

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



2022-0310 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity:	Body Camera Review
Involves:	Dustin Booth (S)
Date of Activity:	02/12/2022
Activity Location:	Booth, Dustin – Home – 120 Bluegrass Lane, Monroe, OH 45050, Butler County
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Narrative:

On February 11, 2022, at 1413 hours, Monroe Police Department (Butler County) received a call for assistance from Brandi Booth who reported her husband, Dustin "Dusty" Booth was "out of his mind" and having a "manic episode." Additionally, Brandi reported her husband was a "danger to himself and others," described the vehicle he was operating; direction of travel and informed the police he was in possession of a handgun. See 911 recording provided to BCI by the Monroe Police Department.

On February 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Rick Ward conducted a review of the Monroe Police Department Body Worn Camera videos from the afternoon and late evening hours of Friday, February 11, 2022, of which the details are listed below.

Officer Aspacher's Body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 14:14 hours- Officer Aspacher made contact with Dustin Booth on Bridle Creek Drive and requested he stop his vehicle and talk with him. Dustin informed Aspacher to meet him at his house and drove away. Aspacher followed Dustin with his overhead lights activated
- 14:15 hours- Aspacher and Dustin arrived at his residence, Dustin refused Officer Aspacher's directions to stop and walked into the residence via the garage (120 Blue Grass).
- 14:16- Aspacher spoke with Brandi Booth outside and Dustin Booth who shouted from inside the residence.

Sergeant Myers Body Worn Camera captured the following:

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- 14:32- Just prior to Myers arrival on scene (120 Blue Grass), information was provided by officer(s) on scene via the radio that Booth had a "cowboy style" firearm on his hip.
- 14:37- Myers talked with Brandi Booth who described Dustin's mental state and obtained Dustin's cell phone number from Brandi. Myers attempt to contact Dustin via cell phone, but was unsuccessful.
- 15:13- Myers communicated from the street with Dustin who shouted from his front porch. Dustin informed Myers to bring the "Army Tank" and act like they're gonna "plow" his door down or he would be pissed. Additionally, Dustin asked for a helicopter. Myer reported observing a holster and believed Dustin was in possession of a handgun.
- 15:26- Myers announced via the PA system for Dustin to come to the front door.
- 15:41- Myers had Dustin's cell phone moved from his truck to the front porch. Myers made an announcement via the PA system for Dustin to retrieve the cell phone, but was unsuccessful.
- 15:52- Myers spoke with West Chester Police Department Negotiators and briefed the situation.

Officer Doughman's Body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 22:47- Doughman received an update via the radio that Booth had a gun in a bag when they (Justin Duh, Dustin Booth) left.
- 22:48- Doughman arrived on scene (New Garver @ Lebanon Street), retrieved his K-9 and yelled "stop, come to me" then released the K-9. The K-9 made two passes at Booth and contact with Booth on the second pass.
- 22:49-Doughman approached and made physical contact with Booth and he (Booth) stated, Listen, I don't wan to hurt anybody. Booth, with his right hand, produced a silver/chrome revolver from the front portion of his body. Booth fell onto an elevated medium divider, stood up with the revolver in his right hand, where his and the handgun positioning faced oncoming officers. Once Booth stood up while in possession of the handgun in his right hand, several shots were fired by officers and Booth fell to the ground. The handgun fell to the ground near Booth's right side.
- 22:50- Sergeant Myers kicked the handgun away from Booth
- 22:50: An announcement was made via the radio a "turn-a-kit" was utilized on Booth.
- 22:53- Medics arrived on scene.

Officer Whitt's body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 22:48- Whitt arrived on scene and exited his cruiser. Driver of the truck, Justin Dun is face down on the street by the driver's side door facing Whitt. Duh yelled, "He's got a gun, he's got a fucking gun." Whitt ordered Booth, "Put your hand up, stop," but Booth walked in the opposite direction of from Whitt toward the intersection.
- 22:48–Whitt moved his cruiser closer to intersection/Booth.
- 22:48-Whitt yelled, "Get on the fucking ground, get on the fucking ground."
- 22:49-Officer Doughman made physical contact with Booth who yelled, I don't want to hurt anybody." Booth fell to the ground and rolled onto the medium divider; stood up and began to raise a handgun in the direction of Whitt.
- 22:49-Officer fired, Booth fell to the ground and the handgun fell to Booth's right side.
- 22:50- Whitt retrieved a medical kit from his cruiser; returned and with serval other

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officers, administered first aid. Booth stated he did not want medicine and request water.

Officer Halsey's Body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 22:48- Halsey approached the truck and made contact with the driver Justin Duh who was crawling on his hand and knees toward him. Halsey asked Duh if he had been stabbed and Duh stated he was okay.
- 22:49- Shots are fired and Booth fell to the ground. Officers ordered Booth not to move.
- 22:49- Halsey ordered Booth to not reach for the gun, which had fell and was positioned on Booth's right side.
- 22:50- Sergeant Myers kicked the handgun away from Booth.
- 22:51- Halsey assisted with first aid to Booth. Booth stated, I'm in pain, if your wondering."

Officer Payne's Body Worn Cameras captured the following:

- 22:48-Payne arrived on scene and passed a bag discarded on the ground in front of the truck. Officer(s) yelled, "The gun is not in the bag.'
- 22:49-Booth stood and was in possession of a handgun. Shots were fired and Booth fell to the ground.
- 22:49– Multiple officers yelled, "Don't move, don't Move" to Booth.
- 22:50- Sergeant Myers kicked the handgun away from Booth's right side.
- 22:50- Payne moved his cruiser to the intersection.
- 22:52- Payne responded to assist with first aid on Booth.

Officer Day's Body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 22:49- Sergeant Myers retrieved and back discarded on the ground and yelled, "The gun is not in the bag," which was repeated by Day.
- 22:49- Shots are fired, but Days camera is obstructed by other officers; however, Booth is observed falling onto the ground. Day announces via the radio, "Shots fired, shots fired."
- 22:50- Sergeant Myers kicked the handgun from the area of Booth's right side.
- 22:51 Day assisted with first aid to Booth. Booth repeatedly requested water.

Sergeant Myers Body Worn Camera captured the following:

- 22:49- Myers moved toward Booth and yelled, "The gun not in the back, the gun not in the bag, the gun not in the bag."
- 22:49- As Myers moved toward Booth, he yelled "No...no" as shots were fired and Booth fell to the ground. Myers requested a medic to State Route 63 and New Garver.
- 22:49- Myers ordered an officer to block off the highway
- 22:50- Myers used his foot to move the handgun away from Booth. Booth stated, 'I love you guys, I love you guys."
- 22:51 Myers assisted with first aid to Booth.

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Note: The BWC footage provided and reviewed captured visible gunshot wounds to Booth's upper body and evidence of wounds to his lower extremities.

This report is a summary of the involved Monroe police officers' Body Worn Cameras (BWC) footage from February 11, 2022, provided to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations an does not represent the entire footage collected by BCI. The entire footage collected has been made part of the permanent case file.

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