



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



2025-0513
Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Ross County Sheriff's Office
Activity Date: 02/19/2025
Activity Location: US 35 at SR 104, Chillicothe, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) received video footage from Captain Max Adair. SA Chung was informed that the video contained footage from an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) camera. The video footage was electronically saved in Evidence.com.

Additionally, SA Chad Holcomb processed the ODOT footage using Amped Replay software. The processed video was saved in Evidence.com and the Amped Replay report has been saved to the case file.

For reference, SA Chung learned from ODOT Press Secretary, Matt Bruning, that the camera intermittently changes positions from its stationary vantage point every ten to fifteen minutes. The camera happened to turn at the time of the incident.

SA Chung reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

- The footage was 9:08 minutes long, was timestamped at 16:49:47, and was located near the westbound US 35 entrance and exit ramps at SR 104.
- The footage began with the camera facing towards the westbound exit ramp from US 35 onto SR 104, where a water treatment facility and Chillicothe Baptist Church driveway could be seen.
- The camera rotated one (00:01) second into the footage to capture traffic entering on to westbound US 35 from SR 104.
 - At this angle, Pleasant Valley Road could be seen.
- Twenty-four (0:24) seconds into the footage, a subject was observed to run from the rear of 15329 Pleasant Valley Rd. (Haley Woods' residence) in a westerly direction and appeared to stand near a white object, possibly an enclosed trailer.

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- One minute and thirty-seven seconds (01:37) into the footage, a second subject was observed walking from the rear of 15329 Pleasant Valley Rd. in a westerly direction.



(Amped Replay screenshot with orange arrow showing 2nd subject)

- The second subject turned around at Pleasant Valley Rd. and walked back towards 15329 Pleasant Valley Rd. and beyond, towards SR 104.
- Two minutes and twenty-four seconds (02:24) into the footage that second subject could be seen briskly walking and eventually running towards SR 104.
- Three minutes and four seconds (03:04) into the footage, the camera rotated towards SR 104 at the church driveway entrance and remained in that position for the remainder of the footage.
- Four minutes and eight seconds (04:08) into the footage, a Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) cruiser, driving southbound on SR 104, was observed to activate the overhead emergency lights and turn into the Chillicothe Baptist Church driveway at 14000 SR 104.

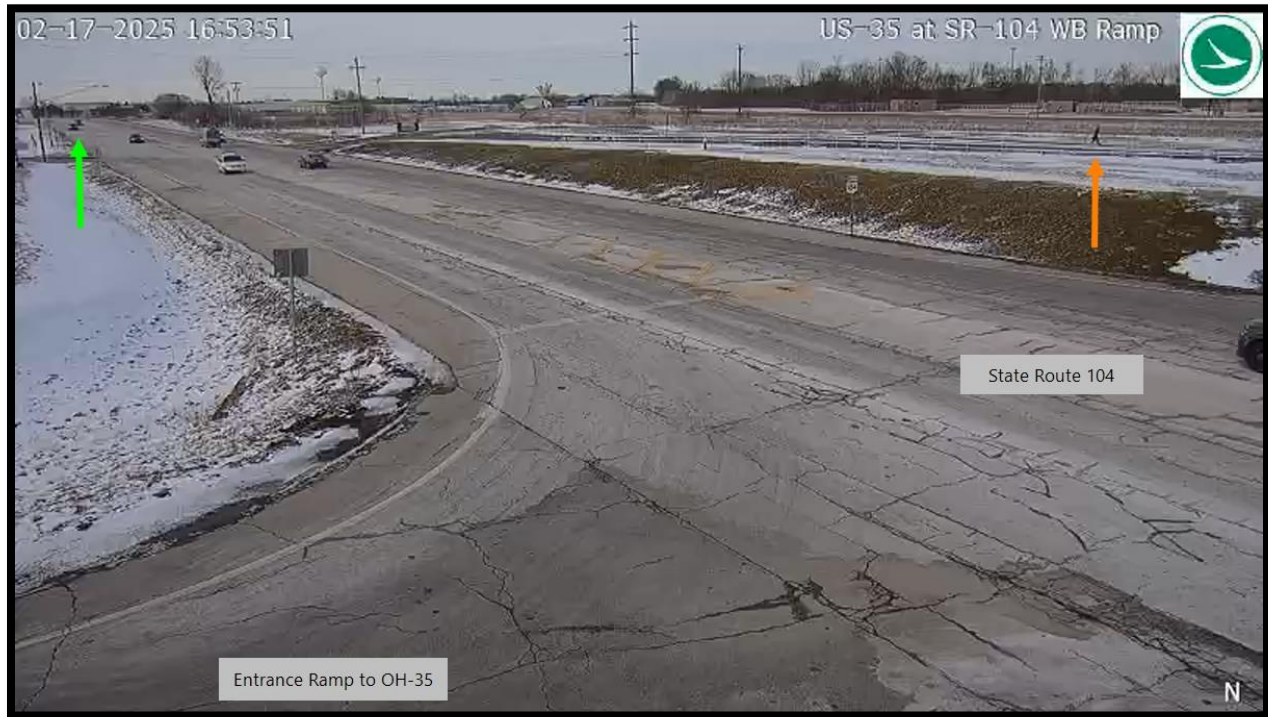
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(Amped Replay screenshot: green arrow showing RCSI cruiser and orange arrow showing subject)

- Due to the camera angle, the subject walking on the church driveway walks out of the picture frame at the four-minute and thirteen seconds (04:13) mark.
- Four minutes and thirty seconds (04:30) into the footage, a tall subject, later identified as RCSI [REDACTED] could be seen exiting the RCSI cruiser and walking backwards to the rear.
- Once [REDACTED] was at the rear of his cruiser, he could be seen with both of his arms extended in front of him. [REDACTED] was facing south, towards US 35.

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(Amped Replay screenshot showing [REDACTED] at the rear of the RCSO cruiser)

- From four minutes and thirty-seven seconds (04:37) mark to four minutes and forty-four seconds (04:44) mark there was a seven (7) second gap.
- At the four minutes and forty-four seconds (04:44) mark, [REDACTED] could be seen standing near the RCSO cruiser's driver's side mirror with at least one arm extended in front of him. [REDACTED] was still facing south towards US 35.
- RCSO [REDACTED] was seen walking forward towards US 35, out of the camera's view at the four-minute and forty-seven (04:47) mark.
- Four minutes and fifty seconds (04:50) into the footage, [REDACTED] was observed walking backwards, towards the rear of his cruiser, with his arms extended forward.

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- At the four minute and fifty-five seconds (04:55) mark, a second RCSO cruiser can be seen driving northbound on SR 104 with the emergency lights activated. That RCSO cruiser drove past the church parking lot and out of the camera's view.
- [REDACTED] was observed to keep his position at the rear of his cruiser with his arms extended in front of him until the five minutes and forty seconds (05:40) mark.
 - At that same time, an RCSO cruiser with emergency lights activated, came into the camera's view and turned into the church driveway.
- RCSO Deputy Luke Ramsey (Deputy Ramsey) was identified as the second deputy to the scene. Deputy Ramsey could be seen walking towards [REDACTED] cruiser with both of his arms extended in front of him, six and one-half minutes (06:30) into the footage.
- Nothing of investigative value was captured after six minutes and forty-five seconds (06:45) mark.

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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References:

- A. ODOT video (evidence.com)
- B. ODOT video – Amped Replay (evidence.com)

Attachments:

None

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