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Investigative Report**



2025-0854

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 645 Hazen Avenue,  
Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage County

**Investigative Activity:** BWC Video Review  
**Involves:** Shawn A. Ware (S), Ravenna Police Department (O)  
**Activity Date:** 03/19/2025  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Goudy

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received video footage from Captain Jake Smallfield of the Ravenna Police Department SA Goudy was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Ravenna Police Department.

SA Goudy reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The following video files were provided by the Ravenna Police Department.

- Sergeant Cris Coy BWC.mp4
- Officer Brock Wise BWC.mp4

**Body Worn Cameras**

Video File: Sergeant Cris Coy BWC.mp4

(Duration: 6 minutes, 19 seconds)

This video file begins with Sergeant Cris Coy (Coy) and Officer Brock Wise (Wise) responding to a 911 call at 645 Hazen Avenue. Officer Wise and Sergeant Coy approached the front door of the apartment building.

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At the 01:09 mark, after entering the apartment building and walking down towards apartment number 3, a male opened the apartment door and Officer Wise had his duty weapon pointed inside the apartment while giving commands to Shawn Ware (Ware). Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise was heard yelling, "don't move," "drop it," and "put the gun down" multiple times.



(Image #1)

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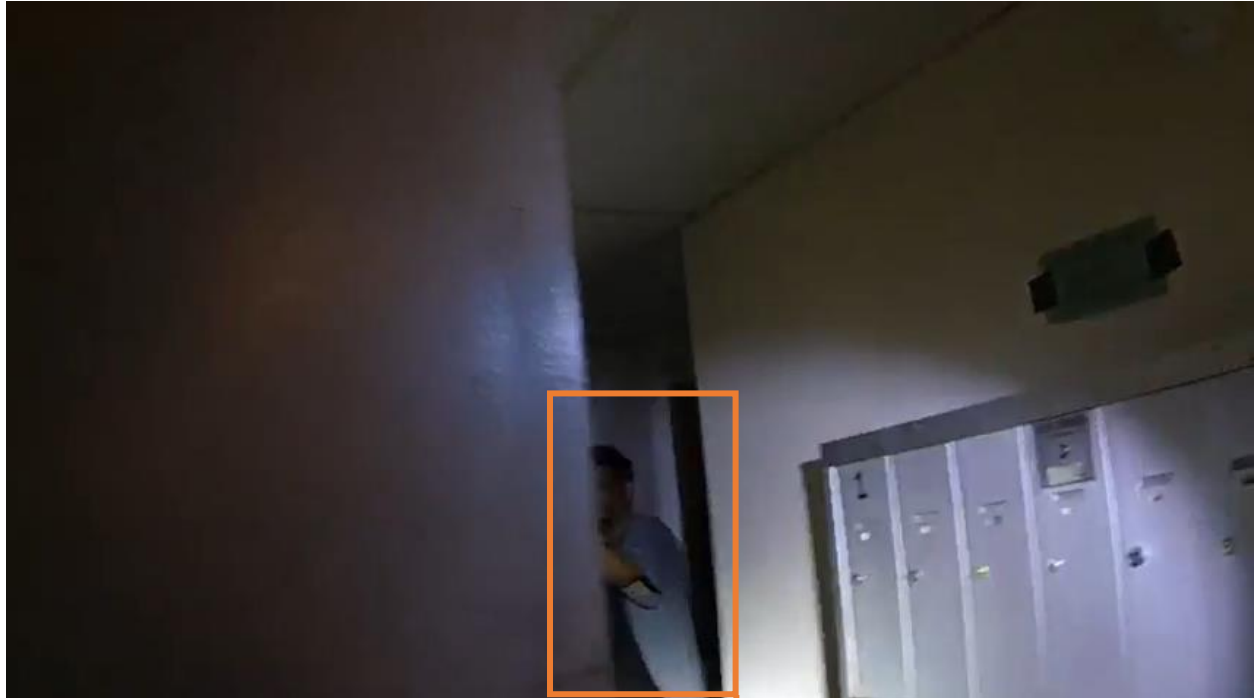
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At the 01:41 mark, after closing the door on the officers, the door re-opened, and Ware walked out holding another male in front of him. Sergeant Coy and Officer Wise were still giving Ware multiple commands to "drop the gun."



(Image #2)



(Cropped view)

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After Ware walked out of apartment #3 with the male, the view from Sergeant Coy's BWC turned away from Ware. Shortly thereafter, the sound of eight possible gunshots were heard. After the sound of the possible gunshots, Sergeant Coy asked Officer Wise if he was okay. Sergeant Coy then advised the RPD dispatch that shots were fired.

Nothing further to report from this video file.

**Officer Brock Wise BWC.mp4**

(Duration: 6 minutes, 19 seconds)

At the 01:01 mark, the door to apartment 3 opened and Officer Wise raised his duty weapon and pointed it inside the apartment. Officer Wise said, "Shawn, don't move."



(Image #3)

(Ware lying on the floor of the apartment)

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At the 01:03 mark, after more commands were given by Officer Wise to, "don't move" and to, "put the gun down," Ware began to get up from the floor with an object, believed to be a gun, in his right hand.



(Image #4)



(Cropped view)

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At the 01:08 mark, Officer Wise said multiple times, "Put the gun down! Drop the gun!" Ware stood upright and pointed the object believed to be a gun in Officer Wise's direction.



(Image #5)



(Cropped view)

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After Ware pointed the object believed to be a gun in Officer Wise's direction, Officer Wise moved out of the way and the door closed.

At the 01:28 mark, Officer Wise backed away from the door as it began to open. The camera view was angled downward, which showed the bottom portion of the doorway. An individual began to exit the apartment. An individual was heard saying, "don't, shoot...don't shoot me, man." More commands of, "drop the gun" were given.



(Image #6)

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At the 01:39 mark, there was a sound believed to be gunfire.



(Image #7)

(Ware)

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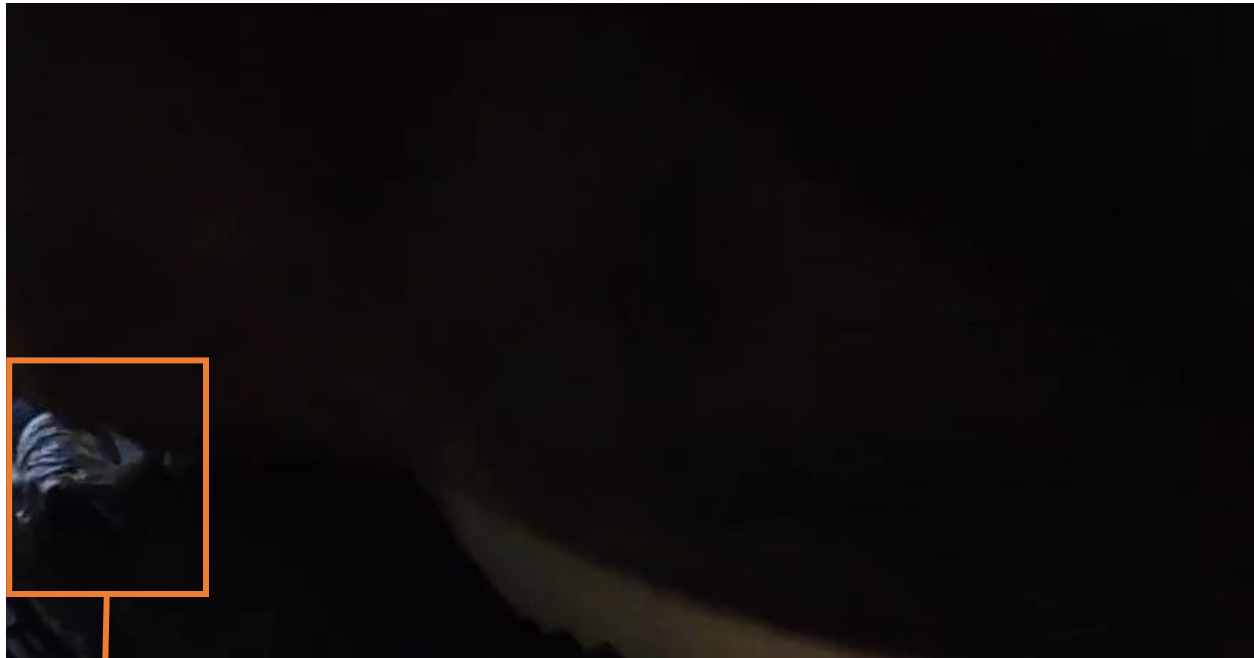
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At the 01:41 mark, after more sounds believed to be gunfire, Ware fell to the ground in the middle of the hallway.



(Image #8)

(Ware)

After the sounds believed to be gunfire ended, Sergeant Coy could be heard asking Officer Wise if he was okay, followed by advising RPD dispatch, "shots fired." Officer Wise replied, "Yeah, I'm good, I'm good, I'm good. Do you see the 40, okay, it's by his hip."

Officer Wise eventually ran out to his RPD marked unit to retrieve a trauma kit. Officers began administering emergency first aid until EMS arrived.

Nothing further to report from this video file.

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**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.

The images in this report are for demonstrative purposes only. For further information, please refer to the attached video snippets and body worn camera video footage listed as reference item G under their respective subfolders located in evidence.com.

**References:**

G – Involved Officer's BWC

**Attachments:**

1. Sergeant Coy Video Snippets
2. Officer Wise Video Snippets

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