



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



2025-0559
Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Jayden Cole Stephenson (S)
Date of Activity: 02/26/2025
Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR 56 SW, London, OH 43140
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received video footage from Miami Township Assistant Police Chief James McCarty. The videos contained body-worn camera footage of [REDACTED] Officer Crystal Rankins, [REDACTED]. There was also cruiser camera footage for [REDACTED]. It should be noted that Assistant Chief McCarty advised SA Seitzman that the police department suffered a catastrophic failure of their server, making video retrieval a difficult task. As such, the videos were restored from a historical backup. The videos contained prior calls for service that were unrelated to the OICI incident. Furthermore, Assistant Chief McCarty advised that Officer Morgan Spencer's body-worn camera footage was unrecoverable. Moreover, to date, most of the cruiser camera footage has not been recovered.

SA Seitzman used Amped Replay to review the videos. The following videos were reviewed:

File Name	Playback FPS	Length (frames)	Duration (time)
[REDACTED]_202502191800_BWC2091957-0	29.9700	131070	01:12:53.335
[REDACTED]_202502191800_BWC2108293-0	29.9700	122460	01:08:06.048
CrystalRankins_202502191808_BWC2119375-0	29.9700	106320	00:59:07.510
[REDACTED]_202502191908_BWC2091942-0	29.9700	120300	01:06:53.976
[REDACTED]_202502191800_BWC2087753-0	29.9700	101040	00:56:11.334

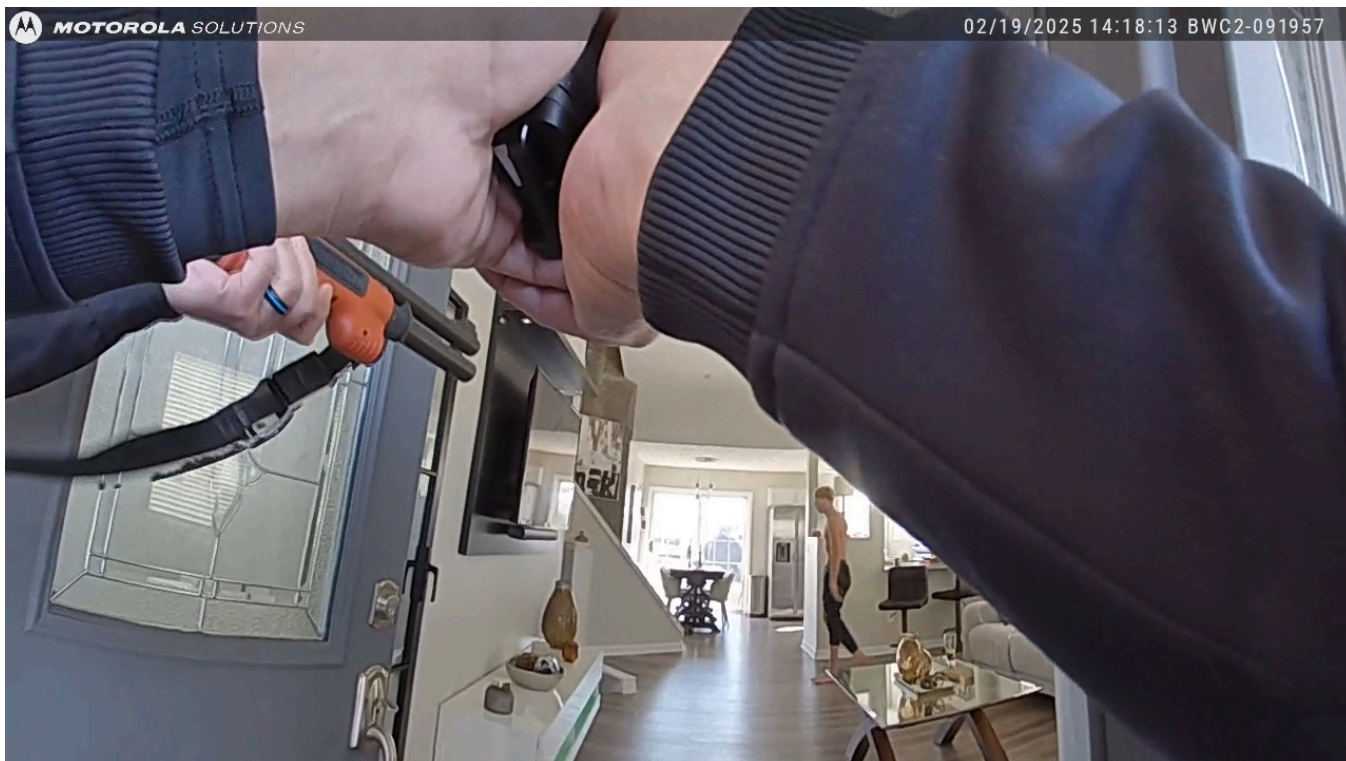
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The following is a brief summary of each video. It is recommended that each video be reviewed in its entirety for additional facts and information.

██████████ began his response at approximately 1405 hours, according to the timestamp in the video (approximately frame 19692). While en route, ██████████ advised on the police radio that he had dealt with the involved subject, later identified as Jayden Cole Stephenson, the other day and was familiar with him. He arrived at approximately 1410 hours, according to the timestamp in the video (approximately frame 28555). He was the first officer to approach the residence. As he was walking toward the front door, Jayden's mother (Christina Schindler), grandmother (Terry Bennett), and sister (Sophia Cresong) were exiting. ██████████ asked if the subject was inside the residence by himself. Either Christina or Terry answered in the affirmative. ██████████ asked if there were any guns inside the house. Christina answered in the negative but stated Jayden had a pocketknife.

██████████ looked through the glass of the front door and broadcast that the subject was standing inside with a knife. At approximately 1411 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 29812), ██████████ told the subject through the closed door to drop the knife. At approximately 1413 hours, according to the timestamp, ██████████ opens the front door (approximately frame 33231). At approximately 1414 hours, according to the timestamp, ██████████ requested a medic stage in the area (approximately frame 35238). Jayden can be seen sitting on a stool in the family room with an object, presumably the knife, in his right hand. ██████████ asked Jayden to drop the knife several times. Each time, Jayden said he would not do so. ██████████ asked Jayden to "Let's do this so we can do it the right way." Jayden answered by saying, "Hell no. Fuck no." Jayden asked about his car and told ██████████ to "go get it." ██████████ inquired about the car. At some point, Jayden said something to the effect of, "You'll find the fuck out...one of you guys will... I don't want to. I don't want to." Jayden was asked if he wanted to hurt himself. He said he did not want to hurt himself. At another point during the conversation, Jayden stated, "It's not going to be good. It's not going to be good." Up to this point, ██████████ provided at least 22 commands for Jayden to drop the knife.

At approximately 1418 hours, according to the timestamp, Jayden stood up (approximately frame 42482) and began to walk toward the steps leading upstairs. ██████████ said, "Don't do it," but Jayden continued. See the image below.



██████████ BWC footage at frame 42522

The less lethal shotgun was deployed (approximately frame 42537). (Agent's note: It is known through additional investigation that ██████████ was the officer who discharged the less lethal shotgun). It appeared to have impacted Jayden's left leg. A second less lethal shotgun round was fired (approximately frame 42565). A third beanbag round was fired (approximately frame 42602). Between the second and third less lethal shotgun deployments, ██████████ discharged his Taser. After the last beanbag round was fired, Jayden ran upstairs, entered a bedroom, and shut the door.

The officers went upstairs. ██████████ asked the other officers if Jayden had dropped the knife. Another officer could be heard saying that he did not believe Jayden dropped the knife. At approximately 1419 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 44179), ██████████ kicked the door open. A taser was deployed at approximately frame 44553, which seemed to cause temporary incapacitation. At approximately frame 44666, a beanbag round was fired. At approximately frame 44706, another beanbag round was fired. After that, Jayden quickly stood up and came toward the officers with the object in his right hand. See the image below. Up to this point during the upstairs portion of the incident, officers provided approximately nine commands to Jayden, such as "get out here," "hands up," "show us your hands," and "drop the knife."



BWC at frame 44727

As Jayden continued to advance toward the officers, multiple gunshots could then be heard, commencing at approximately frame 44749. Based on the video, [REDACTED] can be seen and heard firing several rounds. It is unknown how many he fired based solely on the video. The final shot can be heard at approximately frame 44815, though that round was fired by [REDACTED]

After the shooting event, officers handcuffed Jayden, who was making snoring sounds. Someone asked who had fired, and [REDACTED] indicated that they had. At approximately 1420 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 47140), officers can be seen rendering medical aid by putting pressure on Jayden's wounds with a towel. Officer Rankins started CPR at approximately 1422 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 49988).

[REDACTED] walked [REDACTED] out of the residence from the sliding glass door in the kitchen. Eventually he went to a medic to clean his hands. He briefly spoke with Sergeant Paul Nienhaus and indicated to him that he had recently dealt with Jayden regarding a trespassing complaint from an Everybody Fitness gym. He advised that he deployed his Taser twice. He got back into the ambulance and prepared for transport, at which point the video terminated.

[REDACTED] began her response at approximately 1408 hours, according to the

timestamp (approximately frame 16420). She arrived on the scene at approximately 1412 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 23048). As [REDACTED] approached the house, Terry told her that Jayden had a mental illness. She joined [REDACTED], who was already at the front door. [REDACTED] opened the door, and they tried to convince Jayden to drop the knife. She also confirmed with Terry that no one else was inside the residence.

At approximately 1418 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 33532), [REDACTED] deployed less-lethal shotgun rounds, while [REDACTED] deployed a Taser. [REDACTED] camera was obstructed by [REDACTED] standing in front of her.

Officers ran upstairs, and [REDACTED] kicked open a bedroom door at approximately frame 35165. Officers encountered Jayden in the bathroom and deployed additional less lethal rounds. Jayden got up and advanced toward the officers with an object, presumably a knife, in his right hand. See the image below.



[REDACTED] BWC at frame 35743

As Jayden was advancing toward the officers, [REDACTED] discharged her duty pistol. The number of rounds fired cannot be determined based solely on the video.

Officers took turns administering chest compressions. [REDACTED] provided compressions until the medics arrived at approximately 1427 according to the timestamp (approximately frame 49923). While the medics were assessing the situation, officers [REDACTED] Rankins, and [REDACTED] briefly talked about the incident. [REDACTED]

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indicated that she fired. Officer Rankins stated that she did not fire. [REDACTED] said he deployed a Taser. [REDACTED] then said that she and [REDACTED] fired. Medics pronounced the subject deceased at 1430 hours, which was expressed verbally and also in the video timestamp. [REDACTED] told the medic that she fired, along with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then went to her cruiser, where she was photographed by a detective. She subsequently got into an ambulance to be transported to an emergency room. She deactivated her camera at approximately 1507 hours, according to the timestamp.

[REDACTED] responded at approximately 1406 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 5799). He was in the passenger seat, as he was [REDACTED] Officer Morgan Spencer. They arrived at approximately 1415 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 21191).

[REDACTED] approached the front door, which was already open. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were already on the scene. [REDACTED] could be seen holding a less-lethal shotgun. As he was approaching, Jayden can be heard saying something to the effect of "You'll find the fuck out" to the police officers. His camera view was mostly obstructed by the other officers standing at the doorway.

Once the officers were upstairs, [REDACTED] approached Jayden, who appeared to be lying on the bathroom floor with an apparent knife in his right hand. He deployed his Taser at approximately frame 28342. The Taser seemed to have a brief effect on Jayden, as his body became rigid, and he moaned in pain. At approximately frame 28464, [REDACTED] fired a less lethal beanbag round, which appeared to have struck Jayden's right leg. [REDACTED] fired another less lethal beanbag round at approximately frame 28504, which also appeared to have struck Jayden on the right leg. Jayden stood up at approximately frame 28514 with the apparent knife still in his right hand. [REDACTED] camera was mostly obstructed by his arms; however, at approximately frame 28559, Jayden can be seen exiting the bathroom into the bedroom, where the officers were positioned. Multiple shots can be heard, and Jayden appears to begin falling to the ground at approximately frame 28581. [REDACTED] can be seen firing her last round at approximately frame 28605.



[REDACTED] BWC at frame 28605

Officers initiated life-saving efforts. They took turns administering chest compressions. [REDACTED] took over compressions for Officer Rankins at approximately frame 35570.

The remainder of the video did not show any additional information not already known from other footage.

[REDACTED] footage began at approximately 1408 hours, according to the timestamp. The audio began approximately twenty-four seconds into the video, and his sirens can be heard. He arrived at approximately 1411 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 6225).

[REDACTED] retrieved a less lethal shotgun from the rear of his cruiser. He loaded rounds into the tube. He then walked toward the front door of the involved residence. As he got closer, Terry could be heard telling him that Jayden had a mental illness. [REDACTED] informed her that he had a less lethal shotgun. His camera view was obstructed for most of the downstairs incident. He can be heard deploying approximately four less lethal rounds.

Once the officers were upstairs, [REDACTED] can be heard firing two additional beanbag rounds into the bathroom; however, his camera view was obstructed. After he deployed the less lethal rounds, he positioned himself on the bed, and multiple shots can be heard. His camera view did not capture the shooting event.

██████████ coordinated the post-shooting efforts. No additional information was obtained that was not already detailed through other footage.

Officer Crystal Rankins

Officer Rankins began her response at approximately 1411 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 40471). She arrived at approximately 1415 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 47941). She approached the front door and stood behind other officers; thus, her view was obstructed.

Officer Rankins footage did not reveal any new information about the shooting event not already obtained through other footage.

Officer Rankins initiated chest compressions at approximately 1422 hours, according to the timestamp (approximately frame 59903). ██████████ took over compressions at approximately frame 61921. Officer Rankins took over for ██████████ at approximately frame 65820. ██████████ took over compressions at approximately frame 67254. At approximately 1427 hours, according to the timestamp, a medic entered the room and advised ██████████ to discontinue compressions.

Officer Rankins and ██████████ briefly spoke outside the residence in the backyard. She became upset but stated that she just needed to process everything. ██████████ expressed that ██████████ saved him from getting cut. She confirmed that ██████████ also fired.

The remainder of the footage did not contain any additional information.

All body-worn camera footage was stored on Axon Evidence.com.

References:

Axon Evidence.com

Attachments:

Attachment ██████████_202502191800_BWC2091957-0-export-044727-20250227135605 [Jayden # 01: ██████████ gets up off floor with object in hand]-report
Attachment ██████████_202502191800_BWC2108293-0-export-035743-20250227152037 # 02: ██████████ BWC- Jayden coming toward officers]-report
Attachment ██████████_202502191800_BWC2087753-0-export-028605-20250305141545-report # 03: ██████████
Attachment ██████████_202502191800_BWC2091957-0-export-042522-20250306095055 (Jayden ██████████ walking away)-report

Exhibit 1

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739
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Height 720
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Length (frames) 131070
Duration (time) 01:12:53.335
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 48000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2025-0559
Location: Miami Township (Montgomery County)
Camera: █████ BWC
Purpose of Viewing: Review, Subclips, Still Images
Submitted by: BCI Special Agent Seitzman
Review Summary: Review, Subclips, Still Images

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 131069



Range Selection

Start Frame 33246
Stop Frame 131069

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 29.9700

Output File

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Bookmarks Information No bookmarks selected

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Annotations Information No annotations applied

Exhibit 2

Amped Replay Report

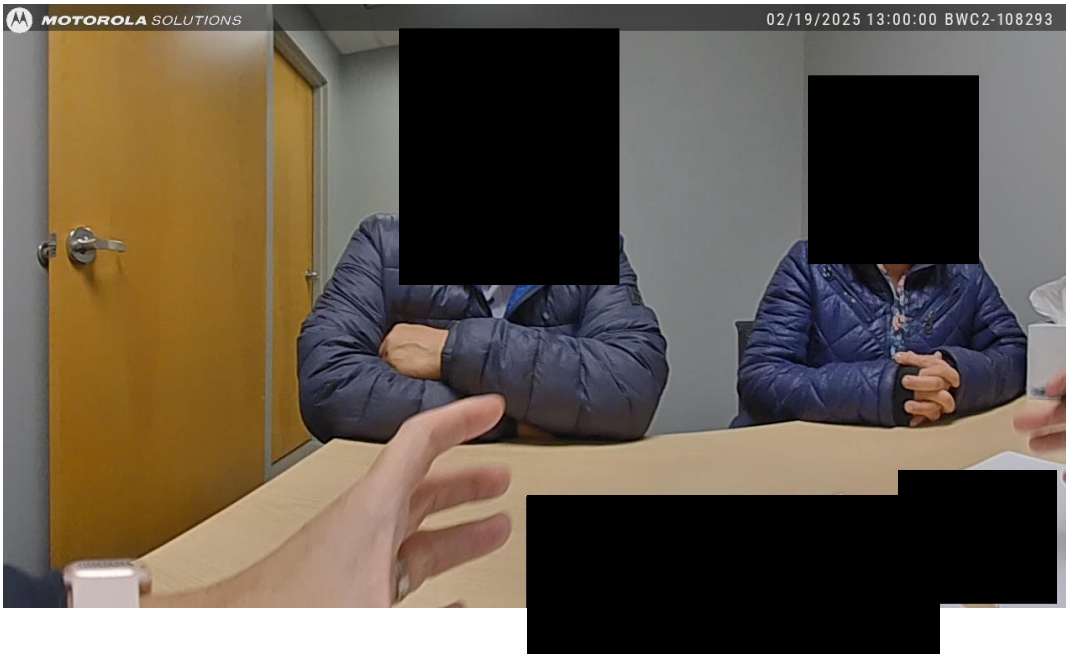
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First Frame
Frame 0



Last Frame
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Playback Frame Rate

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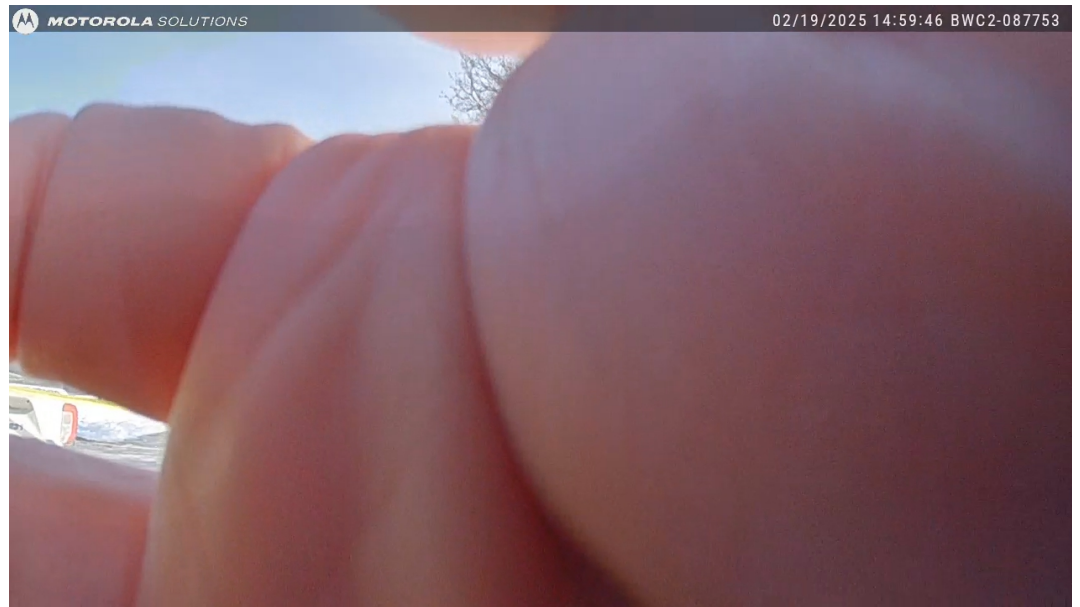
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Last Frame
Frame 101039



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Playback Frame Rate

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Motion Detection Bookmarks Information No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information No annotations applied

Exhibit 4

Amped Replay Report

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First Frame
Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 131069



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 29.9700

Output File

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(Jayden walking away).jpg

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