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 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE,
 Canton, OH 44707

Investigative Activity: Video Review- CPD Ofc. Crystal France
 Activity Date: 2/12/2024
 Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage originally obtained by BCI SA Al Bansky (Bansky). SA Bansky was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Canton Police Department (CPD).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

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This video is 2 minutes and 09 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Crystal France (France). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:10:39.

The video begins showing France getting into a marked police vehicle. At 22:11:17, sound can now be heard. At 22:11:46, the camera appears to fall onto the floorboard of the vehicle. At 22:12:35, France begins to exit her vehicle. See screenshot below.



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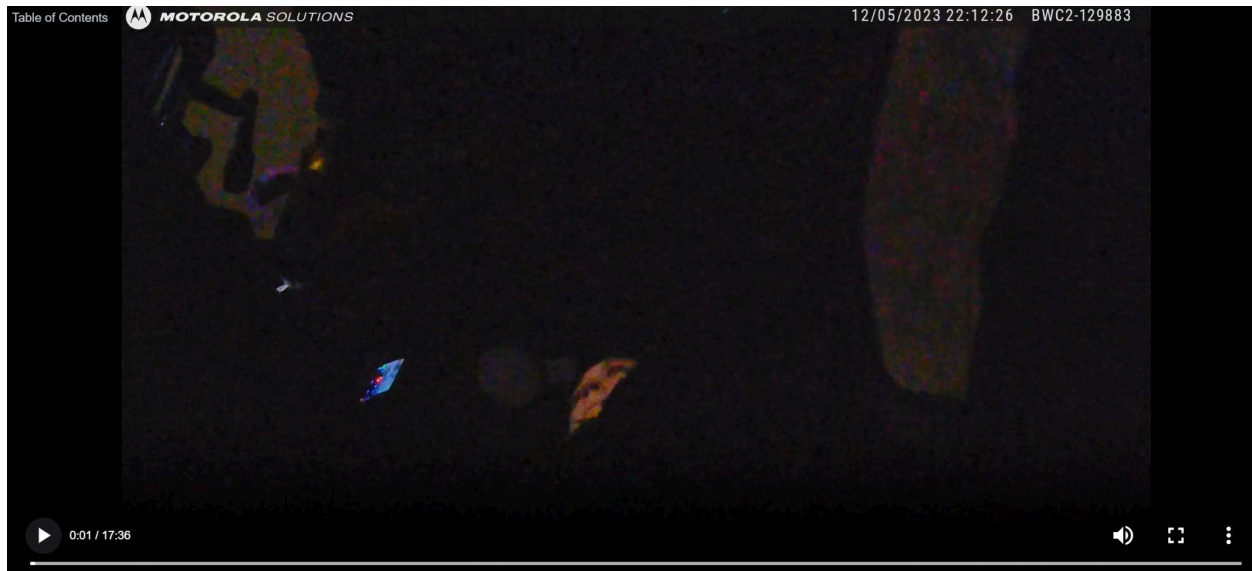
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France retrieves the camera. The video is shaky and in a sideways orientation. France opens the rear tailgate area of her vehicle. While doing so the video ends. The timestamp when the video ends is 22:12:55.

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This video is 17 minutes and 36 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer Crystal France. The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:12:25.

The video begins showing France driving a vehicle. Note that the camera appears to be located on the driver side floorboard of the vehicle. See screenshot below.



At 22:12:35, France begins to exit her vehicle. France retrieves a medic bag from her vehicle trunk and proceeds on foot toward the shooting scene. Note that the camera still appears in a sideways orientation. See screenshot below.

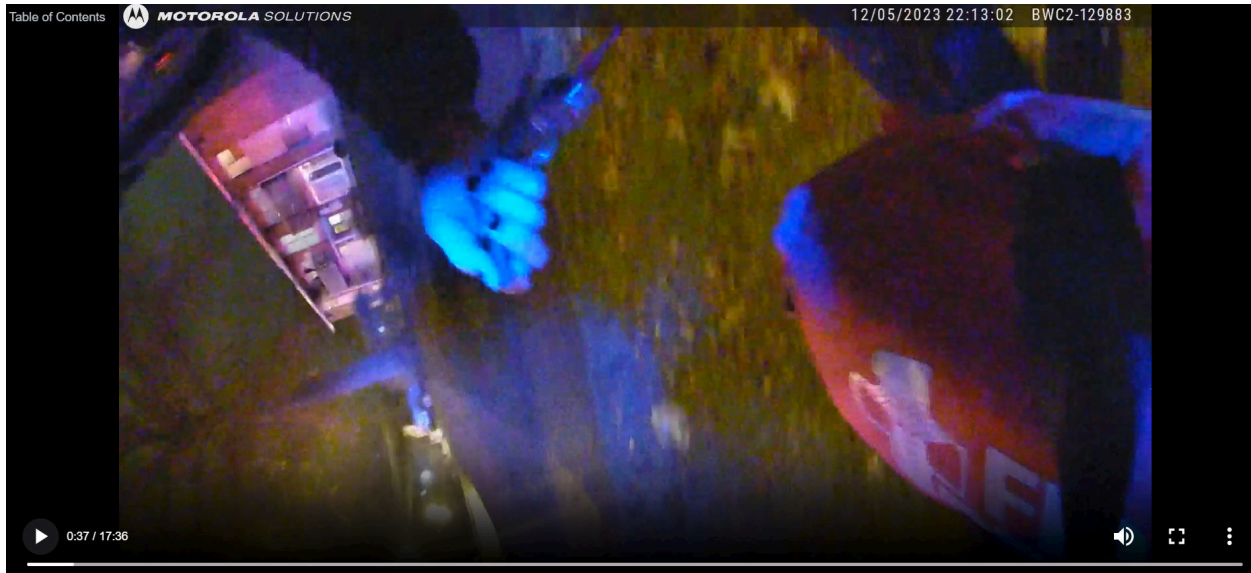
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At 22:13:27, France adjusts the camera to the correct orientation. See screenshot below. Note that at this time France is approaching the shooting scene.



As France gets closer to where Zachary Fornash (Fornash) is located, multiple officers can be seen providing aid. See screenshot below.

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At 22:14:23, France's camera falls to or is set on the ground. At 22:14:41, the camera is positioned to face toward the officers that are providing aid to Fornash. See screenshot below.



France walks back to her vehicle. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) then takes a seat in the rear of France's vehicle. At 22:24:00, France begins to drive to the Canton Police Department

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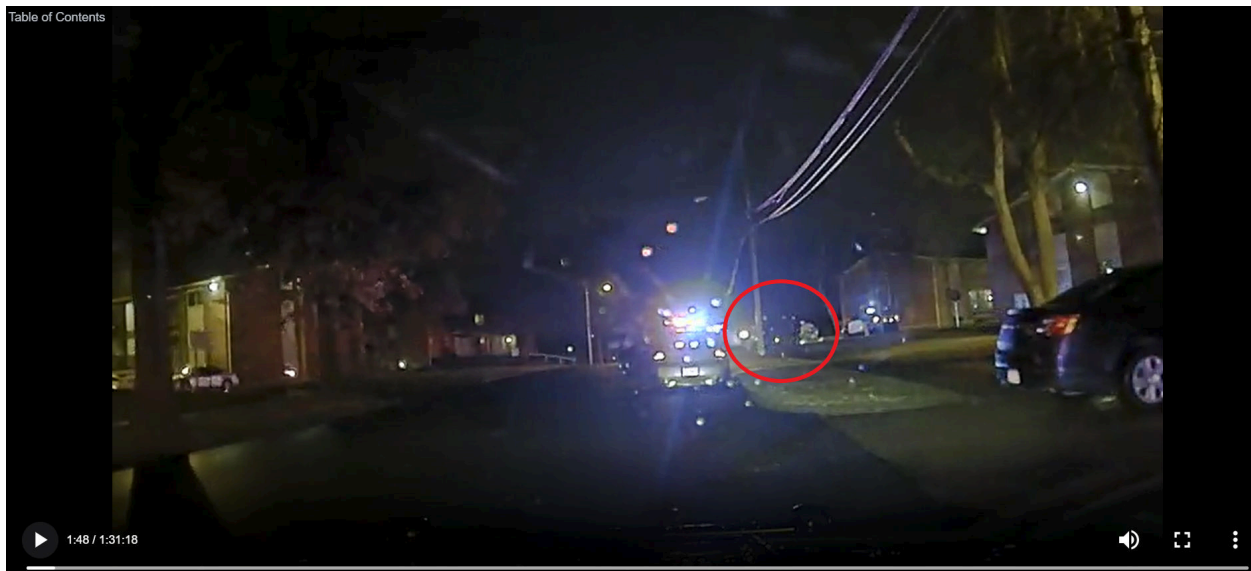
with [REDACTED] At approximately 22:28:24, France arrives at the CPD. France enters the CPD with [REDACTED] At 22:30:01, the video ends.

[tick908153111-tick908164066-video1.mp4](#)

This video is 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 18 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the vehicle dash camera of CPD Ofc. France. There is no time stamp on the video, therefore, any times referenced will be in elapsed time.

It should be noted that this video is labeled in the WatchGuard Table of Contents as being the in-car video of Ofc. Garrett Marino. SA Lieber confirmed with CPD that Ofc. Marino's in-car dash camera was not activated during the December 5, 2023, officer-involved shooting incident.

The video begins showing the cruiser parked on the street in front of the Canton Police Department. At 0:22, the vehicle begins to drive. At 0:31, sound can now be heard. At approximately 1:48, France arrives at the scene of the shooting. Multiple officers are already present. See screenshot below. The area circled indicates where the shooting occurred.



At 5:20, an ambulance drives toward the shooting scene. At 9:10, the ambulance drives away from the scene.

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At 11:20, an officer asked [REDACTED] which vehicle was hers. [REDACTED] indicated that it was the white color Oldsmobile van. The officer asked how Zach (Fornash) got to the area. [REDACTED] said that Fornash used to live with [REDACTED] but it got to be too much. She said that they lived at [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] said that she had Fornash's clothes and Fornash came to get them. [REDACTED] said that as she was going through the clothes, "He (Fornash) cocks back a gun I don't know if it was a real gun, I don't know what the fuck it was." [REDACTED] said that Fornash cocked the gun and put it in his pocket. [REDACTED] said that her husband's [REDACTED] vehicle is a silver color Chrysler van.

At 13:15, the vehicle begins to drive. At 17:38, the vehicle arrives at the CPD. At 18:47, [REDACTED] and several police officers enter the CPD. The vehicle remains parked in front of the CPD until 1:31:02 when Ofc. France begins to drive the vehicle.

[tick908153111-tick908164066-video2.mp4](#)

This video is 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 18 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the vehicle dash camera of CPD Ofc. France. There is no time stamp on this video. This video appears to be the same as the video detailed above, only this version is in a panoramic view.

[tick908153111-tick908164066-video3.mp4](#)

This video is 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 18 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the interior vehicle camera of CPD Ofc. France. There is no time stamp on this video. The video shows the rear seat area of the cruiser. At 6:43, a female [REDACTED] sits in the rear of the vehicle. See screenshot below.

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At 18:26, [REDACTED] exits the vehicle. Nothing else noteworthy was observed on this video recording.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item B for reference only.

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