

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



2024-2718 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 248 E. 11th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Columbus Police Department (O), Lamine Mahmoudi (S),

**Date of Activity**: 10/03/2024

Activity Location: Columbus Police Substation 4 – 248 E. 11th Avenue, Columbus,

OH 43201

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#### Narrative:

On the morning of September 10, 2024 at approximately 0130 hours, Lamine Mahmoudi, of 235 Chittenden Ave., Columbus, was fatally wounded during an encounter with officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD). The incident took place in the rear parking lot of the CPD Precinct 4 substation. Mahmoudi was armed with two kitchen knives when he confronted officers. Prior to the incident, officers responded to Mahmoudi's residence for armed, mental complaints twice on the evening of September 9, 2024. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by CPD to handle the Officer-Involved Critical Incident investigation.



Overhead map of area

Six officers were identified as having used force during the incident, and they all had bodyworn cameras (BWC) which captured footage of the incident as it unfolded:



Upon reviewing the BWC and available vehicle dash-camera footage, BCI Special Agent (SA) James Gore observed that the footage from each officer was substantially similar, differing slightly from alternate angles and vantage points. The conditions were nighttime, but there was ambient light from nearby buildings and fixtures on utility poles. Also, as officers addressed Mahmoudi, additional illumination was provided by some of the officers' flashlights.

The following images are screenshots from the videos, and they should serve as a collective, visual summary of the event. Most of the images were enlarged for clarity.

Prior to the incident, the involved officers were in their vehicles, chatting and typing reports. The vehicles were parked facing north, toward the alley, directly behind the substation.

Lamine Mahmoudi first appeared in the lower-left corner of dash camera footage at approximately 0129 hours, highlighted in the image below.

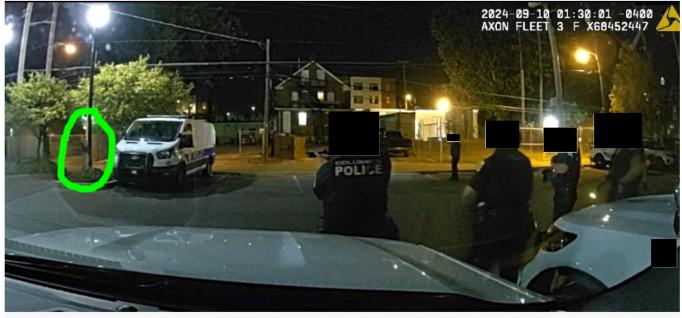


Seconds later, could be heard saying, "He's got a knife in his hand," as she exited her patrol vehicle. Mahmoudi walked eastward in the alley.



dash camera rootage, 01.29.29 hours, 9/10/2024

Mahmoudi paced back and forth momentarily as officers exited the vehicles. The officers shouted commands for Mahmoudi to put the weapons down, and they told him that they wanted to help.



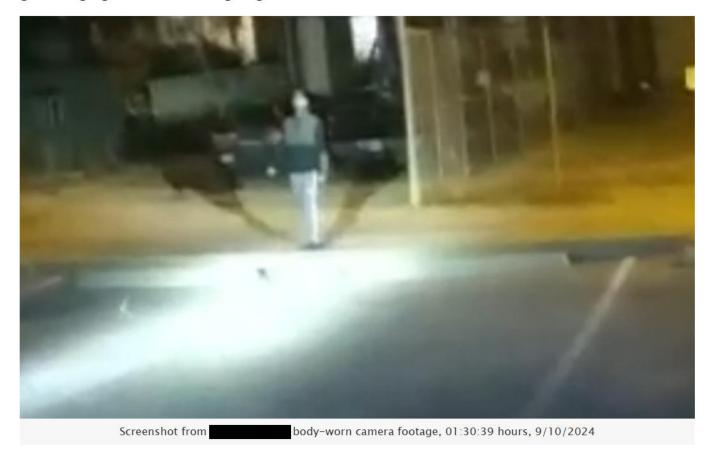
Screenshot from

dash camera footage, 01:30:01 hours, 9/10/2024

Mahmoudi disregarded all of the commands and pleas from the officers as he continued to walk east. Large knives were visible in both of Mahmoudi's hands. He paused, and in the image below, Mahmoudi appeared to cock his right arm and shoulder rearward, as if he was going to throw one of the knives at the officers. Officers repeatedly yelled, "Don't do it!" and "Do not throw it!" and "We just want to help you!" and other similar phrases. Mahmoudi could be heard saying, "No, I'm not dropping nothing."



In the following image, Mahmoudi thrust his right shoulder and arm forward slightly, gesturing again as if he was going to throw the knife.



# Ignoring all commands, Mahmoudi stepped onto the parking lot and advanced directly toward



Screenshot from

body-worn camera footage, 01:30:45 hours, 9/10/2024

The officers then simultaneously discharged their weapons at Mahmoudi. The following image is from a camera overlooking the parking lot of the substation. It depicts the positions of the officers at the moment they discharged their weapons.



Screenshot from camera overlooking rear parking lot of Precinct 4 substation

The following image, from the same camera view, depicts the officers immediately after their weapons were discharged. The officers then approached Mahmoudi to secured him in handcuffs and render first aid. The officers' positions were documented in the image.



Screenshot from camera overlooking rear parking lot of Precinct 4 substation

moved one of the knives from beneath Mahmoudi's body with his foot, while moved the other knife by hand.



Screenshot from body-worn camera footage, 01:31:14 hours, 9/10/2024

performed chest compressions while maintained pressure on wounds on Mahmoudi's head. Other officers checked for wounds in Mahmoudi's lower extremities.



Officers continued to render aid until they were relieved by medics at approximately 0136 hours.



An array of the images depicted above was attached to this report for reference. The video footage is available for further review, if needed, on the Axon™ database.

### References:

- 1. Body-worn and dash camera footage Axon™ Case ID PIS 2024-0013
- 2. Parking lot camera footage Axon™ Case ID 240673348

#### Attachments:

Attachment # 01: BWC and Dash Cam screenshots 9-10-2024 4 Precinct Substation OICI

























