



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



2025-2243

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3013 Mohawk Street,
Middletown, Ohio 45044 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Ronald Hazen Kerr (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S), Sergeant Jason Wargo (W), Officer Ryun Rawlins (W), [REDACTED] (W), Officer John Harris (W), Officer Ryan Kessler (W), Officer Jamie Patterson (W), Officer Jordan Griffin (W)

Date of Activity: 07/14/2025

Activity Location: Bureau of Criminal Investigation Main Office – Business – 1560
State Route 56 SW, London, OH 43140

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Narrative:

During the course of this investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman obtained body-worn and fleet camera footage from the Middletown Police Department with respect to the events that occurred on July 13, 2025. Some of the videos were received via a thumb drive, while others were received via a secured SecuraMax link. All video footage received was stored in the Evidence.com case and placed in the following folders:

- Reference Item C – Sergeant Jason Wargo BWC
- Reference Item D – Officer Ryun Rawlins BWC
- Reference Item E – [REDACTED] BWC
- Reference Item F – [REDACTED] BWC
- Reference Item G – Officer Trent Oldham BWC
- Reference Item O – [REDACTED] BWC
- Reference Item P – Officer John Harris BWC
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- Reference Item AA – Sergeant Jason Wargo Cruiser Camera

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SA Seitzman documented portions of the videos he deemed most pertinent in securing the facts required to comprehend the events that occurred. SA Seitzman reviewed each video to the extent necessary to determine their potential relevance. Not all videos were reviewed in their entirety. For that reason, it is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed.

Officer Ryan Kessler Body-Worn Camera

Officer Kessler arrived on the scene at 1646 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. He arrived at approximately the same time as Officer Jamie Patterson. Officer Kessler parked one house north of the incident location, while Officer Patterson parked in front of the incident location.

Officer Patterson ran toward Officer Kessler, yelling, "Why does he have a firearm pointed at me?" A subject (identified later as Timothy McNeely) pointed toward the involved residence. Another subject (identified later as Justin Newcomb) elaborated by saying, "He [Ronald Kerr] wants to die," and "He just shot his [Timothy McNeely's] mom [later identified as Consuelo Kerr]. He just killed his mom."

Officer Kessler radioed the information he had learned and required police units to "step it up and maintain perimeter." Officer Kessler asked Officer Patterson where the subject was located, to which she replied he was at the front door. Officer Kessler broadcast that information and instructed responding officers not to cross in front of the residence.

Officer Kessler asked Timothy and Justin where Consuelo had been shot. Timothy informed him that she was shot in the chest. He clarified that he did not see the shooting. Justin stated that Timothy told him that Consuelo was shot multiple times. Justin further provided Officer Kessler with the involved subject's name, Ronald "Ronnie" Kerr.

Officer Kessler began making announcements via a loudspeaker at 1648 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. He announced, "Ronnie. Drop the gun." He made additional announcements by saying, "Ronnie. This is the Middletown Police Department. Come to the door with your hands visible." Additionally, he announced, "3 0 1 3 Mohawk. Ronnie, come to the front door with your hands visible. 3 0 1 3. Ronnie."

At approximately 1655, as indicated by the video's timestamp, Officer Kessler asked Officer Patterson for additional details about what transpired upon her arrival on the scene. She stated that the subject was in the doorway pointing a gun at her. She recalled the subject saying to her, "Don't come any closer."

At approximately 1658 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, a stack of officers moved to the rear of 3013 Mohawk Street. At 1700, as indicated by the video's timestamp, "shots fired" was broadcast on the radio. Officer Kessler ran to the rear of the residence and joined the officers. The officers requested that Officer Kessler attempt negotiations.

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Officer Kessler yelled, "Hey Ronnie, it's Kessler, Ryan. I'm here to talk to you. Okay?" A faint male voice could be heard responding, "No." Officer Kessler attempted to remind Ronald that they had a previous conversation about dirt track racing. Officer Kessler asked him if he remembered the conversation. Again, a faint voice could be heard answering, "No."

At 1701 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, an officer (identified later as [REDACTED]) crossed to the other side of the rear door. An officer could then be heard saying, "Police. Don't move," followed by several gunshots.

Officers entered the residence. Officer Kessler proceeded to the family room, where Officer John Harris had located the lifeless body of Consuelo on the floor. Officer Kessler remained with the body and announced, "Female in the living room... appears to be '17," presumably meaning the subject was deceased. Officer Kessler advised another officer that she was "cold." Officer Kessler advised other officers to leave the firearms alone and to vacate the residence. Officer Kessler remained inside the residence for scene security. His camera was deactivated at approximately 1711 hours.

[REDACTED] Body-Worn Camera

The footage commenced with [REDACTED] responding to the scene. He arrived at approximately 1647 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. [REDACTED] proceeded to retrieve a patrol rifle from the rear of his cruiser. He used his patrol vehicle for cover, which was parked south of the involved residence. Another officer informed him that the involved subject (Ronald) was "right there in the door." Another officer yelled to Ronald, saying, "Put the gun down, brother." Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] broadcast over the police radio, "He went behind the door. Can't see him anymore." [REDACTED] then broadcast, "He's out front with a gun in his hand." He clarified to another officer that the gun was in his right hand.

At approximately 1657 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, several officers converse to develop a plan to approach the residence. The officers then proceeded to the house, with Officer John Harris leading the group with a shield. The officers went around the north side of the residence and proceeded to the covered patio.

Officer Harris opened the rear door and yelled, "Middletown Police." Ronald could be heard from inside the residence responding by saying, "Don't come in here. I'll shoot." Officer Harris informed the other officers that Ronald charged the gun. [REDACTED] shouted, "Hey, drop it. Don't do it," to which the male voice inside replied, Go back. Go back. Please go back."

Sergeant Jason Wargo could be heard attempting to persuade Ronald to exit the residence by telling him that officers needed to check on Consuelo. He responded by saying, "Yep. Yep. Go back. Go back, I'm telling ya." Ronald then said, "Please go back. I don't want to hurt you."

Sergeant Wargo continued to attempt to persuade Ronald to exit but was met with similar responses from Ronald. At approximately 1700 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, a gunshot could be heard. Officers announced, "Shots fired." Ronald told the officers, "Now get off my porch."

Sergeant Wargo said, "Listen man, I want to help you, okay?" Ronald responded by saying,

"You ain't helping me. There's no help to me. I'm a pervert."

At this point, Officer Kessler took over communications with Ronald, which were detailed above in his body-worn camera review.

At approximately 1701 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, [REDACTED] moved to the south side of the door to split it with Officer Harris. [REDACTED] took a braced position. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] yelled, "Police. Don't move." Ronald then appeared in the camera frame from behind a hallway and pointed an apparent gun at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] fired multiple rounds from his patrol rifle.

After the gunshots, officers entered the residence to clear it. [REDACTED] muted his camera at approximately 1702 hours, according to the video's timestamp, and it remained muted for the duration of the footage. [REDACTED] then exited the residence at approximately 1703 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, and went to his police cruiser.

[REDACTED] had two additional body-camera recordings; however, they both appeared to be accidental camera activations. Nothing noteworthy was discovered.

Officer John Harris Body-Worn Camera

Officer Harris' footage did not reveal any information not previously discovered through other footage. The camera deactivated shortly after the single gunshot was fired from inside the residence, which was at approximately 1700 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. (Agent's note: Middletown Deputy Chief of Police Ryan Morgan confirmed with SA Seitzman that Officer Harris' body-worn camera battery died, which was the reason for its deactivation.)

[REDACTED] Body-Worn Camera

[REDACTED] arrived on the scene at approximately 1649 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. He retrieved a PepperBall gun and discharged a pepper round near the Summit Academy Secondary School parking lot. [REDACTED] discharged a second pepper round at approximately 1650, as indicated by the video's timestamp.

As [REDACTED] began to fire his patrol rifle, [REDACTED], who was positioned in front of [REDACTED], could be seen firing multiple rounds in the direction of the residence as officers shifted away from the door.

Officers entered the residence after the gunfire had concluded. [REDACTED] assisted with handcuffing Ronald. The remainder of the video did not reveal any additional details not previously discovered through other footage.

Officer Ryun Rawlins Body-Worn Camera

Officer Rawlins arrived on the scene at approximately 1647 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp. He joined [REDACTED] behind a police cruiser south of the involved residence. At approximately 1648 hours, as indicated by the video's timestamp, Ronald was briefly visible in the camera frame as he was at the front door of his residence.

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The majority of the footage did not reveal any additional information not previously discovered through other footage. After the shooting event, officers entered the residence. Officer Rawlins assisted [REDACTED] with handcuffing Ronald.

Officer Jamie Patterson Body-Worn Camera

The majority of Officer Patterson's body-worn camera footage did not reveal any additional details not previously discovered through other footage.

At approximately 1702 hours, as recorded by the timestamp, following the conclusion of the shooting event, Officer Patterson entered the front door of the residence with a Middletown Fire Department paramedic. Officer Patterson addressed Officer Kessler, inquiring "This his?" This is likely a reference to Ronald's gun, as later in the footage, Officer Kessler asked her if she moved it, to which she indicated she had moved it from the seat cushion to the back of the seat.

Officer Jordan Griffin Body-Worn Camera

The majority of this footage did not reveal any additional information not previously discovered through other footage. At the conclusion of the incident, Officer Griffin was waiting with [REDACTED], who was seated in a cruiser. [REDACTED] appeared distressed in the footage and asked Officer Griffin to mute his camera, which he complied with.

Sergeant Jason Wargo Body-Worn Camera

Sergeant Wargo arrived on the scene after Officer Kessler had commenced announcements over the loudspeaker. Sergeant Wargo approached three male subjects, two of whom identified themselves as Ronald's sons (Timothy and Christopher McNeely), and the third was identified later as Justin Newcomb.

Sergeant Wargo requested they call Ronald to facilitate communication with him. After a brief conversation, Ronald terminated the call.

The majority of Sergeant Wargo's footage did not reveal any additional information not previously discovered through other footage. The footage concluded with Sergeant Wargo's post-incident coordination efforts.

Officer Trent Oldham Body-Worn Camera

Officer Oldham's footage did not reveal any additional information not previously discovered through other footage.

Cruiser Cameras

Cruiser camera footage was received for the following officers:

- [REDACTED]
- Officer Ryan Kessler

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- Officer Jamie Patterson
- [REDACTED]
- Officers Jordan Griffin & Trent Oldham
- Officer Ryun Rawlins
- Officer John Harris
- Sergeant Jason Wargo
- Sergeant Jordan Wagers

The cruiser camera footage did not reveal any additional information not previously discovered through other footage.

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Attachments:

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