



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



2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of Records – Dash Camera and Body Worn Camera Videos Reviewed
Involves: Deputy Johnie Wilcox (S), Deputy Jacob Hemenway (S), Deputy Brittney Pennywitt (S), Ashland County Sheriff's Department (O)
Activity Date: August 08, 2023
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On August 8, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente received copies of the body-worn-camera and dash camera recordings of the involved deputies from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). SA Valente also received additional body-worn camera and dash camera recordings of additional Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers who responded after the incident concluded.

The relevant sections of the video recordings which captured the officer-involved shooting and activity immediately preceding and following the event were provided to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) for further analysis. Please refer to the Investigative Report detailing the review of those records for a more thorough analysis of what those videos showed.

SA Valente reviewed the videos and noted the following:

A folder titled "328 Hemenway" contained two video files. The first video file titled "0G00101_0G0010_08062023000159_0011" contained the body-worn-camera recording of Deputy Hemenway at the time of the shooting. The relevant section of this recording was provided to OOCIC for further analysis. SA Valente did not review the video beyond the arrival of an ACSO supervisor. The file titled "0G00101_0G0010_08062023003200_0012" was a secondary body-worn camera recording of Deputy Hemenway as he stood near his cruiser at the roadway after the shooting took place.

A folder titled "331 Wilcox" contained two video files. The first video file titled "0G00104_0G0010_08062023000200_0005" contained the body-worn-camera recording of Deputy Wilcox at the time of the shooting. The relevant section of this recording was provided to OOCIC for further analysis. SA Valente did not review the video beyond the arrival of an ACSO supervisor. The file titled "0G00104_0G0010_08062023003201_0006" was a secondary body-

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worn camera recording of Deputy Wilcox as he stood near his cruiser at the roadway after the shooting took place.

A folder titled "331 Pennywitt" contained two video files. The first video file titled "0G00107_0G0010_08062023000204_0005" contained the body-worn camera recording of Deputy Pennywitt at the time of the shooting. The relevant section of this recording was provided to OOCIC for further analysis. SA Valente did not review the video beyond the arrival of an ACSO supervisor. The file titled "0G00107_0G0010_08062023000204_0006" was a secondary body-worn camera recording of Deputy Pennywitt as she briefly spoke with Angela Dunham, wife of Larry Dunham, in the living room of the residence immediately after the shooting took place. Deputy Pennywitt then retrieved crime scene tape from her patrol vehicle and placed the tape around the backyard of the residence, securing the scene.

A folder titled "evidence.com_case_P23080500002162" contained five video files.

The first video file, titled "ACSO_OIS" contained the body-worn camera recording of Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Maddox who arrived on scene after the shooting had occurred. The audio of this recording appeared to have been intentionally muted as the video began. Trooper Maddox never entered the crime scene. Trooper Maddox stayed outside the crime scene near the roadway and appeared to speak with a variety of people in conversation that was not audio recorded.

The second video file titled "ACSO_OIS_-_Maddox_Dash_Cam" contained the dash-camera recording of Trooper Maddox's response to the scene. When Trooper Maddox arrived on scene multiple first responders were already present and the crime scene was secured.

The third video file titled "ACSO_OIS_-_Perrin_Body_Cam_1" contained a body-worn camera recording of Trooper Perrin as he arrived on scene. Trooper Perrin stated "Off mic for (unintelligible) conversation" and muted his microphone as the recording began. Trooper Perrin briefly engaged in conversation with the involved deputies as they stood near the roadway outside of the crime scene. Trooper Perrin later placed a secondary crime scene tape line up further securing the area and expanding the originally secured scene. After further securing the scene Trooper Perrin stayed outside of the crime scene near the roadway and spoke with various parties in conversation without recorded audio. At the 1:08:09 mark of the recording Trooper Perrin turned the audio recording function back on as he spoke with two relatives of Larry Dunham. In the conversation, the parties engage in conversation about a variety of topics not germane to this investigation. At the 1:18:23 mark Trooper Perrin again muted his microphone.

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Trooper Perrin continued to loiter in the area outside the crime scene until the recording was ended.

The fourth video file titled "ACSO_OIS_-_Perrin_Body_Cam_2" began where the previous recording stopped as Trooper Perrin returned to his patrol vehicle. Trooper Perrin entered his patrol vehicle, began to drive away from the scene and ended the recording.

The fifth video file titled "ACSO_OIS_-_Perrin_Dash_Cam" captured Trooper Perrin's response to the scene. The recording stayed on as Trooper Perrin's patrol vehicle idled along the roadway outside the scene.

Reference Items:

1. E – BWC and Dash Camera Recordings

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