



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



2026-0121

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1451 E. 219th St., Euclid,
OH 44117, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Review BWC Video – Officer Garbaloff
Involves: Officer Allen Garbaloff (W)
Activity Date: 01/23/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley #154

Narrative:

On Friday, January 23, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed video footage from the Euclid Police Department (EPD). SA Tingley was informed that the videos contained footage from the body worn camera (BWC) recorded by EPD Officer Allen Garbaloff (Garbaloff), related to the OICI which occurred On January 11, 2026, at 1451 East 219th Street, Euclid, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities recorded on Officer Garbaloff's BWC video (Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-01-11_2229_D01AG737C.mp4 – Witness Officer BWC) and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant to the OICI. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all of the activities, conversations, or radio traffic recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word for word translation, except where so indicated, of the conversations, radio traffic, and or activities of the law enforcement personnel present, EPD Dispatch, or witnesses. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions.

SA Tingley reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The video began on January 11, 2026, at 22:38:35 hours, is 12:15 in length, and starts as Officer Garbaloff was walking towards a residence.

At approximately 22:29:12 hours, Officer Garbaloff arrived in the area of 1481 East 219th Street, Euclid. Other unknown officers are seen speaking with a black male, who was a resident at 1481 East 219th Street.

After a few moments, Officer Garbaloff and other officers began moving towards the residence at 1451 East 219th Street.

At approximately 22:29:35 hours, the audio was activated on Officer Garbaloff's BWC.

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At approximately 22:29:38 hours, Officer Garbaloff contacted another officer and asked if there were firearms present in the residence at 1451 East 219th Street. The other officer replied that there were firearms present.

Officer Garbaloff then moved to an area where he could observe and cover the side of the residence at 1451 East 219th Street.

At approximately 22:32:15 hours, an unknown officer, using the public address (PA) system on a cruiser, began calling out that EPD Officers were present and directed the occupant of the residence at 1451 East 219th Street to come to the front door with his hands empty. This unknown officer repeated the instructions a number of times.

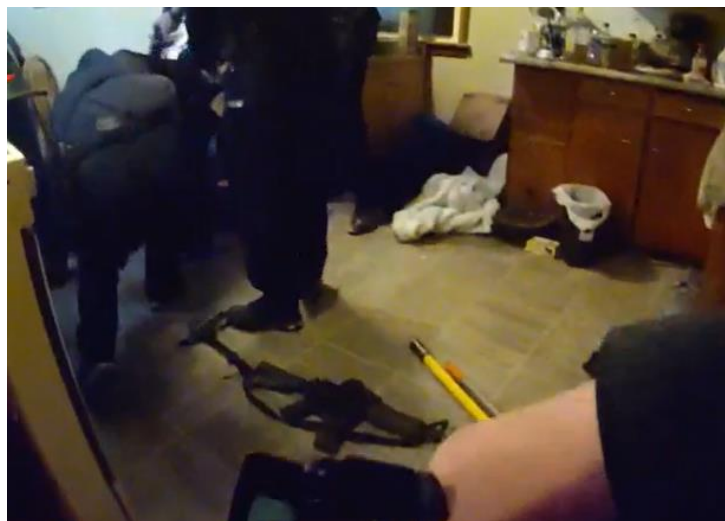
At approximately 22:33:16 hours, Officer Garbaloff notified other officers that the subject (Robert Riddlebarger) was in the kitchen of the residence. However, Riddlebarger cannot be seen on the video.

At approximately 22:34:16 hours, officers can be heard making entry into the residence.

At approximately 22:34:21 hours, shots are fired.

Officer Garbaloff then moved towards the side door into the residence where officers had made entry.

At approximately 22:34:34 hours, Officer Garbaloff entered the residence. An AR style semi-automatic rifle can be seen lying on the floor. Officers are also seen attending to Riddlebarger.



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Officer Garbaloff then went to the basement with other officers and checked and cleared the basement. Once the basement was checked and was found to be empty of any other individuals, Officer Garbaloff returned to the first floor of the residence.

At approximately 22:35:06 hours, an unknown officer notified EPD Dispatch:

Radio. Suspect is down. Start EMS. Male with gunshot wounds. He came to the door with a rifle. He has multiple gunshot wounds to the torso.

At approximately 22:35:19 hours, Officer Garbaloff exited the residence. Officer Garbaloff then helped to escort the involved officer, [REDACTED], away from the residence.

At approximately 22:37:13 hours, Officer Garbaloff secured Riddlebarger's rifle and made the rifle safe by removing the round from the chamber.



At approximately 22:38:44 hours, Officer Garbaloff exited the residence.

At approximately 22:39:01 hours, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance arrived.

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The video then concluded with Officer Garbaloff standing outside of the residence at 1451 East 219th Street.

The dash camera video is attached to this case as Reference Item C which is stored in AXON JUSTICE.

References:

Reference Item C – BWC and Dash Cam Videos – stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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