



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



2022-1354

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (O), Sergeant [REDACTED] (S)
Date of Activity: 06/24/2022
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Friday June 24, 2022, Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred near 135 Old National Rd., Lore City, OH 43755. The female, later identified as Joy Graham (Graham), was stopped with stop sticks, but refused to exit the vehicle. A canine was deployed, but Graham brandished a pistol. GCSO SRT was dispatched and after using non-lethal tactics the SRT tried to extract Graham out of the vehicle. During the incident the two involved deputies fired into the vehicle. After being taken to Southeastern Medical Hospital, Graham ultimately succumbed to her injuries. Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) was assigned as the lead investigator.

On August 3, 2022, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by the GCSO which included Body Warn Cameras (BWC) and Cruiser dash videos. SA Poole copied the video footage to a USB thumb drive and saved it within the physical case file. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Sergeant [REDACTED] BWC".

- For the first 25 minutes the video shows Sergeant [REDACTED] arriving on scene and negotiating with Graham to exit the vehicle. Graham is heard stating, "No," several times throughout.
- At 25:11 a Cambridge K-9 officer is seen approaching Graham's driver side with his K-9.
- At 26:00 the K-9 officer is heard yelling, "She has a gun."
- At 27:20 Sheriff Paden arrives and Sergeant [REDACTED] gives him a debrief on the situation. Sheriff Paden is then seen trying to negotiate with Graham. Graham is heard refusing to exit the vehicle.
- At 1:08:41 the camera audio is then muted while the SRT plans their approach and is turned back on at 1:15:45.

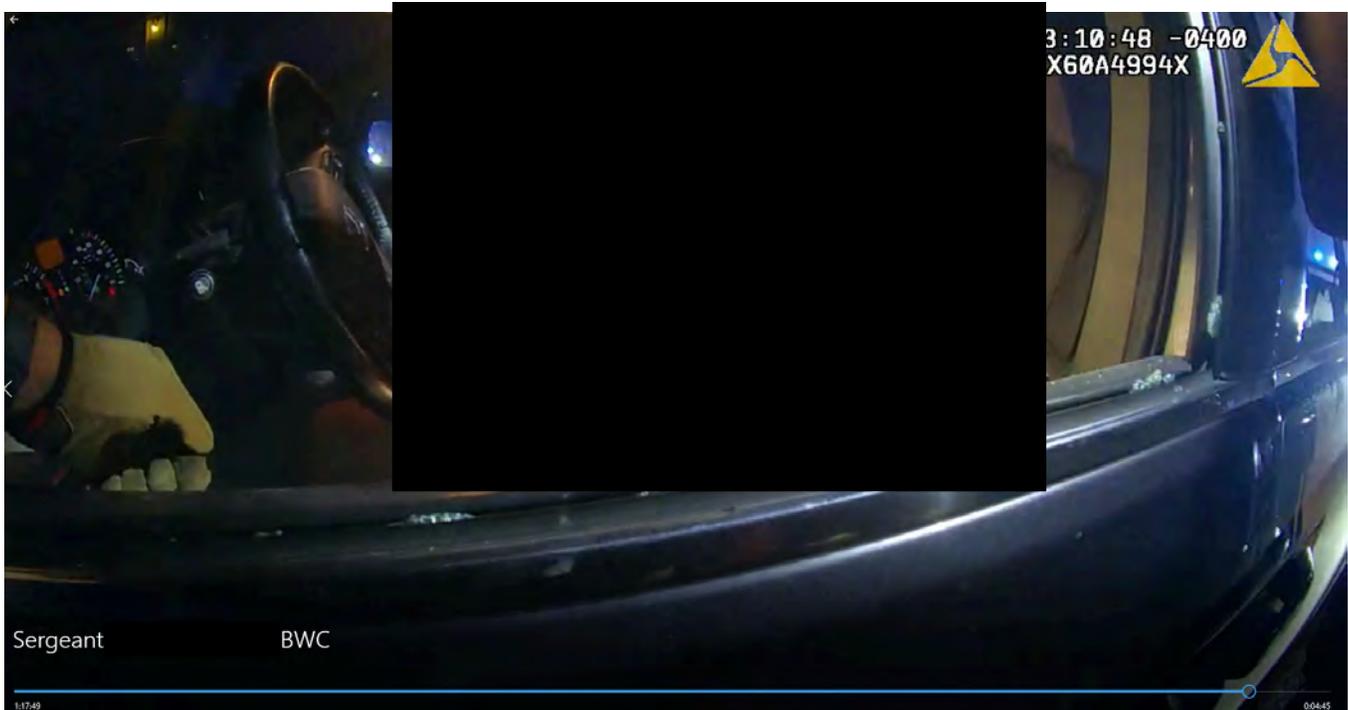
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- SRT is seen approaching the passenger side of Graham's vehicle. Sergeant [REDACTED] is seen preparing a flash grenade.
- At 1:16:44 Sergeant [REDACTED] is seen throwing a flash grenade in the passenger door then flanking around the rear of the vehicle towards Graham's driver side door.
- Sergeant [REDACTED] is seen trying open the driver side door of Graham's vehicle but it is locked.
- Deputies can be heard yelling, "Drop the gun," several times.
- Sergeant [REDACTED] is then seen drawing his duty pistol and at 1:16:55 he fires two rounds toward the back of Graham's seating position through the rear driver passenger window.



- Immediately after the two shots were fired, a deputy stating, "Stop shooting Joy, drop the gun now" can be heard.
- Sergeant [REDACTED] makes his way to the passenger side with the rest of the SRT.
- At 1:17:12 one single shot can be heard. A deputy can be heard asking, "Did she shoot herself?" Sergeant [REDACTED] responds with, "I don't know."
- Sergeant [REDACTED] makes his way back to the driver side door with Sheriff Paden.
- Sheriff Paden is seen breaking the passenger door with his ballistic shield.
- Sergeant [REDACTED] attempts to open the driver side door while another deputy is heard yelling, "watch it, her finger is still on the trigger." Graham can be seen slumped over with her finger still in the trigger well of a black handgun that is facing up towards the roof of the vehicle.

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- Sergeant [REDACTED] was unable to assist with the door and went to check on other deputies.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_2_2022-06-24_2302-2 Dash Camera".

- Depicts traveling to the scene and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

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SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_2_2022-06-24_2232 Dash Camera."

- Depicts traveling to the scene and does not show anything relevant to the Incident

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_2_2022-06-24_2210 Dash Camera."

- Depicts setting up security at the scene and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_22022-06-24_2232 Back Seat Camera."

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- Depicts the rear seat of the cruiser and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_2_2022-06-24_2138 Back Seat Camera."

- Depicts the rear seat of the cruiser and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

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- Depicts the rear seat of the cruiser and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Fleet_2_2022-06-24_2138 Dash Camera."

- Depicts setting up security at the scene and does not show anything relevant to the Incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Deputy Katie Konachly BWC 1."

- Video depicts the deputy arriving after the incident and did not catch any pertinent video or audio.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Deputy Katie Konachly BWC 2."

- A continuation video depicting the scene after the incident had occurred and did not catch any pertinent video or audio.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Deputy Katie Konachly BWC 3."

- A continuation video depicting the scene after the incident had occurred and did not catch any pertinent video or audio.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder "Deputy Christopher Daymut BWC."

- For the first 11 minutes, the video shows Deputy Daymut arriving on scene and showing other officers negotiating with Graham to exit the vehicle. Graham is heard stating, "No," several times throughout.
- At 11:35 a Cambridge K-9 officer is seen approaching Graham's driver side with his K-9.
- At 11:45 the K-9 officer is heard yelling, "She has a gun."
- Deputy Daymut returns to his cruiser and retrieves his rifle.
- Deputy Daymut is seen moving his cruiser to block traffic and returns to the scene on foot.

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- For the next 42 minutes Sheriff Paden and other officers are seen trying to negotiate with Graham who refuses to get out of the vehicle.
- At 54:25 Deputy Daymut mutes his camera to plan with the SRT. The camera does not have audio throughout the rest of the footage.
- Deputy Daymut is seen retrieving a shield and approaches the passengers side of Graham's vehicle with the rest of the SRT.
- At 1:02:25 Deputy Daymut is seen breaking out the passenger side window with his ASP.
- Deputy Daymut then flanks behind the vehicle towards the driver side with Sergeant [REDACTED]. The camera is mostly blocked by the ballistic shield.
- Deputy Daymut then moves back to the passenger side where he drops the shield and draws his handgun, but does not fire.
- Deputy Daymut is then seen trying to assist opening the locked driver side door to extract Graham.
- Graham is seen slumped over with her finger still in the trigger well of a black handgun.



- Sheriff Paden is then seen retrieving the black handgun from Graham's hand.

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- Deputy Daymut then extracts Graham out of the vehicle and onto the ground for the SRT medics to begin life saving aid.
- At 1:11:30 the audio is turned back on. The rest of the video shows the medics arriving and transporting Graham.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the GCSO Video folder “Deputy Ben Coblentz BWC.”

- For the first 21 minutes the footage depicts Deputy Coblentz arriving on scene, setting up security behind Graham’s vehicle with a rifle, while Sheriff Paden and other officers can be heard negotiating with Graham to exit the vehicle.
- At 21:02 SRT is seen approaching the passenger side of Graham’s vehicle.
- At 21:20 SRT is seen breaking out the passenger side window while another officer is heard yelling, “She shot.”
- The camera is partially blocked by Deputy Coblentz staging behind the cruiser door for cover.
- A flash bang is heard going off and what sounds like one single gunshot is heard while an officer is heard yelling, “She shot.”
- At 21:30 what sounded like four gunshots are heard followed by officers yelling, “Don’t do it Joy, drop the gun, drop the gun now.”
- At 21:48 what sounded like one single gunshot was heard.
- Deputy Coblentz is heard airing for EMS to arrive.
- Deputy Coblentz moves up to Graham’s vehicle and helps check Major ██████████ for injuries.
- The rest of the video depicts SRT Medics providing life saving aid to Graham, the medics arriving for transport and Deputy Coblentz setting up scene tape.

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References:

USB Thumbdrive – Black SanDisk memory card 64 GB