



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



2025-1603
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4482 Hampton Woods Ct.,
Columbus, Ohio 43230 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Sgt. Michael Wilgus (W), Officer Steve Kaethow (W), Officer Matt Liford (W), Officer Scott Bray (W), Officer Mark DiLello (W), Officer Andrew Ross (W), Officer Robert Vass (W), Officer Keith Kise (W), Officer Jason Spague (W), Officer Robert Cutshall (W), Officer Dan Cole (W), Officer Scott Branch (W), Officer Rodger Nolan (W), Officer Steve Shope (W), Officer Sam Hazlerig (W), Sgt. James "Jim" Morrow (W)

Date of Activity: 06/04/2025

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Narrative:

On June 4, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier reviewed the received body-worn camera (BWC) video from Columbus Police Department. SA Frazier was informed that the videos contained footage from officers that were either involved in the incident or witnesses to the OICI.

The following summary of the recorded video, highlights the key points that the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Not all videos were reviewed in their entirety. It is suggested that the full video recordings be reviewed. It should also be noted that duplicate information was avoided and only new information was documented, in the course of reviewing the following videos.

SA Frazier reviewed the following video recordings from May 19, 2025 and noted the following information:

AXON BWC Video# X60A8176D (SWAT Officer Mark Dillelo):

- 2228 hours – BWC video began. Officer Dillelo arrived on scene.
- 2234 hours – Officer Dillelo verbalized "heads" and stated the subject slammed the door.
- 2235 hours – ARV-1 arrived on scene. Officer Dillelo took a position behind a vehicle, near the front door.
- 2237 hours – ARV-1 took position in front of the residence.
- Officer Dillelo maintained a position near ARV-1 /front of residence.

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- 2251 hours – ARV-1 moved it's position.
- 2254 hours – ARV-2 arrived on scene and Officer Dillelo took cover behind ARV-1.
- 2256 hours – Officer Dillelo grabbed the "knocker gun." Officer Voss verbalized that the subject is looking out the right bedroom window and breaking out the window.
- 2301 hours – Other officers verbalized "doors open."
- 2302 hours – Another officer verbalized "gun" and stated they didn't have a shot.
- 2303 hours – Another officer said, "it looks like he's left handed."
- 2312 hours – Officer Dillelo moved with a group to ARV-2.
- 2314 hours – Officer Dillelo verbalized "door's open" and stated he had a phone in his hand. Shortly after, he said "door's closed" and "he's not very happy."
- 2315 hours – Officer Dillelo moved with a group from ARV-2 to the two side of the apartment building.
- 2323 hours – Officer Dillelo stated that he saw the subject's hands up and verbalized, "pistol." Officer Vass stated, "that should have been a shot."
- 2324 hours – Another officer is heard yelling "drop the gun." The subject is heard talking but unable to make out the statement made. Door heard slamming shut.
- 23:24:29 hours – Gunshot heard by the subject and Officer Dillelo verbalized "gunshot" and stated the subject fired out from the bedroom window. Other officers say the shot was fired out of the bedroom towards officers.
- 23:26:22 hours – Another gunshot heard. Officer Dillelo stated, "another 43A. I didn't see where it came from."
- 2332 hours – Officer Dillelo stated that he observed the subject and other officers stated, he just turned the outside light on.
- 2333 hours – Officer Dillelo stated that he could see the subject from the waist up.
- 2344 hours – The subject came out and said something, before slamming door. Officer Dillelo said, "he's absolutely focused on them."
- 23:46:05 hours – The subject came out, officers verbalized "gun gun gun", before 1-2 shots are heard. Officers stated that was one of us and an officer further away stated, "shots fired."
- 2346 hours – Officers asked if the subject was down. Officer Dillelo stated, "he's back in his structure. He dropped the..." Other officers asked Mary to walk to the right. She walked towards officers and stated that she was not hurt, but the subject was shot. Mary told officers that he was shot in the chest and is down, bleeding heavily, near the front door.
- 2348 hours – Officer Dillelo stated that it looked like something dropped after he was struck and asked if other officers saw the firearm.
- 2350 hours – Officers used a loud speaker to give commands for Jerry to come out.
- 2351 hours – Drone heard being deployed.
- 2352 hours – Officer Dillelo and other officers began approaching the residence, to secure the subject and clear the apartment.
- 2355 hours – Another officer stated the subject did not have a pulse.
- 0000 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Mark Dillelo):

- It should be noted that the date and time of the video is not correct.
- 6:30 minute mark – Officer Dillelo stated the subject's hands were up.

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- 6:32 minute mark – The subject is seen extending his arm out of the front door, with a gun in his hand, and multiple officer's verbalized, "gun."



Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 6:32 minute mark – gun observed



Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 6:33 minute mark – subject's arm extended with gun

- 7:35 minute mark – Gunshot heard and visible muzzle smoke observed. Officer Dillelo stated that the subject fired out towards the officers from the bedroom window.

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Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 7:35 minute mark – muzzle smoke

- 9:29 minute mark – Another gunshot heard, but not observed.
- 27:52 minute mark – Subject's arm observed extended out of the front door. Officer's verbalized that he raised his middle finger. Door is slammed shut and glass is observed shattering.
- 29:03 minute mark – Subject observed raising one hand out of the front door.



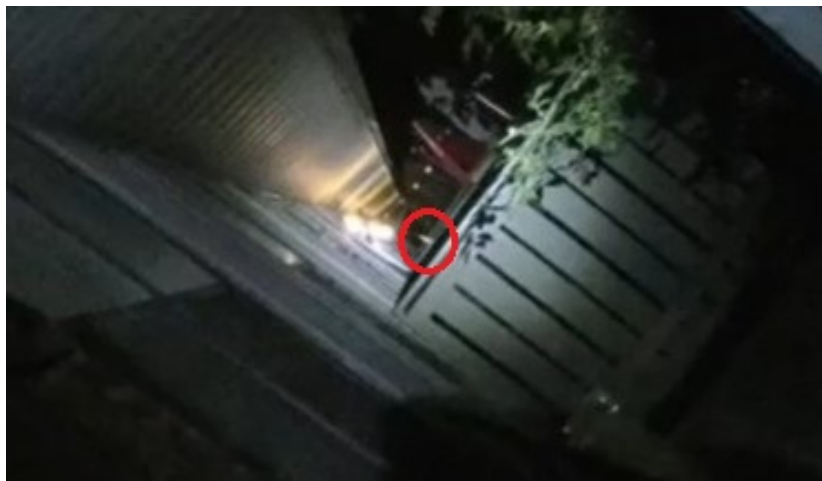
Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 29:03 minute mark – subject raised arm out of the door

- 29:09–29:11 minute mark – Gun observed at the front door. Subject began raising the gun up towards the sky and dropped the magazine from the firearm. The magazine is seen falling towards the ground.

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Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 29:10 minute mark – gun observed



Officer Dillelo Helmet Video Screenshot – 29:11 minute mark – magazine falling to ground

- 29:12 minute mark – Gunshots heard, presumably by officers.
- 29:36 minute mark – Mary exited the residence.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8489H (SWAT Officer Robert Vass):

- 2315 hours – BWC video began. Officer Vass moved with a group of officers from ARV-2 to the two side of the apartment building. Officer Vass is in the same group of officers as Officer Dillelo, therefore, please refer to the statement above for a more detailed account. Only new information observed was noted below.
- 2352 hours – Franklin County Sheriff's Deputies deploy a drone. Officer Vass observed the drone footage via cell phone. He observed the male subject down, located right inside the doorway, not moving.
- Officer Vass approached the apartment with officer officers and maintained cover from

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- the front door.
- 2354 hours – Officer Vass noted a casing located at the front door.
 - 2359 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Robert Vass):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8588C (SWAT Officer Keith Kise):

- 2249 hours – BWC video began. Officer Kise was positioned behind ARV-1. Officers discussed repositioning bearcats, so that ARV-2, with the ram, would be closer to the door.
- 2252 hours – ARV-1 moved and ARV-2 took its original position.
- 2300 hours – Officer Kise took position in the turret of ARV-1.
- 2301 hours – Officer Kise stated that the subject had a gun in his hand at the front door. Officer Kise stated that the subject screamed, "Bitch let's go. Let's go." He advised the subject was a male black.
- 2303 hours – Officer Kise stated that when the subject smashed out the window with his gun, and that the gun was pointed out towards officers.
- 2307 hours – Officer Kise stated that the subject has come to the door twice and was banging on the blinds with a gun in his hand a separate time.
- 2312 hours – Another officer says, "door's open." Officer Kise stated, the subject's pouring lighter fluid out the front door.
- 2313 hours – Officer Kise exited the turret and Officer Steven Shope took his position.
- 2314 hours – Officer Kise joined the group of officers behind ARV-2. Officers stated the door was open again. Officers moved in a group from ARV-2 to the two side of the apartment building.
- Officer Kise joined the same group of officers as Officer Dillelo and Officer Vass, therefore, only new information observed was noted below.
- 2323 hours – Officer Kise stated, "gun gun gun gun....that should have been a shot." He stated that the subject came out, extended his arm, and pointed the gun at officers.
- 2346 hours – Mary came towards officers covered in blood. She told officers that the subject was shot and bleeding badly.
- 2352 hours – Officer Kise approached the apartment with officer officers, entered, and advised that he would secure the subject. He said that the subject did not have any signs of life.
- 2354 hours – Medics entered and announced the subject was deceased at 2355 hours.
- 2359 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8375F (SWAT Officer Steven Shope):

- 2255 hours – BWC video began. Officer Shope arrived on scene.
- 2301 hours – Officer Shope took position behind ARV-2.
- 2304 hours – Officer Shope moved from ARV-2 to ARV-1.
- 2313 hours – Officer Shope took Officer Kise's position in the turret of ARV-1. It

should be noted that the BWC is blocked by the turret, therefore, nothing of note is observed for the remainder of the video.

- 2356 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video# X83134354 (SWAT Officer Steven Shope):

- It should be noted that the date and time of the video is not correct.
- 27:28 minute mark – The subject is observed at the front door, extending his right arm, with a gun, towards officers outside.



Officer Shope Helmet Video Screenshot – 27:28 minute mark – Subject's arm extended with a gun

- 28:30 minute mark – Gunshot heard. Officer Shope verbalized "shot", but was unsure if the round was fired in his direction.
- 30:30 minute mark – Officer Shope stated the subject fired another shot through the door.
- 41:06 minute mark – Officer Shope verbalized that the front porch light just went out.
- 46:38 minute mark – Front porch light turns on.
- 50:00 minute mark – The subject is observed at the front door. The subject is seen holding the firearm and ejecting the magazine, which fell to the ground.



Officer Shope Helmet Video Screenshot – 50:04 minute mark – subject's arm extended with a gun



Officer Shope Helmet Video Screenshot – 50:05 minute mark – subject with two arms extended (believed to be ejecting the magazine)



Officer Shope Helmet Video Screenshot – 50:06 minute mark – magazine dropping from gun

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Officer Shope Helmet Video Screenshot – 50:07 minute mark – magazine falling to the ground

- 50:24 minute mark – Female seen at the front door. Officers gave her verbal commands to exit.

Axon BWC Video# X60A5250T (SWAT Officer Daniel Cole):

- It should be noted that Officer Cole had four (4) separate BWC videos. All videos were reviewed and summarized below.
- 2254 hours – BWC video began. Officer Cole was already on scene. Shortly after, he takes a position with other officers, behind a vehicle, near the two side of the building.
- 2302 hours – The subject is heard saying, "back up" and another officer stated that the subject seemed very agitated.
- 2306 hours – Another officer stated that the subject broke out the screen door window.
- 2314 hours – The subject came to the front door and stated, "what's up brah?" Another officer verbalized, "he's got a gun in his hand." Officers stated he had a phone in his right hand and a gun in his left hand.
- 2318 hours – Officer Cole joined a group of officers on the two side of the building. Officer Cole was tasked with handling the ram for entry.
- 2326 hours – Officer Cole attempted to put his BWC in stealth mode, which creates multiple additional videos.
- Officer Cole remained outside, while other officers made entry.
- 2349 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Daniel Cole):

- It should be noted that the date and time of the video is not correct.
- 17:36 minute mark – The subject opened the front door and officers observed the subject in possession of a phone and a gun.

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Officer Daniel Cole Helmet Video Screenshot – 17:39 minute mark – subject observed at the front door

- 18:11 minute mark – Subject observed slamming the front door.
- 50:14 minute mark – Mary exited the apartment and walked towards officers.
- 51:40 minute mark – Officer Cole escorted Mary to safety and left her with other officers.
- 52:27 minute mark – Officer Cole rejoined officers on the two side.
- 55:55 minute mark – Officers made entry and cleared the residence.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8384H (SWAT Sgt. James "Jim" Morrow):

- It should be noted that Officer Morrow had two (2) separate BWC videos. Both videos were reviewed and summarized below.
- 2318 hours – BWC video began.
- 2319 hours – Officer Morrow was briefed by another officer on scene, who stated that the subject has opened the door and fired off three (3) shots towards officers, since they have been on scene.
- 2322 hours – Officer Morrow took a position behind ARV-1.
- 2326 hours – Another officer stated that the subject said he's ready to die.
- 2346 hours – Another officer is heard stating, he was taking his magazine out of his gun when shots were fired.
- 2356 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Sgt. James "Jim" Morrow):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A7267U (SWAT Officer Samuel Hazlerig):

- Officer Hazlerig was in the same group of officers as Officer Dillelo, Officer Vass, Officer Kise, and Officer Cole.
- 2326 hours – BWC video began. Officer Hazlerig was already positioned on the two side of the apartment building.
- 2347 hours – Mary walked towards officers. Officer Hazlerig assisted with escorting Mary to the safety of other officers nearby.

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- Officer Hazlerig rejoined the group of officers on the two side and assisted with making entry and clearing the residence.
- 2359 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Samuel Hazlerig):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8572X (SWAT Officer Scott Branch):

- It should be noted that Officer Branch had two (2) separate BWC videos. Both videos were reviewed and summarized below.
- 2256 hours – BWC video began.
- 2311 hours – Officer Branch took a position at ARV-1 and moved into the driver's seat, replacing Officer Vass. It should be noted that the BWC is inside of ARV-1, therefore, nothing of note is able to be observed for the remainder of the video.
- 2344 hours – Officer Branch stated that the door opened and the subject was at the front door, before slamming the door shut.
- 23:45:55 hours – Officer Branch stated, "the door's open, right hand's up in the air, waving.....he's got a gun in his hand." Shots are then heard and another officer stated, shots fired.
- 2350 hours – Officer Branch gave verbal commands via the ARV-1 loud speaker.
- 2358 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8487H (SWAT Officer Steven Kaethow):

- 2302 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Kaethow set up a tripod with a sniper rifle, positioned with a line of sight on the two windows of the apartment. He was set up behind a tree, further back, between the two bearcats.
- 23:24:28 hours – Gunshot heard.
- 2325 hours – Officer Kaethow stated that the shot came between the two bearcats.
- 23:26:22 hours – Another gunshot heard. Officer Kaethow stated the shot was near him and he heard it go through the trees. Another officer near the bearcat, stated that the shot hit the bearcat.
- 23:45:59 hours – Another officer via radio, advised that the subject stated, "we are coming out. I have my gun in my hand."
- 23:46:04 hours – 1-2 gunshots are heard.
- 2359 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8712H (SWAT Officer Jason Sprague):

- 2229 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Sprague took a position behind a vehicle in front of the residence, near ARV-1.
- 2254 hours – Officer Sprague took position behind ARV-1.
- 2315 hours – Officer Sprague moved with other officers to the two side of the apartment building.

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- 23:46:05 hours – Muzzle flash observed by an officer that fired.



Officer Sprague BWC Video Screenshot – 23:24:05 hours – muzzle flash

- 2352 hours – Officer Sprague assisted with making entry into the residence.
- 2354 hours – Officer Sprague stated that there were a bunch of casings and bullets all over the apartment.
- 0000 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Jason Sprague):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8981E (SWAT Officer Robert Cutshall):

- 2247 hours – BWC video began.
- 2301 hours – Officer Cutshall took a position behind ARV-2.
- 2317 hours – Officer Cutshall assisted as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED], positioned behind a vehicle near the front of the apartment complex.
- 23:24:10 hours – Officer Cutshall stated, "drop the gun."
- 23:45:54 hours – [REDACTED] asked Officer Cutshall, "what's in his hand?"
- 23:46:01 hours – Officers are heard saying, "gun gun gun", and [REDACTED] is heard discharging his rifle.
- 23:46:10 hours – Officer Cutshall announced, "shots fired" and gave commands for Mary to come to the door.
- 2355 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Robert Cutshall):

- It should be noted that the date and time of the video is not correct.
- 34:14 minute mark – "I see his gun, he's gunna be shooting." He told [REDACTED] that was definitely a gun in his right hand.

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Officer Cutshall Helmet Video Screenshot - 34:14 minute mark - gun observed

- 34:45 minute mark - Officers observed and verbalized, the gun in the subject's right hand.



Officer Cutshall Helmet Video Screenshot - 34:45 minute mark - gun observed

- 34:59 minute mark - Subject is observed with a gun and Officer Cutshall stated, "drop the gun", before the subject slammed the front door.
- 35:38 minute mark - [REDACTED] asked if his radio traffic was going out and Officer Cutshall stated it was not.
- 56:51-56:53 minute mark - Subject observed at the front door with a gun in his hand. Officers verbalized "gun" and shots were fired by officers.

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Officer Cutshall Helmet Video Screenshot – 56:52 minute mark – subject with a gun, just prior to shots fired by officers

- 57:20 minute mark – Mary exited the apartment.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8960E (SWAT Officer Matthew Liford):

- 2314 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Liford took position on the front of the building near the two side.
- 2324 hours – Officer Liford advised, "gun out the window" and "he's hurting her", just prior to a gunshot being heard by the subject. Officer Liford stated, "I think he just 43ed (shot) her."
- 2343 hours – Officer Liford moves from the two side to the four side.
- 2355 – BWC video concluded.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8824E (SWAT Officer Andrew Ross):

- 2239 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Ross was the driver of ARV-2. It should be noted that the BWC is inside of the vehicle, therefore, nothing of note is observed.
- 23:26:22 hours – Gunshot heard striking the bearcat and officers stated that the shot hit the bearcat.
- 23:45:56 – Officer Ross stated, "door's open. Right hand is empty. He's got the gun...", just prior to shots being fired by officers.
- 0001 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8363F (SWAT Officer Scott Bray):

- 2243 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Bray was positioned behind a vehicle near the front of the building, in the same area as [REDACTED].
- 2317 hours – Officer Bray moved to the two side and joined other officers.
- Officer Bray assisted with making entry and securing the subject/residence.
- 0000 hours – BWC video concluded.

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Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Scott Bray):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A8738C (SWAT Officer Michael Wilgus):

- 2250 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Wilgus took a position behind a van, located near the front of the building.
- 2322 hours – Officer Wilgus moved to ARV-2.
- 23:55:52 hours – Officer Wilgus went to provide officer support and was heard accidentally kicking a spent casing.
- 2359 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Michael Wilgus):

- Nothing new to add.

Axon BWC Video# X60A5861V (SWAT Officer Rodger Nolan):

- 2253 hours – BWC video began.
- Officer Nolan took a position behind a tree, near the front of the building, with Officer Liford.
- 0000 hours – BWC video concluded.

Axon Helmet Video (SWAT Officer Rodger Nolan):

- 52:40 minute mark – Movement seen at the front door, just prior to shots fired by police.

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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