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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue, Mansfield. Ohio 44907



Investigative Activity: Video Review - Hidden Camera

**Involves:** Brooks, Erin (V)

Oswalt, Michael(S)

**Activity Date:** 12/19/2024

Activity Location: 200 Cline Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

#### Narrative:

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (SA Harasimchuk) reviewed the previously received video footage from the camera that was hidden in a bedroom at 200 Cline Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907. SA Harasimchuk was informed that the videos contained footage from the camera that was hidden in a bedroom of the above-mentioned residence by Erin Brooks (Brooks). The SD card was removed from the camera and entered into evidence as Item #20.

Th SD card contained the following file folders:

- alarm this file folder contained the following file folders
  - o 20241006 this file folder contained 196 images
  - o 20241007 this file folder contained 174 images
  - o 20241008 this file folder contained 141 images
  - 20241000 this file folder contained 141 images
    20241009 this file folder contained 155 images
  - 20241010 this file folder contained 118 images
  - o 20241011- this file folder contained 134 images
  - 20241011- this file folder contained 134 images
    20241012 this file folder contained 152 images
  - o 20241013 this file folder contained 174 images
  - o 20241014 this file folder contained 154 images
  - o 20241015- this file folder contained 143 images
  - o 20241016 this file folder contained 149 images
  - o 20241017 this file folder contained 149 images
  - o 20241018 this file folder contained 180 images
  - o 20241019 this file folder contained 116 images



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- Record this file folder contained the following file folders
  - 2024-1017 this file folder contained the following file folders
    - 02 this file folder contained 53 video files
    - 03 this file folder contained 60 video files
    - 04 this file folder contained 60 video files
    - 05 this file folder contained 60 video files
    - 06 this file folder contained 59 video files
    - 07 this file folder contained 60 video files
    - 08 this file folder contained 60 video files
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    - 19 this file folder contained 60 video files
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- 22 this file folder contained 60 video files
- 23 this file folder contained 60 video files
- o 2024-1018 this file folder contained the following file folders
  - 00 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 01 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 02 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 03 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 04 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 05 this file folder contained 60 video files
  - 06 this file folder contained 59 video files
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- 00 this file folder contained 60 video files
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- 08 this file folder contained 60 video files
- 09 this file folder contained 60 video files

10 - this file folder contained 11 video files

SA Harasimchuk reviewed the images and video recordings and only documented information that was believed to be directly related to the officer-involved shooting. It should be noted that the video footage taken by this camera did not capture any portion of the officer-involved critical incident.

Each video file was approximately one minute in duration.



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In the 20241018 - 23 file folder, in video file 41 the video surveillance camera appears to be removed from its original outdoor position (Image #1). The approximate time stamp of the above-mentioned video file when the camera is removed is October 18, 2024, at approximately 23:42:26.



(*Image #1*)



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In the 20241018 - 23 file folder, in video files 42 through 59 and 20241019 - 00 file folder, in video files 00 through 08 Brooks appears to be positioning the surveillance camera. The approximate time stamp of the above-mentioned video files is October 18. 2024, at approximately 23:46:23 hours through October 19, 2024, at approximately 00:09:34 hours. During this time frame, Brooks is talking on the phone to a female named "Kim." Brooks can be heard discussing with the person on the phone what they can see through the camera as Brooks works on positioning the camera. Brooks can also be seen placing various objects around the camera. The surveillance camera appears to be put into place on October 19, 2024, at approximately 00:09:34 hours (Image #2).



(*Image #2*)

In the 20241019 - 00 file folder, in video file 35 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 00:36:36 hours, a female voice, believed to be Brooks, could be heard saying the following: "But remember the code phrase is you're hurting my feelings."

In the 20241019 - 01 file folder, in video file 54 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 01:55:11 hours, a female voice believed to be Brooks stated in a loud voice "You're hurting my feelings, Shane."



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In the 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video file 05 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 02:05:02 hours, a male voice, believed to be Michael Oswalt (Oswalt), could be heard talking about someone having to shoot him in front of "her children." In this same video file, beginning at the approximate time stamp of 02:05:30 hours, what is believed to be Oswalt could now be heard talking to what is believed to be law enforcement officers.

It should be noted that much of the audio recording that was captured by this camera could be heard in Officer Stephenson's BWC footage. SA Harasimchuk did not document the things that were being said that had previously been documented in Mansfield Police Department Officer Dylan Stephenson's (Stephenson) body-worn camera (BWC) review. Refer to SA Harasimchuk's report titled Video Review - BWC and Dash Cam Videos - Amped Replay, for further details, specifically the section of the report reviewing Officer Stephenson's BWC.

In the 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video file 07 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 02:08:43 hours, what is believed to be Oswalt could be heard saying "I have a gun as well."

In the 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video file 10 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 02:10:52 hours, various loud noises can be heard along with what is believed to be the sound of breaking glass.

In the 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video file 12 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 02:13:38 hours, a female believed to be Brooks could be heard saving "Shane, no, no, no." It should be noted that the female's voice could be heard saying no throughout the video surveillance recordings. This can be heard at the following approximate times: 0305, 0307, 0308, 0321, 0330 and 0331 hours.

In the 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video files 32 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 02:33:13 hours Brooks and Oswalt entered the bedroom. Refer to SA Harasimchuk's report titled Video Review - Hidden Camera - Amped Replay Used for additional details about this video file. At an approximate time stamp of 02:33:43 hours Oswalt left the room. Brooks remained in the room until an approximate time stamp of 02:35:16, this would include 20241019 - 02 file folder, in video files 32 through 34.

In the 20241019 - 04 file folder, in video files 05 through 06 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 04:05:44. Brooks entered the room while Oswalt was holding the door open. A discussion about holding the door open could be heard. Brooks could then be heard asking Oswalt if he wants the green ones. Brooks could



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then be seen holding an object in her left hand and handing Oswalt what appeared to be a roll of toilet paper with her right hand (Image #3)



(*Image #3*)

In the 20241019 - 04 file folder, in video file 43 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 04:14:28 hours, what is believed to be law enforcement personnel could be heard asking Shane to let the kids go.

In the 2024-1019 - 04 file folder, in video file 55 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 04:55:44 hours, a female voice, believed to be Brooks could be heard saying "Get me the fuck out." That was followed by voices that could be heard in the distance but cannot be completely understood. At the very end of this video file with an approximate time stamp of 04:56:00 hours a loud percussive sound could be heard.

In the 2024-1019 - 04 file folder, in video file 56 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 04:56:01 hours, two additional loud percussive sounds could be heard.

In the 2024-1019 - 04 file folder, in video file 57 beginning at an approximate time stamp of 04:57:41 hours, law enforcement personnel could be seen entering the room (Image #4).



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(Image #4)

#### 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 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.



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The hard drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item J for reference only.

#### **References:**

Item J - Hard Drive - Video Footage from Item #20

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Screen Capture Hidden Camera Image #1
- 2. Screen Capture Hidden Camera Image #2
- 3. Screen Capture Hidden Camera Image #3
- 4. Screen Capture Hidden Camera Image #4







