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2025-3298
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4134 Rush Blvd.,
Youngstown, OH 44512, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Youngstown Police Department BWC Review
Involves: Youngstown Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 12/02/2025
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield 4055 Highlander Parkway, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Darien Spann #158

Narrative:

On Thursday, October 30, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Darien Spann (SA Spann) received video footage from Youngstown Police Department (YPD) SA Spann was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the YPD. The video files include YPD witness officers as well as the victim who is also a YPD Officer. The images in this report are for demonstrative purposes only.

SA Spann reviewed the video recordings and noted the following information that was relevant to the OICI:

Body Camera Footage

Officer	Description
Video File: (Clip_1.1)_Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1240_D01A82425.mp4	
Officer Eleazer Gonzalez	See photos below for further details.
Video File: Burglary_Prowle_- 4134_RUSH_BLVD_Youngstown-23.mp4 Video File: (Clip_1.1)_Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1242_D01A88634.mp4	
	See photos below for further details.

Video File: (Clip_1.1)_Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1240_D01A82425.mp4

In the BWC video file, Officer (Ofc.) Gonzalez and [REDACTED] were in the backyard of 4134 Rush Blvd. searching the shed. [REDACTED] then yelled “Gun” (12:45:28 hours) and the two officers retreated to the right side of the shed. Both officers had their guns drawn at that time, [REDACTED] pointed his firearm down the back side of the shed when the sound of gun fire was heard at 12:45:30 hours, followed by [REDACTED] screaming.

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Image 1: [REDACTED] with firearm pointed down the back of the shed.

At 12:45:32 hours, [REDACTED], as well as Ofc. Gonzalez, fell to the ground possibly causing Ofc. Gonzalez to discharge his firearm into the ground. At 12:45:35 hours, Ofc. Gonzalez's slide to his firearm is locked to the rear and Ofc. Gonzalez cannot get it to slide forward. At 12:45:46, two more gunshots could be heard being fired. At 12:45:52 hours, Ofc. Gonzalaz retreated to the front of the residence, and another single gunshot could be heard being fired. At 12:45:55 hours, [REDACTED] could be heard over the radio stating "under fire, I'm hit." At the front of the residence, Ofc. Gonzalez directed another officer to place a tourniquet on [REDACTED]. Nothing else valuable to the OICI can be seen or heard in the remainder of the video.



Image 2: Ofc Gonzalez discharging his firearm on the ground.

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Video File: (Clip_1.1)_Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1242_D01A88634.mp4

The BWC video file shows at 12:45:19 hours, [REDACTED] approached the backyard shed of 4134 Rush Blvd. as Ofc. Gonzalez was searching it. At 12:45:27 hours, [REDACTED] looked to the left side of the shed and yelled "Gun," and both officers retreated to the right side of the shed. At 12:45:31 hours, [REDACTED] was looking down the back side of the shed, when a subject wearing a light-colored hood appeared and likely fired one gunshot (based upon audio cues) at [REDACTED]. After the gunshot, [REDACTED] began to scream and fell to the ground.



Image 3: Subject wearing a light-colored hood shooting.

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At 12:45:40 hours ██████ got up from the ground, and it is clear ██████ was injured from the blood that can be seen coming from his right arm. At 12:45:44 hours, ██████ began to retreat toward the front of the house. While retreating, at 12:45:46, ██████ stated "I'm hit" at that same time the sound of two additional shots could be heard. At 12:45:52, one more shot could be heard in the background while ██████ began a radio transmission stating, "Radio, shots fired, I'm hit, I'm hit."



Image 4: ██████ is struck by gunfire, retrieving his firearm from the ground.

Video File: Axon_Body_3_Video_2025-10-09_1427_X60A4811T.mp4

Before audio was captured, the officers in view of the BWC quickly took cover behind a patrol vehicle at 14:27:12 hours. At 14:27:27 hours, an unknown officer is heard saying "Wow, did you hear that ricochet?" At 14:27:44 hours, an officer over the radio stated "Copy, shots fired inside the house." At 14:30:45 hours, officers over the radio stated that the suspect fired from the attic through the ceiling. At 15:21:10 hours, officers were looking up the subject, an officer stated the subject had shot at an off-duty police officer in another city in the past.

Video File: Axon_Body_3_Video_2025-10-09_1541_X60A4811T.mp4

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At 15:41:10 hours, an officer advised nearby officers over the radio that tear gas was going to be deployed shortly. After that transmission nothing more of value regarding the OICI was observed.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1248_D01A83645.mp4

Video from the BWC shows officers setting up a perimeter around the neighborhood of 4134 Rush Blvd. Nothing relevant regarding the OICI investigation was observed.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1250_D01A88515.mp4

Video from the BWC shows the officers on scene gathering information about the original call. The original call was for a burglary in progress at 4134 Rush Blvd. in Youngstown, Ohio. When [REDACTED] and Gonzalez arrived to investigate, they took on gunfire as they were in the back yard. At this point, 12:50:18 hours, officers on scene have yet to determine where the subject fled after the gunfire.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1300_D01A85194.mp4

The BWC seems to belong to Ofc. Gonzalez. He was being debriefed by another officer. Ofc. Gonzalez stated that he heard [REDACTED] say "gun, gun, gun," and was shot in the arm. At 13:00:25, Ofc. Gonzalez stated, "I think I shot, I think I shot one my gun jammed."

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1337_D01A89344.mp4

At 13:42:00 hours, the BWC shows officers speaking amongst each other about [REDACTED] being shot. The officer who saw [REDACTED]'s BWC stated that Mitchell was lying in wait for the officers, and [REDACTED] had lost a lot of blood. At 13:44:14, an unknown woman approached officers stating that she was on the phone with Mitchell's mother. The mother believed Mitchell to be in the shed in the backyard. The mother also stated that he was texting her stating he was going to kill himself.

Officers on scene were able to call Mitchell's mother, Lashaunda Franklin (Franklin), to obtain more details about Mitchell. Franklin stated that she was unsure if he was in the shed, and they had been texting earlier in the day but not any longer. Franklin was also

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able to provide Mitchell's phone number at 13:47:32 hours. Franklin was also able to tell officers on scene that 4134 Rush Blvd belonged to his deceased grandmother.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1339_D01A88214.mp4

At 13:38:34 hours, an unknown female approached an officer and stated that she was on the phone with Mitchell's mother, Franklin. Franklin had stated he wanted to kill himself and was [REDACTED] and has been [REDACTED] since his grandmother died. At 13:55:29 hours, Franklin stated Mitchell sent her a song that Franklin portrayed as Mitchell was going to hurt himself earlier in the day.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1427_D01A82405.mp4

At 14:27:43 hours, an officer over the radio stated "Copy, shots fired from inside the house." and Mitchell was upstairs in the attic.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1427_D01A83645.mp4

At 14:27:43 hours, an officer over the radio stated "Copy, shots fired from inside the house" and that Mitchell was upstairs in the attic.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1427_D01A89344.mp4

At 14:27:43 hours, an officer over the radio stated "Copy, shots fired from inside the house" and that Mitchell was upstairs in the attic. At 14:28:48 hours, officers on scene could be heard saying that they think they shot him upstairs.

At 14:27:27 hours, the officer stated "Wow, did you hear that ricochet?" as he was taking cover behind a patrol vehicle. At 14:27:43 hours, an officer over the radio stated, "Copy shots fired from inside the house." At 14:28:54 hours, the officer is heard saying "Fuck, that round was close dude. Where'd that hit?"

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1323_D01A84905.mp4

Officers began to form a perimeter around the house while SWAT made entry inside the residence. At 14:27:44 hours, an officer announced over the radio that shots had

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been fired inside the house. Nothing else relevant regarding the OICI investigation was observed.

Video File: Axon_Body_4_Video_2025-10-09_1251_D01A7561X.mp4

At 13:45:00 hours, a transmission over the radio stated that the subject's name is Arthur Mitchell (Mitchell) and he was still armed. The transmission went on to state that Mitchell was currently on the phone with his mother and he had intentions of harming himself. At 14:27:08 hours, while officers were on perimeter outside of the residence, approximately 14 gunshots could be heard coming from inside the house. After the succession, an officer stated "Shots fired, shots fired." From the view of the BWC, it is unclear as to who the individual was that was shooting. Nothing more of investigative value regarding the OICI was observed.

Video File: Burglary_Prowle_-_4134_RUSH_BLVD_Youngstown-24.mp4

The video file shows nothing relevant to the OICI. However, audio transmissions could be heard over the radio due to the BWC being left activated inside a patrol vehicle. At 14:27:43 hours, an officer stated "Copy, shots fired from inside the house", followed by stating that the subject was upstairs in the attic. At 14:28:59 hours, an officer stated "Sarge, you might want to grab [REDACTED] and deal with him, he returned fire. Um, he's here. [REDACTED] is fine." At 14:30:42 hours, another officer stated, "Fired through, fire down from the attic through the ceiling." During that time, an officer could be heard making plans on what to do next, such as shooting gas in the attic to get the subject, Arthur Mitchell, to exit. Nothing further relevant to the OICI was observed.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

A. Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video recordings lack the history, perspective, and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting, and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.

B. Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical

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incident. Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.

C. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use of force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

The video files were uploaded into Axon Justice identified as Reference Item G BWC Footage.

References:

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Attachments:

None

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