



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1783 Penfield Rd, Columbus
(L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review, Dash Camera Review
Involves: Ofc. [REDACTED] (S), Ofc. [REDACTED] (S), Ofc. [REDACTED] (S), Ofc. [REDACTED] (S), Christopher Choy (W)
Date of Activity: 02/24/2022
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Narrative:

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Unit was requested by Columbus Police Department (CPD) to respond and investigate a potential critical incident at 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, Ohio. SAS Barbeau spoke to CPD Sgt. Terry McConnell, who explained CPD officers were engaged in a vehicle pursuit with a subject from a domestic complaint. While the involved party was fleeing, he was involved in a traffic crash where his vehicle went off the roadway and struck two (2) occupied homes. CPD officers located the driver, who was ejected and transported to Grant Medical Center. The involved party died from unknown injuries. It was reported CPD officer's cruisers did not physically engage with the involved party's vehicle. SA James Poole was assigned as the lead investigator.

SA Poole copied the BWC 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 CPD Cruiser [REDACTED] footage.

- The cruiser is seen patrolling the area of the scene .
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer Christopher Choy (Officer Choy) "part 1."

- Officer Choy is seen patrolling and arriving at the scene, to an apartment complex where he is with CPD cruiser [REDACTED] on a call for service that does not pertain to the OICI.
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

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SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer Christopher Choy (Officer Choy) "part 2."

- Officer Choy is seen patrolling and arriving at the original call for service from which the OICI started from.
- Officer Choy arrived and found a female, later identified as Tamitria Baldwin, on the side of the road.
- Officer Choy was trying to figure out what had happened to Tamitria Baldwin, but she was being uncooperative.
- Officer Choy then gives Tamitria Baldwin a ride home to 1892 Summerset Rd.
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer Christopher Choy (Officer Choy) "part 3."

- Officer Choy is seen going back to 1892 Summerset Rd. in order to try and make contact with Tamitria Baldwin, but there is no answer at the door.
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 1."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen patrolling and arriving at scene to an apartment complex where he is with CPD cruiser 92 on a call for service that does not pertain to the OICI.
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 2."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen patrolling and arriving at the original call for service from which the OICI started from.
- While in route, Officer [REDACTED] spots the suspect vehicle going south on Courtright Road.
- Officer [REDACTED] airs over the radio the description of the vehicle as a silver Ford Taurus with Ohio Tag# JNV5161.
- Officer [REDACTED] asks for another cruiser before initiating a stop.
- Officer [REDACTED] then initiates a traffic stop with lights and sirens where the driver takes off.
- Sergeant 13 gets on the radio and asks Officer Choy, who is at scene, questions regarding the incident. After receiving answers, Sergeant 13 states the pursuit is not authorized. Officer [REDACTED] then shuts off his lights and sirens.
- Officer [REDACTED] loses sight of the suspect vehicle and continues to patrol the neighborhood for him.
- Does not capture the auto crash.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

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SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 3."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen talking with other CPD officers about losing the suspect vehicle and not being able to find it.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen heading back to Officer Choy when radio airs they found the vehicle crashed on Penfield Road on fire.
- Officer [REDACTED] arrives at the scene of the crash and states "I drove right past this earlier and didn't see it."
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen searching for Jajuan Ball because he was not in the vehicle.
- Other officers yelled they found him under the vehicle.
- Officer [REDACTED] and other CPD officers are seen dragging Jajuan Ball out of the wreck and allowing Columbus Fire to give aid.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 4."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen talking with other CPD officers and helping secure the scene.
- Does not capture any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]) "part 1."

- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is seen patrolling when he responds to Officer [REDACTED] request for another cruiser to make a traffic stop.
- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is seen initiating lights and sirens.
- Sergeant 13 is heard on the radio stating the pursuit is not authorized. Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] immediately turns his lights and sirens off.
- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is seen patrolling the neighborhood in search for the suspect vehicle.
- Does not capture the auto crash.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]) "part 2."

- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is seen arriving at scene of the auto crash.
- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] stated he must have drove past it, and didn't see it.
- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is helping other CPD Officers search for Jajuan Ball because he was not in the crashed vehicle.
- Other officers yelled they found him under the vehicle.
- Officer [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] and other CPD officers are seen dragging Jajuan Ball out of the wreck and allowing Columbus Fire to give aid.
- The video continues for a period of time with no relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 1."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen patrolling when he responds to Officer [REDACTED] request for another cruiser to make a traffic stop.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen initiating lights and sirens.
- Sergeant 13 is heard on the radio stating the pursuit is not authorized. Officer [REDACTED] immediately turns his lights and sirens off.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen patrolling the neighborhood in search for the suspect vehicle.
- Does not capture the auto crash.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]) "part 2."

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen talking with other CPD officers about losing the suspect vehicle and not being able to find it.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen patrolling the neighborhood in search of the suspect vehicle when they found it crashed on Penfield Road.
- Officer [REDACTED] along with other CPD officers clear the suspect vehicle and evacuate the residents from the home.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen helping other CPD officers search for Jajuan Ball, because he was not in the crashed vehicle.
- Other officers yelled they found him under the vehicle.
- Officer [REDACTED] and other CPD officers are seen dragging Jajuan Ball out of the wreck and allowing Columbus Fire to give aid.
- The video continues for a period of time with no relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within CPD Cruiser [REDACTED].

- The video is of a prior auto crash and does not capture any footage regarding the OICI.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within CPD Cruiser [REDACTED].

- The video is of a prior traffic stop and does not capture any footage regarding the OICI.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within BWC of CPD Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED]).

- Officer [REDACTED] is seen arriving to the scene of the crash on Penfield Road.
- Officer [REDACTED] along with other CPD officers clear the suspect vehicle and evacuate the residents from the home.
- Officer [REDACTED] is seen helping other CPD officers search for Jajuan Ball because he was not in the crashed vehicle.

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- Officer [REDACTED] aired over the radio they found him under the vehicle.
- Officer [REDACTED] and other CPD officers are seen dragging Jajuan Ball out of the wreck and allowing Columbus Fire to give aid.
- Officer [REDACTED] stated Columbus Fire Medics said Jajuan Ball had a pulse before transporting him to Grant Medical center.
- The video continues for a period of time with no relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

References:

USB Thumbdrive – Black