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Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of Video Footage
Involves: Sitting Pretty Hair & Nail Beauty Boutique (O)
Activity Date: 12/29/2022
Activity Location: Sitting Pretty Hair & Nail Beauty Boutique, 208 2nd Street
 Northwest, Barberton, Ohio 44203
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On December 29, 2022, at 1510 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) and SA Todd Clark (Clark) met with Felicia Sanders (Sanders), proprietor of Sitting Pretty Hair & Nail Beauty Boutique, 208 2nd Street Northwest, Barberton, Ohio. Sanders' business is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Street Northwest and West Lake Avenue in Barberton, Ohio. The officer-involved shooting that is the subject of this investigation occurred in a gravel parking lot directly north of and adjacent to her business. Sanders' business appeared to have exterior security cameras that captured the incident. Sanders, who was unfamiliar with her security camera system, allowed agents to review and copy recorded video footage relevant to this investigation.

SA Valente created five separate video recording files from the surveillance footage. Four of these recordings captured relevant activity outside the front of the establishment and one of the recordings captured relevant activity in the gravel parking lot directly north of the business.

These five files were transferred to a 32 gigabyte SanDisk USB thumb drive and placed in the Special Investigations Case File as Reference Item "E".

-  CH01-2022-12-26-10-05-56_10-06-08
-  CH01-2022-12-26-10-06-12_10-06-57
-  CH01-2022-12-26-10-07-01_10-07-46
-  CH01-2022-12-26-10-07-50_10-08-31
-  CH02-2022-12-26-10-01-18_10-21-21

This investigative narrative summarizes only the details believed to be the most relevant to this investigation. Not every detail observed in the footage was documented. The reader of this investigative narrative is encouraged to view each video in its entirety. Note that each video

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contains a timestamp. Those timestamps were determined to be approximately 1 hour and 4 minutes ahead of the true time the recorded activity actually occurred based on a comparison of the timestamp feature on the recording device when the live view feed was observed to the time shown on an electronic device connected to the Verizon cellular network.

A review of the footage revealed the following:

CH01-2022-12-26-10-05-56 10-06-08



CH01-2022-12-26-10-05-56_10-06-08 - Image 1

This video recording captured Tessa Jordan (Jordan) and Sean Richards (Richards) just after Richards had parked his car in the roadway just south of the Sitting Pretty Hair & Nail Beauty Boutique. The couple is recorded as they began to cross the street in the direction of The Coffee Pot restaurant where they would go on to witness the officer-involved shooting of Zachary Zoran (Zoran).

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CH01-2022-12-26-10-06-12 10-06-57



CH01-2022-12-26-10-06-12_10-06-57 - Image 1

This video recording began where the previous recording ended. Jordan and Richards can be observed continuing to cross the street while the subject, Zoran, can be seen entering the frame and walking alone, southbound on the sidewalk on the west side of the street. Zoran is observed wearing dark colored boots, blue pants, a black coat with the hood covering his head, a blue bookbag, and carrying a light-colored bag in his right hand. Zoran paused and looked across the street in the direction of Jordan and Richards.

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Zoran is observed stopping and looking in the direction Richards and Jordan when he reached Richards' car.



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Zoran appeared to bend forward and look into Richards' car. Zoran continued to look closely at Richards' car before he looked across the street at the couple who were then out of frame.



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CH01-2022-12-26-10-07-01 10-07-46



CH01-2022-12-26-10-07-01_10-07-46 - Image 1

This video captured Zoran continuing to look at Richards' car before momentarily standing along the south side of the building. Zoran then reversed course and walked northbound on the sidewalk while he looked across the street in the direction of Richards and Jordan.



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CH01-2022-12-26-10-07-50_10-08-31 - Image 1

The beginning of this video momentarily captured Zoran as he walked northbound out of the frame. Witness Jonathan Dobben (Dobben) is captured as he parked his truck on the opposite side of the street, just south of The Coffee Pot. Dobben is further captured as he exited his truck and began to walk towards the restaurant.

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This video is captured from a separate camera that faces the north side of the building.



CH02-2022-12-26-10-01-18_10-21-21 - Image 1

This recording captured the altercation between Zoran and Barberton police. This video recording began as an unknown couple with no known involvement in the subsequent activity parked a white pick-up truck along the northwest corner of the building in a snow-covered gravel parking lot that is otherwise empty except for a trash dumpster in front of the pick-up truck.



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Nothing of significance is captured on this camera for the following 6 minutes and 39 seconds. After this period of no activity, Zoran was captured entering the camera view. Zoran entered the frame from the right. As Zoran entered the view of the camera he ran through the lot from the east to the west.

Zoran then appeared to attempt to hide between the white pick-up truck and dumpster for 17 seconds.

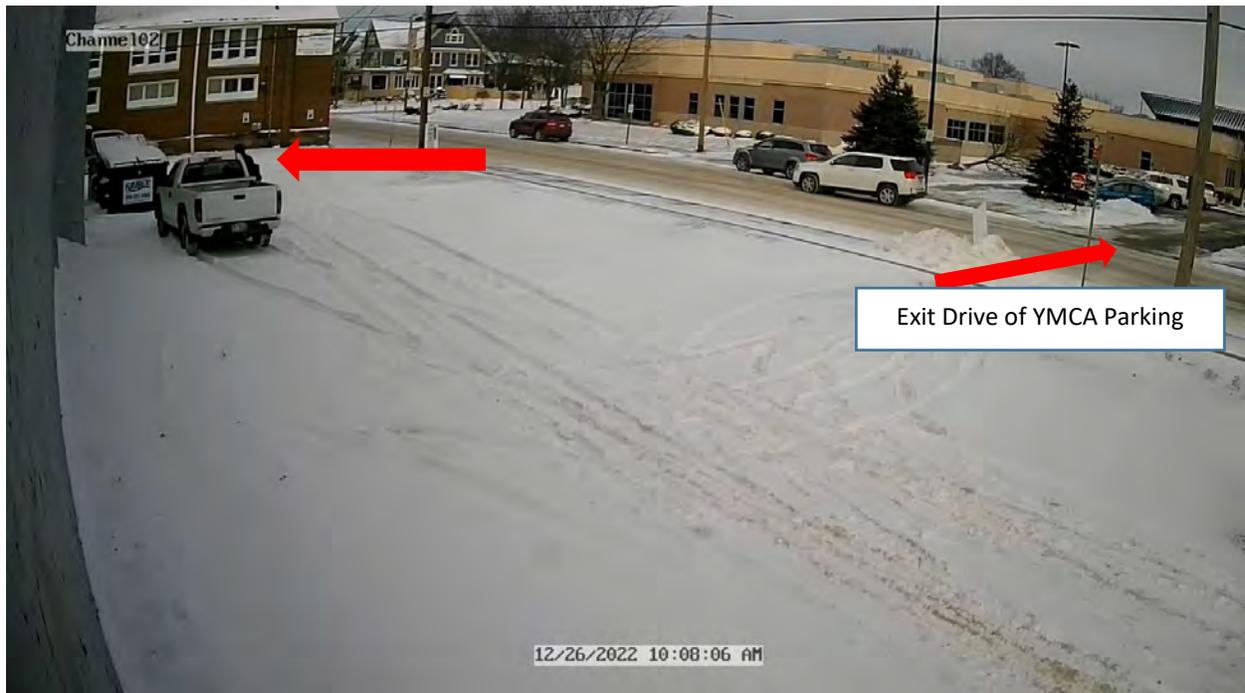


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Zoran positioned himself in front of the grill of the pick-up truck.

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After 17 seconds, Officer [REDACTED] began to exit the parking lot of the YMCA. As Officer [REDACTED] exited the parking lot he turned on his emergency lights, accelerated across the street and into the parking lot where Zoran was.



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Officer [REDACTED] then parked his marked patrol vehicle at the northwest corner of the lot. As Officer [REDACTED] exited his patrol vehicle, Zoran came out from in front of the pick-up and the two men began to approach each other.



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Officer [REDACTED] then followed Zoran southbound to the entrance of the alleyway. The two men then reversed course and Zoran began walking toward Officer [REDACTED]. As Officer [REDACTED] walked backwards, he can be seen with an object consistent with a pistol in his hand. Officer [REDACTED] directed his arm and hand holding the object out in the direction of Zoran. At the same moment, Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED] arrived on scene, having entered the frame from at the top of the image.



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Zoran walked backwards past the white pick-up truck as the officers approached him. Zoran continued to slowly walk backwards as he placed his left arm under the left shoulder strap of his bookbag.



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As Zoran walked backward an object consistent with the shape and size of folding knife could now be see in his right hand. Officer [REDACTED] (left side of image) continued to point an object consistent with a pistol at Zoran. Officer [REDACTED] (right side of image), who was closer to Zoran, is captured pointing an object consistent with a Taser at Zoran as the two officers continued to approach Zoran.



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Zoran, with the object still visible in his right hand, abruptly charged at Officer [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] attempted to retreat and quickly took multiple steps backwards away from Zoran.



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A cropped image of the above still frame included to provide a closer view of Zoran as he charged Officer [REDACTED]



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Zoran then slowed down but continued to advance in the direction of Officer [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] can be seen putting the object he was previously directing at Zoran in what appeared to be his side pants pocket. Officer [REDACTED] quickly removed another item that is consistent with the shape and size of a pistol from his beltline and began to point this object in the direction of Zoran.



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After Officer [REDACTED] took cover behind the pick-up truck, Zoran began to approach Officer [REDACTED]. The object Zoran was holding is still visible in his hand.



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A cropped still taken from “CH02-2022-12-26-10-01-18_10-21-21 - Image 11 ” to show a close up of Zoran as he began to quickly approach Officer [REDACTED] with the object in his hand.



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Approximately one second later, as Zoran began to advance towards Officer [REDACTED] Zoran is seen dropping to the ground.

Zoran laid on the ground for approximately 11 seconds before he appeared to attempt to get back up unsuccessfully.



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The two officers then began to slowly approach Zoran. Officer [REDACTED] appeared to deliberately step down on an object and made a dragging or kicking motion with his leg while near Zoran's waistline.



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Officer [REDACTED] then stepped over top of Zoran in a mounted position. At this same moment, Officer [REDACTED] is seen making a sweeping or kicking motion with his leg as he stood to the north of Zoran and Officer [REDACTED]



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A third officer arrived within seconds, exited, his patrol car, put his coat on, and approached the scene. Officer [REDACTED] then provided cover as the other two officers further interacted with Zoran.



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At the 10:19:27 timestamp Zoran is observed, having been loaded onto a stretcher, being taken to a waiting ambulance to be removed from the scene.



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The following table lists the timestamp present on the video at various points of significant activity. Note that the timestamp on the video, as previously noted, is not accurate to the actual time these events occurred.

Timestamp:	Event:
10:07:59	Zoran first entered the field of view of the camera on the side of Sitting Pretty Hair & Nail Beauty Boutique, 208 2 nd Street Northwest
10:08:39	Officer [REDACTED] exited his cruiser and began to approach Zoran.
10:09:02	Officer [REDACTED] arrived on scene.
10:09:44	Zoran charged at Officer [REDACTED] with an object in his hand.
10:10:03	Officer [REDACTED] took cover behind the pick-up truck and Zoran again began to appear to charge towards Officer [REDACTED]. Zoran also began to fall to the ground at this same timestamp.
10:10:40	Officer [REDACTED] observed making a pronounced step and sweeping motion with this leg near Zoran's midline as he lay on the ground.
10:10:50	Officer [REDACTED] mounted Zoran. Officer [REDACTED] made a sweeping and kicking motion near Zoran's feet.
10:11:15	A third Barberton police officer arrived on scene.
10:19:27	Paramedics observed moving Zoran from the scene to a waiting ambulance.

Approximately 1 minute and 21 seconds transpired from the time Officer [REDACTED] exited his cruiser to the time Zoran was observed falling to the ground.

Approximately 19 seconds transpired from the time Zoran first charged towards Officer [REDACTED] and when Zoran was shot.

Approximately 9 minutes and 24 seconds transpired from the time Zoran fell to the ground and he was removed from the scene. Note that before Zoran was loaded into that ambulance, various first responders performed actions on Zoran that were consistent with life saving measures.

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Attachments:

1. A collection of 19 still images created from the above surveillance video recording.

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