



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S), Karita Thomas (W) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of Activity: 04/16/2025

Activity Location: Norwood Police Department – Business – 4701 Montgomery Road,
Cincinnati, OH 45212

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Narrative:

On April 16, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage received the Norwood Police Department's body worn camera footage from the officer involved critical incident which occurred on April 16, 2025 at 4411 Montgomery Road involving Akeem Holtz and Norwood Police officers.

Body Worn Camera Timeline of Events:

10:54:24 – NPD locates Akeem Holtz and Karita Thomas in elevator with dogs

10:55:23 – [REDACTED] tells [REDACTED] to have OC spray ready for dogs

10:56:31 – [REDACTED] says can't come in elevator because dogs look like they will attack

10:57:16 – [REDACTED] tells other officers about Akeem's gun holster on right side of body

10:58:15 – Akeem starts hitting umbrella on floor multiple times and starts howling

10:59:39 – Akeem opens umbrella blocking view, [REDACTED] attempts to remove umbrella, Akeem holds on and keeps it. [REDACTED] says dog appears aggressive and no other option but to use OC spray

11:00:50 – [REDACTED] moves umbrella out of elevator, Akeem howling

11:02:00 – [REDACTED] talks about moving Akeem, Karita tells officer "this is his guard dog and he will attack"

11:03:31 – [REDACTED] tells Akeem and Karita they will have to use OC spray if they don't come out

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11:09:16 – ■ says all they care about is Akeem and Karita's safety and they want the life squad to evaluate them. ■ requests squad stage outside.

11:11:12 – Call for service dispatched reference "gun threats"

11:12:40 – Holster visible on ■ BWC

11:12:56 – Akeem talks to officers

11:13:41 – ■ sprays OC (approx. 1 second spray)

11:13:56 – Akeem crawls out of elevator and then goes back in, pulls arms away from officers, holding car keys in right hand

11:14:00 ■ sprays OC (approx. 1 second spray) and fighting with Akeem while Karita is laying over him saying "No"

11:14:10 ■ sprays OC (approx. 1 second spray) towards the largest dog

11:14:20 – ■ pulls Akeem out of elevator by ankles, ■ and ■ attempting to gain control of Akeem

11:14:49 – Unknown officer states "He has his hand on your gun"

11:15:05 – Akeem bites ■ right forearm, Akeem punched in head by officer

11:15:17 – Karita walks out of elevator into hallway

11:15:57 – ■ has a hand on Akeem's neck and head, officers still attempting to gain control of Akeem

11:16:08 – ■ states quit biting me (unknown location/second bite)

11:16:09 – Akeem rolls on side not handcuffed

11:16:29 – ■ BWC turns off

11:17:02 – Akeem flat on chest

11:18:09 – Akeem handcuffed with approximately 4 pairs of handcuffs

11:19:30 – Versed mentioned by unknown officer

11:22:19 – Medics on floor/present on BWC

11:22:49 – Versed administered to Akeem, medic stays in the area with officers

11:24:00 – Officers adjusting/removing pairs of handcuffs

11:24:33 – Akeem sitting up and being assessed by medics

11:35:29 – Akeem on stretcher with medics

The documented times are from multiple body worn camera videos and these events only summarize some of the details that occurred during the officer involved critical incident. Review body worn camera videos for further details.

References:

Axon BWC videos

Attachments:

No attachments.