



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
(L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Ohio State Highway Patrol (O)
Date of Activity: 06/24/2022
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Narrative:

On Friday June 24, 2022, Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred near 135 Old National Rd., Lore City, OH 43755. The female, later identified as Joy Graham (Graham), was stopped with stop sticks, but refused to exit the vehicle. A canine was deployed, but Graham brandished a pistol. GCSO SRT was dispatched and after using non-lethal tactics, the SRT tried to extract Graham out of the vehicle. During the incident the two involved deputies fired into the vehicle. After being taken to Southeastern Medical Hospital Graham ultimately succumbed to her injuries. Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) was assigned as the lead investigator.

On August 8, 2022, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by Lt. Appleman of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP). SA Poole copied the body worn camera (BWC) and cruiser camera footage to a USB thumb drive and saved it within the physical case file. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder "Shooting_AOA-0".

- The first hour of the footage shows the trooper arriving on scene, positioning himself behind a vehicle, parked in a driveway on the passenger side of Graham's vehicle, to pull security with his weapon drawn toward Graham's vehicle.
- Negotiations between Sheriff Paden and Graham can be heard in the background.
- At 1:01:38 the trooper aired "Gun's pointed right at the driver's window" on the radio. He also told the other trooper beside him that, "the barrel is right up against the window" (referring to Graham).
- At 1:04:51 the Trooper left the security position behind the vehicle while the SRT approached the passenger side of Graham's vehicle.
- The trooper then moved behind the OSP cruiser for cover.
- Can only hear multiple shots fired and yelling in the background. The camera angle

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does not show anything relevant during the incident and is blocked by the cruiser.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder "Shooting_AOA-2".

- The first hour of the footage shows the trooper arriving on scene, positioning himself behind a vehicle parked in a driveway on the passenger side of Graham's vehicle to pull security with his weapon drawn toward Graham's vehicle.
- The camera angle is blocked by the vehicle.
- The trooper left the security position behind the vehicle while the SRT approached the passenger side of Graham's vehicle; moved behind the OSP cruiser for cover.
- Can only hear multiple shots fired and yelling. The camera angle does not show anything relevant during the incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder "Shooting_AOA-3".

- At 6:27 OSP Trooper spikes Graham's vehicle while she is still being pursued by officers.
- The footage shows the trooper arriving at the scene and positioning himself behind a cruiser parked behind Graham's vehicle for security and cover.
- The camera angle is blocked by the vehicle.
- Could only hear multiple shots fired and yelling in the background. The camera angle does not show anything relevant during the incident.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder "Shooting_AOA-4".

- The cruiser dash camera is angled to the driver side of Graham's vehicle from a distance and is hard to see.
- At 1:07:14 the radio states, "Gun's pointed right at the driver's window" (referring to Graham with a gun).
- At 1:10:58 the footage shows the SRT approaching Graham's vehicle.
- At 1:11:25 what sounds like 4 gunshots can be heard with the first 2 being muffled.
- At 1:11:43 what sounds like 1 muffled gunshot can be heard.
- The rest of the video does not show any relevant footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder "Shooting_AOA-5".

- The cruiser dash camera is angled to the rear passenger side of Graham's vehicle from a distance and is hard to see.
- At 1:22:52 SRT is seen approaching the vehicle.
- At 1:23:07 what sounds like 4 gunshots can be heard with the first 2 being muffled.
- 1:23:26 what sounds like 1 muffled gunshot can be heard.
- The rest of the video does not show any relevant footage.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the OSHP folder

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“Shooting_AOA-6”.

- The cruiser was parked in a way that the camera angle did not see or hear anything relevant to the incident.

References:

USB Thumbdrive – Black SanDisk memory card 64 GB