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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Involves: Matthew Metzger (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (S)

Activity Date: 06/04/2026

Activity Location: BCI Richfield

Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Monday, June 01, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (SA Goudy) received video footage from Steubenville Police Captain (Capt.), Joe Buchmelter (Buchmelter). SA Goudy was informed that the videos contained footage from the officer involved critical incident.

SA Goudy reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Capt. Buchmelter provided multiple videos of the officer involved critical incident showing the incident from different angles to include body worn camera videos, dash cameras and videos from the Steubenville City cameras.

Body Worn Camera Videos

<u>Video File</u>	<u>Officer</u>
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1702_D01AK869X	[REDACTED]
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1703_D01AK453Y	[REDACTED]
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1704_D01AK141Y	Officer Isaac Hough
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1705_D01AL682O	Officer Kyley Rogers
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1708_D01AK389X	Officer Aaron Yourex
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1754_D01AK141Y	Officer Isaac Hough
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1800_D01AK527X	Officer Brian Bissett
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1814_D01AK527X	Officer Brian Bissett
Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1832_D01AK527X	Officer Brian Bissett
Weapon_Offense_OIS	Officer Tyler Barrett
Weapon_Offense_OIS-2	Officer Tyler Barrett
Weapon_Offense_OIS-3	Officer Tyler Barrett

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Dash Camera Videos

Video File		Vehicle
1D03B09920260524170127001i100		Car [REDACTED]
1D03B09920260524170127001i200		Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-17023599_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
2_20260524-17023907_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
3_20260524-17023579_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-18030017_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-19030012_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-20030012_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-21030012_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]
1_20260524-22030011_1110h4_C [REDACTED]	6840	Car [REDACTED]

Steubenville City Camera

Video File	Owner
ACC Export-2026-05-25 02.09.22.479 PM	City of Steubenville

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Body Worn Camera Videos

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1702_D01AK869X - \[REDACTED\]](#)

(Duration: 16 minutes - 56 seconds)

The video footage begins with [REDACTED] responding to the area of 905 Brady Avenue.

At the 01:35 mark of the video and Axon time of 17:04:00, [REDACTED] was observed outside his vehicle giving the subject, Matthew Metzger (Metzger), commands of, "Sir, show me your hands." Metzger was heard yelling back that he was the head of Darpa and to stand down now.



(Image #1)

At the 01:42 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:06, after additional commands of "Show me your hands," [REDACTED] was heard saying, "He's pointing a handgun," followed by, "Drop the gun, drop the gun." Shortly afterwards, [REDACTED] began to move to his right and was also heard yelling at [REDACTED], "Crossfire."

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At the 01:53 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:18, the first gunshot was heard, followed by additional sounds of gunfire. Due to the positioning of [REDACTED] body and the location of the body worn camera (BWC), there was no clear view of the shooting incident.

At the 01:57 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:22, [REDACTED] was heard saying, "Shots fired, shots fired. Start a 31, Officers are okay." It was at that time that Metzger was observed lying in the roadway near the curb.



(Image #2)



(Metzger lying in the roadway)

(Image 2.1 - Zoomed in View)

At the 03:36 mark of the video, Axon time 17:06:00, [REDACTED] was heard saying to another assisting officer, "Fucking pointed the gun right at me dude." In the

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background, Metzger could be heard moaning while additional officers provided emergency medical assistance.

At the 06:06 mark of the video, Axon time 17:08:31, a Steubenville Sergeant walked up and began to speak with [REDACTED] regarding the incident. SA Goudy stopped reviewing this BWC video at this point for Garrity purposes.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1703_D01AK453Y - \[REDACTED\]](#)
(Duration: 39 minutes, 51 seconds)

This video file began with [REDACTED] responding to the area of 905 Brady Avenue. As [REDACTED] exited his vehicle, he retrieved his patrol rifle in the process. After exiting the vehicle, [REDACTED] began to walk towards the area where Metzger was standing.

At the 00:48 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:06, as [REDACTED] was approaching the area, Metzger was heard yelling "*Stand down now!*" multiple times to the officers. [REDACTED] was heard yelling for Metzger to "*Drop the gun*" multiple times.

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At the 00:59 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:17, Metzger was observed walking into view approaching the roadway. [REDACTED] was heard yelling, "Get on the ground."



(Image #3 – Metzger approaching the roadway)

At the 01:00 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:18, Metzger was observed running across the street. During this time, gunfire was heard which resulted in [REDACTED] discharging his patrol rifle.

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At the 01:01 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:19, Metzger was observed running across the street. While doing so, it looked as if Metzger's arm was raised.



(Image #4)

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At the 01:07 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:19, after gunfire ceased, Metzger was observed lying in the roadway up against the curb.



(Image #5)

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At the 01:14 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:32, while Metzger was lying in the roadway, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentioned about securing the vehicle.



(Image #6)

After brief communication between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] walked over to check the vehicle Metzger was near while [REDACTED] walked over to Metzger's location.

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At the 01:49 mark of the video, Axon time 17:05:07, after checking Metzger's vehicle, [REDACTED] walked back over to Metzger's location and found a handgun on the ground nearby where Metzger was lying. [REDACTED] was heard saying he was going to kick the handgun away from where Metzger was lying.



(Image #7 - Handgun originally possessed by Metzger)



(Image 7.1 - Zoomed in view)

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Shortly afterwards, [REDACTED] directed other officers to handcuff Metzger as he continued walking back toward his SPD vehicle. As he approached the location where his vehicle was, there was a white Jeep SUV occupied by two parked behind it. The male driver was standing outside his door speaking with [REDACTED].

At the 02:27 mark of the video, Axon time of 17:05:45, [REDACTED] was heard telling the driver of the vehicle to calm down and to get back into his vehicle. The driver responded, *"I know, but he pointed the gun at me, so fuck him."* [REDACTED] told the driver to "Relax" and that everyone was okay. The driver asked [REDACTED] if he was hit, to which he replied that he was not. The driver then asked why he was coughing, [REDACTED] replied, *"Cause I just shot somebody."* During this interaction, [REDACTED] retrieved the driver's license and information. The driver continued on by saying, *"He pointed at me and two other cars here."* During this interaction, [REDACTED] was heard doing what sounded like breathing exercises. The driver and passenger were heard telling [REDACTED] that it was okay and for him to take his time.

At the 04:01 mark of the video, Axon time 17:07:19, [REDACTED] began to interview the driver and passenger about the incident they witnessed. They stated, *"...he came, he came out from behind that fucking team sign right there. And he, and he like walked in front of the car and was like, what the fuck? And I said, Hey buddy, it'd be best if you don't jump out in traffic. That's when he pulled the gun and pointed it right at me and he said, 'You're under arrest. Get the fuck out of the car.'"*

At the 04:20 mark of the video, Axon time 17:07:38, the driver continued, *"And then we turned, that's when I called 9 1 1. I pulled up top and then I went around the corner. Right. And then when I'm right here, he's walking in between these, this Ford sign right here with a shotgun around his, the shotgun is in there."* The driver stated that the shotgun was stashed inside a Ford truck that was near the Ford dealership sign. After speaking with the driver and passenger, [REDACTED] secured his rifle back into his patrol vehicle and assisted with securing the scene.

At the 06:44 mark of the video, Axon time 17:10:02, an SPD sergeant walked up to [REDACTED] and asked him if he was okay. SA Goudy stopped review from this point due to potential Garrity purposes.

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[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1704_D01AK141Y](#) – Ofc. Yourex

(Duration: 1 hour, 7 minutes and 8 seconds)

The video starts off with Ofc. Yourex meeting with an individual believed to be an employee at the Ford dealership. The employee stated that he witnessed Metzger place *“two high powered rifles and a bag of ammunition”* into a Ford truck parked on the lot. Ofc. Yourex walked over to the Ford truck and looked inside the vehicle. Shortly afterwards, Ofc. Yourex walked over to where Metzger was lying and EMS was providing aid.

At the 04:28 mark of the video, Axon time 17:12:50, Ofc. Yourex walked back over to the Ford truck to view the items Metzger placed inside. In the backseat of the Ford truck, a rifle and white metal can with a red cross was observed. The metal can was eventually opened which revealed ammunition.



(Image #8 – Metal can of ammo and rifle)

At the 31:47 mark of the video, Axon time 17:40:09, at the request of another officer over the radio, Ofc. Yourex looked at the back of the Ford truck and discovered the other two long-guns under the back seat that Metzger had previously possessed.

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(Image #9 – Rifle, shotgun and bolt action rifle)

The remainder of this video file contained Ofc. Yourex standing near the Ford truck to preserve it for evidence. There was no additional video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1704_D01AK141Y](#) – Officer Isaac Hough (1/2)
(Duration: 45 minutes and 41 seconds)

This video begins with Ofc. Hough responding to the incident after the shooting had occurred. [REDACTED] was heard advising dispatch, “*Shots fired, shots fired, start a 31, officers are okay.*”

At the 01:43 mark of the video, Axon time 17:05:32, Ofc. Hough walked up to where Metzger was lying and [REDACTED] was standing nearby. With his patrol rifle pointed at Metzger, [REDACTED] was heard telling Ofc. Hough that he would provide cover while Ofc. Hough provided aid to Metzger.

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(Image #10 – [REDACTED] and Metzger)

While Ofc. Hough and another officer were in the process of securing Metzger and providing aid, Metzger was heard gasping for air. Metzger had wounds to his head, back and leg. Ofc. Hough assisted with additional scene processing and securing related tasks. There was no additional video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1754_D01AK141Y – Officer Isaac Hough \(2/2\)](#)
(Duration: 7 minutes and 46 seconds)

This video continued from the previous video. Ofc. Hough continued to assist with securing the crime scene and obtained potential witness information. There was no additional video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1800_D01AK527X – Officer Brian Bissett](#)
(Duration: 12 minutes and 42 seconds)

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The video begins with Ofc. Bissett arriving on scene and speaking with BCI Crime Scene Unit SA Ed Lulla. They discussed the eventual securing of Metzger's vehicle for processing later. The video also showed Ofc. Bissett speaking with the Jefferson County Prosecutor, Steubenville Police Chief, Sgt Barrett and other Steubenville Detectives. There was no video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1814_D01AK527X – Officer Brian Bissett \(2\)](#)
(Duration: 4 minutes and 3 seconds)

There was no video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Axon_Body_4_Video_2026-05-24_1832_D01AK527X – Officer Brian Bissett \(3\)](#)
(Duration: 2 minutes and 13 seconds)

There was no video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Weapon_Offense_OIS – Sergeant Tyler Barrett \(1\)](#)
(Duration: 8 minutes and 23 seconds)

There was no video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Weapon_Offense_OIS-2 – Sergeant Tyler Barrett \(2\)](#)
(Duration: 13 minutes and 38 seconds)

There was no video footage from this video file that was of evidentiary value.

[Weapon_Offense_OIS-3 – Sergeant Tyler Barrett \(3\)](#)
(Duration: 21 minutes)

At the 02:50 mark of the video, Axon time 17:08:33, Sgt. Barrett approached [REDACTED] and told him he could secure his patrol rifle. At this time, without being questioned by Sgt. Barrett, [REDACTED] began to volunteer information as to what had

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happened. For Garrity purposes, this video file was not reviewed any further past this point.

Dash Cameras Videos

Car [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]

Video file: 1D03B09920260524170127001i100.avi

(Duration: 1 hour, 51 minutes and 02 seconds)

The video file starts off with [REDACTED] driving and responding with emergency lights and sirens to the location of the incident. Dispatch is heard providing information to responding officers along with [REDACTED] telling dispatch to, "Give us the air." As car [REDACTED] arrived, the camera faced the Ford dealership.

Due to the angle of the vehicle, the shooting incident was not observed on this video file. Dispatch audio could be heard followed by several sounds of gunfire. An individual, believed to be a witness, could be heard yelling that Metzger put something in the truck on the dealership lot. The video file added no further information of evidentiary value.

Video file: 1D03B09920260524170127001i200.avi

(Duration: 1 hour, 51 minutes and 01 seconds)

This video file begins with a view of [REDACTED] driving car [REDACTED]. Shortly afterwards, the view switched to the back seat of car [REDACTED]. It is believed that the view switched over after [REDACTED] activated his emergency overhead lights and sirens. Dispatch is heard providing information to responding officers along with [REDACTED] telling dispatch to, "Give us the air." As car [REDACTED] arrived, the camera was facing the rear of car [REDACTED]. After the shooting incident occurred, [REDACTED] was observed speaking with the occupants of the vehicle who stopped directly behind his cruiser.

Due to the direction the camera was aimed, the shooting incident was not observed on this video file. Dispatch audio could be heard followed by several sounds of gunfire. An individual, believed to be a witness, could be heard yelling that Metzger put something in a truck parked on the dealership lot. The video file added no further information of evidentiary value.

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Car [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

Video File: 1_20260524-17023599_1110h4_C [REDACTED]_6840.avi

(Duration: 1 hour and 24 seconds)

This video file begins with [REDACTED] responding to the area of 905 Brady Avenue for the original call for service.

At the 00:00:54 mark of the video file, Axon time 17:03:29, as [REDACTED] approached the area, Metzger was observed walking across the street.



(Image #11)



(Image 11.1 - Zoomed in View)

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At the 00:01:28 mark of the video file, Axon time 17:04:04, after exiting from his patrol vehicle with his patrol rifle, [REDACTED] was observed aiming his rifle in the area between two vehicles where Metzger was standing.



(Image #12)

At the 00:01:44 mark of the video file, Axon time 17:04:19, after [REDACTED] moved out of view, Metzger was observed running across the street as [REDACTED] was seen off in the distance approaching from his position.



(Image #13)

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At the 00:01:46 mark of the video, Axon time 17:04:21, Metzger was observed falling to the ground near the curb.



(Image #14)

Soon afterward, [REDACTED] was observed approaching Metzger, while [REDACTED] approached the vehicle Metzger was standing near previously. When [REDACTED] approached Metzger, he kicked an object lying on the sidewalk out of Metzger's reach. In [REDACTED] BWC video, that object appeared to be a black handgun.

Additional officers arrived on scene to assist with securing Metzger and rendering emergency medical assistance until EMS arrived. There was no additional video footage of evidentiary value.

Video File: [2_20260524-17023907_1110h4_C\[REDACTED\]_6840.avi](#)

(Duration: 1 hour and 21 Seconds)

This video file begins with a view of the front compartment of car [REDACTED]. The initial view showed [REDACTED] driving car [REDACTED] to the scene and deploying his patrol rifle. Dispatch was heard providing information to responding officers along with [REDACTED] telling dispatch that the male had a gun and that shots were fired. Sounds believed to be gunshots were heard as well. Due to the direction the camera was

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aimed, the shooting incident was not observed on this video file. This video file added no further information of evidentiary value.

Video File: [3_20260524-17023579_1110h4_C\[REDACTED\]_6840.avi](#)

(Duration: 1 hour and 24 seconds)

This video file begins with a view of the rear seat of car [REDACTED]. Dispatch was heard providing information to responding officers along with [REDACTED] telling dispatch that the male had a gun and that shots were fired. Sounds believed to be gunshots were heard as well. Due to the direction the camera was aimed, the shooting incident was not observed on this video file. This video file added no further information of evidentiary value.

City Camera

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(Duration: 59 minutes and 54 seconds.)

Due to the location and distance of this camera, there is no video footage of evidentiary value.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

A. Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video recordings lack the history, perspective, and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting, and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.

B. Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical incident. Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.

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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County

C. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use of force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

For further information, please refer to the body worn camera videos and dash camera videos originally provided by the Steubenville Police Department. These videos could be found in Axon Justice under reference item F – Steubenville PD Videos and Photos.

References:

Reference Item F – Steubenville PD Videos and Photos – stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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