



2024-2614 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Video Review: Officer Dallas Guyton's BWC Reviewed,

Amped Replay Used

Involves: Officer Dallas Guyton (W)

Activity Date: 10/15/2024

Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On October 28, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) completed a review of the video captured from the body-worn camera (BWC) of Officer Dallas Guyton (Officer Guyton) during this incident. Officer Guyton created three separate BWC videos relevant to this investigation and all three videos were reviewed as noted below.

Amped Replay was used to review the videos.

SA Valente made working copies of the three BWC videos and placed the copied videos in a folder on his BCI issued laptop. The working copies of the videos were used for the review.

<u>BWC VIDEO #1:</u> <u>DallasGuyton_202408292211_BWC2010431-0 - Working Copy</u>

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 72,614 frames in the video.
- The video was 01:20:46:58 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 22:11:18
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.





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Frame	72,614
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 23:32:05
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The BWC video began as Officer Guyton approached the subject residence. Officer Guyton walked up Yellowstone Road and stopped on the sidewalk in front of the subject residence. Officer Guyton's BWC captured audio of Officer Ondercin attempting to speak to Ferrel Thomas via telephone. Moments later, Officer Guyton's BWC picked up audio of Ferrel Thomas yelling at the subject while both men were inside and not visible on the recording.

Frame	5,262
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:17:09
Activity/Notes	An officer is heard on the police radio requesting a hostage negotiator.



Frame	5,429
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:17:20





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Activity/Notes	At the request of Cleveland Heights
	Police, Ferrel Thomas exited the home
	through the front door. A yellow arrow
	and text box annotation were added to
	the frame showing the location of Ferrel
	Thomas.

As Ferrel Thomas approached Officer Guyton, Ferrel Thomas said something that began unintelligible and included, "He's high. Fuckin' high. Fuckin' high and he don't know what the fuck is goin' on." As Ferrel Thomas made that statement, officers were communicating with their dispatchers via police radio to have an EMS squad respond and stage somewhere within close proximity to their location.

Once Ferrel Thomas reached the officers staged near the front right of his home, he continued, "Do not [unintelligible] my son if you don't have to. He's got a fuckin' loaded weapon. He's got a loaded weapon." A voice consistent with Officer Ondercin's replied to Ferrel Thomas telling him he knew the subject was armed and wanted Ferrel Thomas to exit the home to avoid further upsetting the subject. While this conversation was happening, other officers and dispatchers continued communication through the police radio. A voice, believed to be the subject's, then appeared to yell out loudly from the front of the home, "Noooooo. Noooooo."

Frame	5,971
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:17:57
Activity/Notes	As a voice, believed to be the subject's, finished yelling out, "Noooooo. Noooooo", voice could be heard on the police radio beginning to transmit, "All right yeah, he's got the gun in his hand at the front door."

While a voice yelled "Noooooo. Noooooo" and reported the subject was still armed with a handgun at the front door, Ferrel Thomas was also speaking, and appeared to say, "He don't know what's goin' on. I was the only thing keeping him connected to reality at this point."





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Frame	6,032
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29:2024 22:18:01
Activity/Notes	This frame depicts Ferrel Thomas as he was making the above-noted statement. Note that, as Ferrel Thomas was speaking, he was standing behind Officer Ondercin, whose attention appeared to be directed at the front door of the home, where the subject was reported to be standing and yelling from.

Ferrel Thomas and Genisis Thomas continued to discuss the situation. Ferrel Thomas told his daughter he was not arguing with the subject, rather that the subject was high. Officer Ondercin reported over the police radio that the subject was believed to be the only person left in the house. As Officer Ondercin finished that statement, Ferrel Thomas could be seen on the video telling Genisis Thomas something that began unintelligible and included, "Walking around waving a gun high as fuck in our fuckin' house." The conversation between Ferrel Thomas and Genisis Thomas was drowned out by officers communicating over their police radios.





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Frame	6,777
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:18:50
Activity/Notes	Ferrel Thomas is seen speaking with Officer Ondercin. Ferrel Thomas began making the statement, "It's probably mushrooms. Yes sir. I just found a big ass bag of mushrooms that he had hidden in the basement. Ferrel Thomas demonstrated the size of the bag by moving his arms outwards from his chest. Upon receiving this information, Officer Ondercin immediately relayed over his police radio, "Possibly under the influence of psychedelics."

Frame	8,450
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:20:42
Activity/Notes	A voice consistent with that of Officer Perez began to exclaim, "Show me your hands!" Immediately after this statement was made, a loud percussive sound consistent with a gunshot could be heard. Almost immediately after the first apparent gunshot was fired, an officer relayed on the police radio, "Shots fired. Shots fired."





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Frame	8,481
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:20:44
Activity/Notes	Officer Ondercin is depicted in the background of this frame. Officer Ondercin appeared to react to the sound of the first gunshot, having moved to the right, and then shined his flashlight in the general direction of the subject.





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Frame	8,544
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:20:48
Activity/Notes	Officer Guyton is depicted now holding his pistol in his right hand. Beginning around this frame, a group of quickly spaced loud percussive sounds consistent with gunshots began.

Following the above frame, Officer Guyton ran in the street across the front of the subject's home to a police vehicle where he briefly took cover. As Officer Guyton reached this police car and took a position of cover, the sound of gunfire ended.

Frame	8,781
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:21:04
Activity/Notes	Officer Guyton began to return towards the location of the shooting. As he did so, beginning around this frame, a voice consistent with Ferrel Thomas' yelled





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out, "He don't have no bullets
[unintelligible]."



Frame	8,996
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:21:19
Activity/Notes	Officer Guyton continued to run towards the subject's location, immediately following the sound of apparent gunfire ended. As Officer Guyton ran on the sidewalk between the subject's home and the home to the north, he crossed over Ferrel Thomas who was depicted in this frame lying on the sidewalk and looking in the direction of the subject who is out of the frame.





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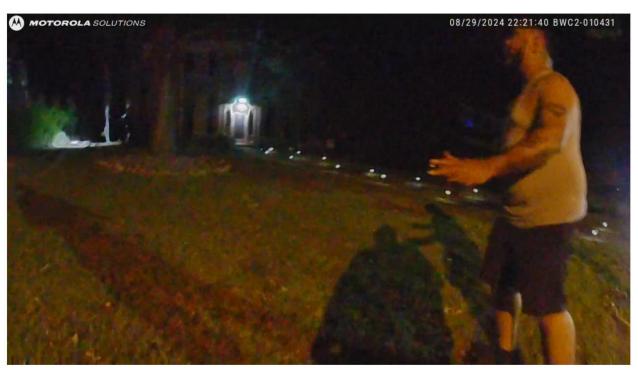


Frame	9,190
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:21:31
Activity/Notes	Genisis Thomas is visible on the left side of this frame, standing in the roadway in front of the driveway where the subject was then lying. Spotlight, arrow, and text annotations were added to this frame to indicate the positions of the subject and Genisis Thomas within the frame.





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Frame	9,314
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:21:40
Activity/Notes	This frame shows Ferrel Thomas as he yelled out to the subject to "Stop." Officer Guyton ordered Ferrel Thomas to stay back. Ferrel Thomas appeared to momentarily comply with the order and backed away from the subject and officers.

In the following frames, officers appeared to approach the subject and began to render aid. Ferrel Thomas attempted to again approach the subject and told Officer Guyton that he knew him (Officer Guyton) for a long time and personally accused Officer Guyton of killing the subject. Officer Guyton denied shooting the subject and said police did not kill the subject.

Frame	9,980
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:22:24





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Activity/Notes	As Genisis Thomas and Ferrel Thomas stood near the end of the driveway where the subject was lying and appeared to be receiving medical treatment, Ferrel Thomas yelled out, "He fuckin' fired a couple times!" Genisis Thomas responded, screaming out, "Are you serious? Oh my god!" Ferrel Thomas began to walk away and exclaimed, "Fuckin idiot!"
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Frame	10,986
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 22:23:31
Activity/Notes	Ferrel Thomas is depicted struggling with Officer Guyton in close proximity to the subject. Officer Guyton attempted to move Ferrel Thomas back and away from the subject after Ferrel Thomas ignored





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Officer Guyton's commands to stay away
from the subject.

Ferrel Thomas began to cry and asked that officers don't let his son die. Officer Guyton escorted Ferrel Thomas away from the subject and towards the road where his two daughters were then standing. Ferrel Thomas briefly walked away then reapproached Officer Guyton and apologized.

Officer Guyton then secured the area with crime scene tape, provided security around the scene and began a scene log.

All frames referenced above, except for the start time and end time frames, were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay. The images were exported to the folder "Ofc. Guyton BWC 1 Derivatives and Reports."

An Amped Replay report was generated for Officer Guyton's first BWC video review and bookmarked images. The report was exported to the same folder noted above. Please refer to the report for further details. The Amped Replay reports for the BWC videos were attached to this report. Refer to this report for further details.

The video file working copies, the Amped Replay bookmarked images, and the Amped Replay reports were copied to a USB thumb drive and were placed into the BCI physical case file as Reference Item N.

BWC VIDEO #2: DallasGuyton_202408300010_BWC2010431-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 3,359 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:03:44:19 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:10:29
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	3,359
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:14:14
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.





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The video began as Officer Guyton stood on Yellowstone Road and observed the subject's family as they consoled each other. Ferrel Thomas made a comment to the police officers that he should have remained inside the home with the subject rather than leaving the home. The video ended as Ferrel Thomas and a Cleveland Heights Police Detective spoke with each other. The audio quality was not clear enough to determine with certainty what was said during the conversation. No derivative works were produced during the review of this video.

<u>BWC VIDEO #3:</u> <u>DallasGuyton_202408300108_BWC2010431-0 - Working Copy</u>

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 14.98 frames per second.
- There was a total of 494 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:00:32:97 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 01:08:35
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	494
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 01:09:08
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video began as Officer Guyton approached a group of unknown individuals who appeared to be peacefully speaking with two Cleveland Heights Police Officers. As Officer Guyton made his way closer to the group they turned around and walked away without incident. No derivative works were produced during the review of this video.

References:

Item N - USB Thumbdrive - Amped Replay Report and Derivatives for BWC Videos

Attachments:

1. Officer Guyton BWC #1 Working Copy Report

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 33908

Report Generation Time 2024-10-24 15:08:52.000

File Information

Input File Name DallasGuyton_202408292211_BWC2010431-0 - Working Copy.mp4

Input File Hash (MD5) a13e80af06dee0ba4a272a17a9cb4341

14.9828

File Size 1.4 GB

Format mov,mp4,m4a,3gp,3g2,mj2

 Codec
 h264

 Width
 1280

 Height
 720

 File Fps
 14.9850

Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).

Length (frames) 72615

Duration (time) 01:20:46.476

Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

Case Information

Playback Fps

Case: 2024-2614

Location: 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Camera: Officer Dallas Guyton BWC

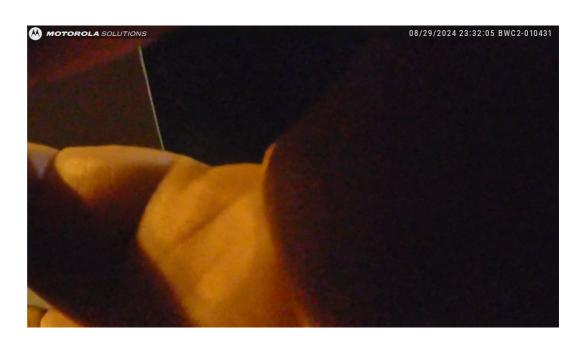
Purpose of Viewing: Investigation
Submitted by: SA Valente
Review Summary: See Report

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 72614



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

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Motion Detection Information

Region of Interest Full Frame

Threshold 1

Bookmarks

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Frame 5262



An officer is heard on the police radio requesting a hostage negotiator.

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 Width
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Frame 5429

File Name



Description At the request of Cleveland Heights Police, Ferrel Thomas exited the home through the front door. A yellow

arrow and text box annotation were added to the frame showing the location of Ferrel Thomas.

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Width 1280
Height 720

File Name



Description

File Name

As a voice believed to be the subjects finished yelling out, "Noooooo." voice could be heard on the police radio beginning to transmit, "All right yeah, he's got the gun in his hand at the front door."

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File Size 425.5 KB
Width 1280
Height 720



Description

This frame depicts Ferrel Thomas as he was making the above noted statement. Note that as Ferrel Thomas was speaking, he was standing behind Officer Ondercin, who's attention was directed at the front door of the home where the subject was reported to be standing and himself yelling out from

File Name

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File Size 468.7 KB Width 1280

Frame 6777

Height



Description

Ferrel Thomas is seen speaking with Officer Ondercin. Ferrel Thomas began making the statement, "It's probably mushrooms. Yes sir. I just found a big ass bag of mushrooms that he had hidden in the basement. Ferrel Thomas demonstrated the size of the bag by moving his arms outwards from his chest. Upon receiving this information, Officer Ondercin immediately relayed over his police radio, "Possibly under the influence of psychedelics."

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File Size 500.9 KB
Width 1280
Height 720

Frame 8450

File Name



Description

File Name

A voice consistent with that of Officer Perez began to exclaim, "Show me your hands!" Immediately after this statement is made a loud percussive sound consistent with a gunshot can be heard. Almost immediately after the first apparent gunshot was fired an officer relayed on the police radio, "Shots fired."

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Description

File Name

Officer Ondercin is depicted in the background of this frame. Officer Ondercin appeared to react to the sound of the first gunshot, having moved to the right, and then shined his flashlight in the general direction of the subject.

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 Height
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Description

Officer Guyton is depicted now holding his pistol in his right hand. Beginning around this frame a group of quickly spaced loud percussive sounds consistent with gunshots began.

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Description

Officer Guyton began to return towards the location of the shooting. As he did so, beginning around this frame, a voice consistent with Ferrel Thomas's yelled out, "He don't have no bullets [unintelligible]."

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Width

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Height

720

Frame 8996



Description

Officer Guyton continued to run towards the subject's location immediately following the sound of apparent gunfire ending. As Officer Guyton ran on the sidewalk between the subject's home and the home to the north, he crossed over Ferrel Thomas who is depicted in this frame lying on the sidewalk and looking in the direction of the subject who is out of the frame.

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Width 1280
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Frame 9190



Description

File Name

Genisis Thomas is visible on the left side of this frame, standing in the roadway in front of the driveway where the subject was then lying. Spotlight, arrow, and text annotations were added to this frame to indicate the positions of the subject and Genisis Thomas within the frame.

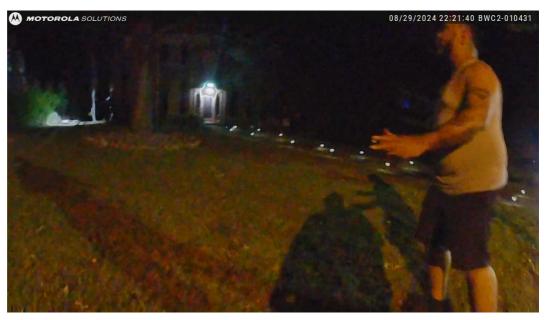
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Description

This frame shows Ferrel Thomas as he yelled out to the subject to "Stop." Officer Guyton ordered Ferrel Thomas to stay back. Ferrel Thomas appeared to momentarily comply with the order and backed away from the subject and officers.

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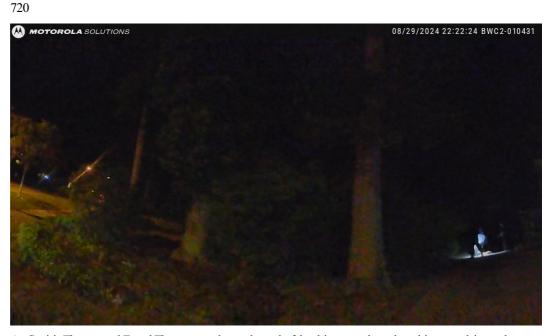
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Frame 9980



Description

As Genisis Thomas and Ferrel Thomas stood near the end of the driveway where the subject was lying and appeared to be receiving medical treatment, Ferrel Thomas yelled out, "He fuckin' fired a couple times!" Genisis Thomas responded, screaming out, "Are you serious? Oh my god!" Ferrel Thomas began to walk away and exclaimed, "Fuckin idiot!"

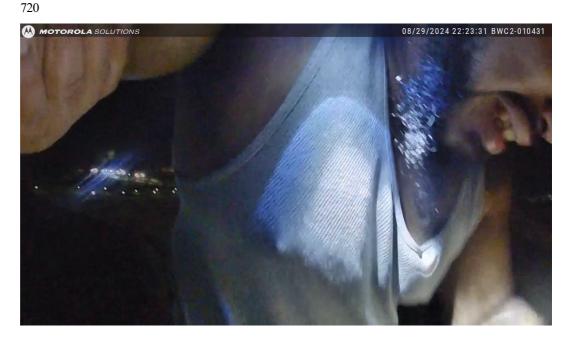
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Width 1280
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Frame 10986



Description

Ferrel Thomas is depicted struggling with officer Guyton in close proximity to the subject. Officer Guyton attempted to move Ferrel Thomas back and away from the subject after Ferrel Thomas ignored Officer Guyton's commands to stay away from the subject.

Motion Detection Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

- Text ("Ferrel Thomas")
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- Arrow (Head: Arrow, Tail: Line, Thickness: 6)
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 - o at frame 5429 (Head: [344, 509], Tail: [545, 517])
- Text ("Chrisitian Thomas")
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- Text ('Genisis Thomas')
 - o Colors: Text #000000 ●, Background #FFFFFF , Border None
 - o at frame 9190 (Center: [439, 492], Rotation: 0°, Width: 262px, Height: 66px)
- Arrow (Head: Arrow, Tail: Line, Thickness: 6)
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- Spotlight (Ellipse)
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- Arrow (Head: Arrow, Tail: Line, Thickness: 6)
 - Colors: #FFFF00 •
 - o at frame 9190 (Head: [142, 474], Tail: [317, 489])
- Spotlight (Ellipse)
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 - o at frame 9190 (Center: [125, 467], Rotation: 0°, Width: 126px, Height: 167px)

Audio Redaction Information

No audio redaction applied