



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



2023-0556

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Date of Activity: 02/25/2023
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Narrative:

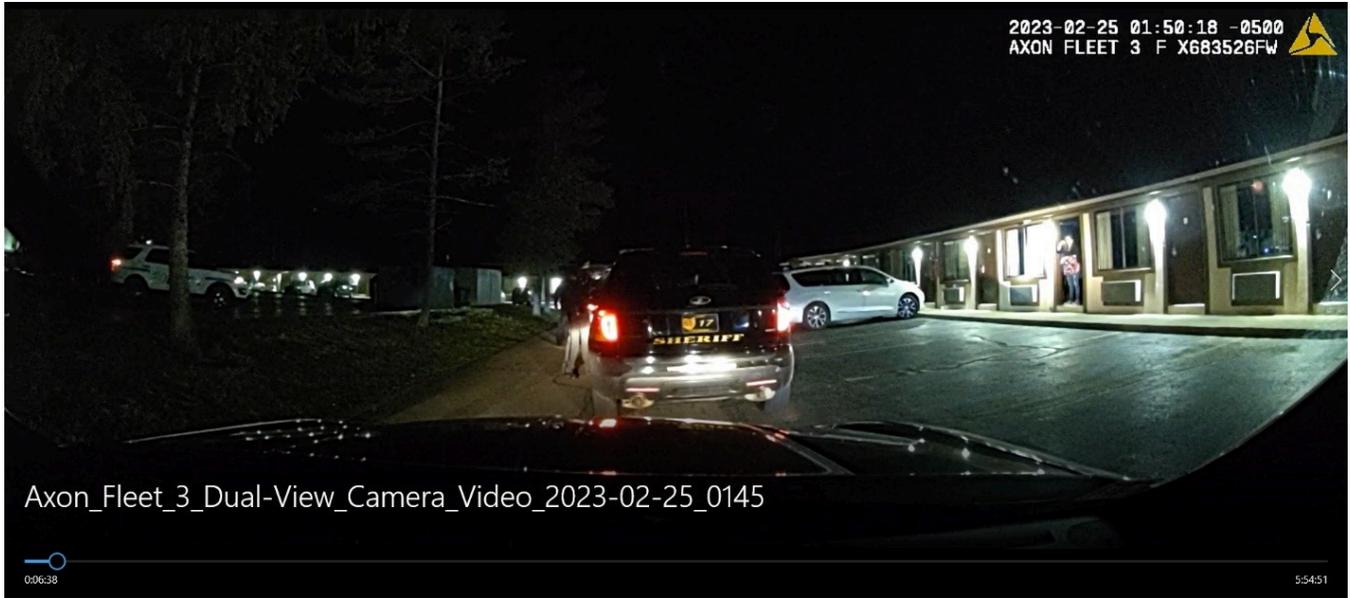
On Saturday February 25, 2023 Circleville Police Department (CPD) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred outside of room 104 of the Rodeway Inn, 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville, OH (Rodeway Inn). CPD and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When deputies and officers arrived, they located the female who brandished a firearm. Two (2) deputies discharged their firearms striking the female, who was transported to Grant and later succumbed to her injuries.

On April 26, 2023, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by Circleville Police Department, Pickaway County Sherriff's Office, and State Highway Patrol. SA Poole copied the cruiser camera 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.

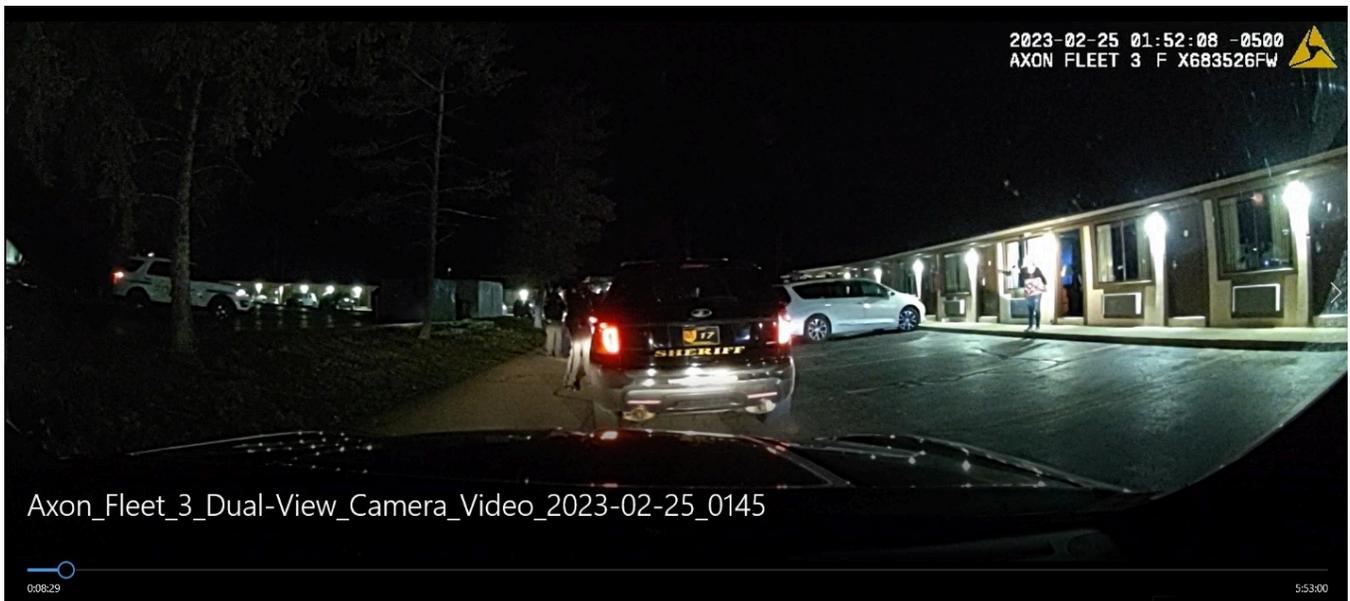
SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Axon_Fleet_3_Dual-View_Camera_Video_2023-02-25_0145."

- The video begins with the cruiser parked facing with the Rodeway Inn, room 104 to the right and with deputies hiding behind cover of other cruisers to the left.
- The deputies have their weapons drawn on the window of room 104 where you can see movement from Croston inside.

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- At the 6:38 minute mark, Croston comes outside and stands at the front door with a handgun to her head.



- At the 8:29 minute mark, Croston is seen pointing her handgun at the deputies.
- The deputies then discharge several rounds at Croston striking her and causing her to fall to the ground.
- Deputies and Officers are then seen clearing room 104, giving medical aid to Croston, waiting on a medic to arrive, and setting scene security for the rest of the video.

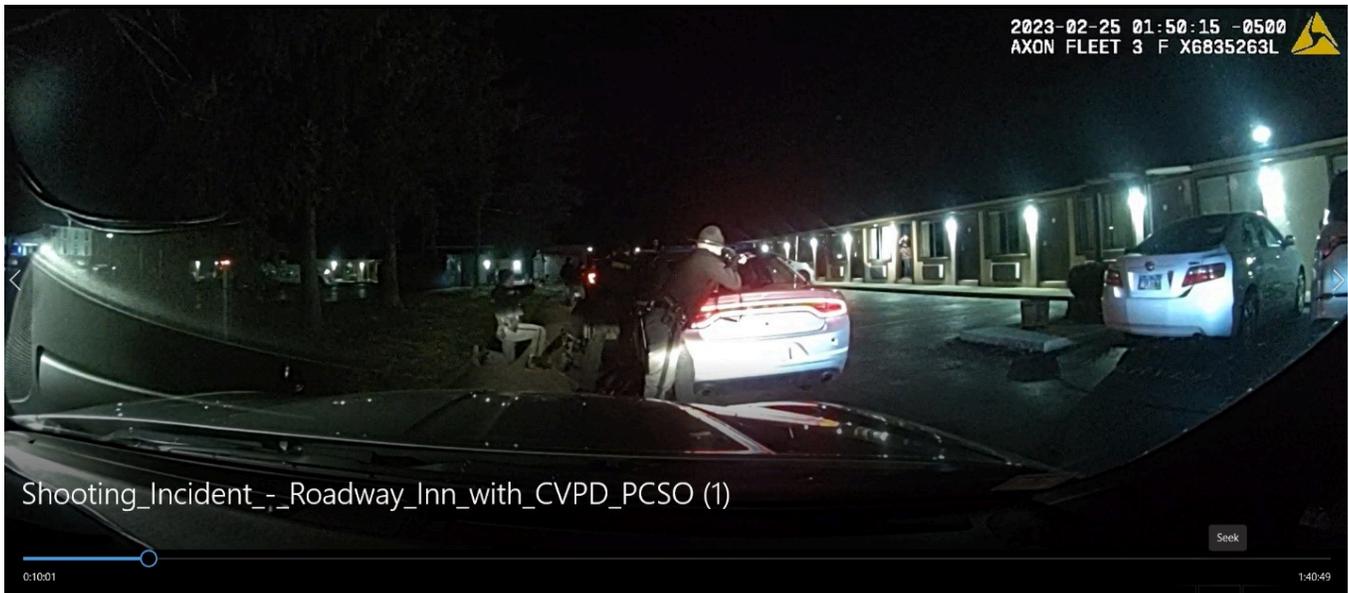
SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Shooting_Incident_-_Roadway_Inn_with_CVPD_PCSO (3)."

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- The video starts after the officer involved incident was over and did not catch anything relevant.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office folder "Shooting_Incident_-_Roadway_Inn_with_CVPD_PCSO (1)."

- The video starts with the cruiser in route to the Rodeway Inn.
- The cruiser is then parked behind a State Highway Patrol Cruiser.
- The video shows officers and deputies with their weapons drawn on room 104.
- (There is no sound except for radio traffic that can be heard)



- At the 10:01 minute mark, Croston is then seen coming out the front door with a handgun to her head.

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- At the 11:53 minute mark, Croston is seen pointing her weapon at the deputies.
- The deputies then discharge several rounds at Croston striking her and causing her to fall to the ground.
- Deputies and officers are then seen clearing room 104, giving medical aid to Croston, waiting on a medic to arrive, and setting scene security for the rest of the video.

References:

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