp. Due to the placement of the camera, it is unknown how many times ██████████ fired based on the footage. (25:56)
- ██████████ made a call and stated, "Hey. umm, uhh, I just shot a guy, so you're not gonna hear me... hear from me for the rest of the day. He had a gun. He pointed it at us." (29:14)
- ██████████ made a second phone call to his parents. He stated, "A gentleman had a gun in his vehicle and he got out and pointed at us, and I shot him. Me and other officers did." Later in the conversation he said, "I wasn't expecting to shoot somebody." (30:41)

██████████'s Cruiser Camera Footage:

- ██████████'s cruiser camera footage did not provide any additional relevant details.

██████████'s Body-Worn Camera Footage:

- ██████████ arrived at the scene at approximately 0852 hours, according to the timestamp. He parked his vehicle on Access Road behind 1273 Rosedale Drive. There, he joined ██████████, ██████████, and Flory.
- ██████████ spoke with ██████████, who informed him that the subject in the tan vehicle on Access Road had a shotgun. (03:36)
- ██████████ moved his cruiser next to ██████████'s to provide additional cover. ██████████ used his driver's door as cover. (04:24)
- ██████████ pointed his pistol in the direction of the involved subject. (07:23)
- An officer in the background can be heard saying, "Just so everybody's on the same page, if he drive's down this way, we're not shooting. Unless he points the gun at us." (12:12)
- ██████████ grabbed the involved subject's left arm and helped other officers turn him on this stomach to check for injuries. ██████████ suggested placing the subject in handcuffs; however, ██████████ quickly advises against that, as CPR was needed. (19:00)

- ██████ told another officer that he shot his pistol. (20:07)
- ██████ Kenneth ██████ (Moraine PD) advised a Dayton sergeant that he believed he fired three rounds from his pistol. (22:40)
- ██████ told the sergeant at the scene that he believed he fired six shots from his pistol (22:57).
- ██████ advised the sergeant that he believed he fired four shots. (22:52)