



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



2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Video Review: Detective William Robinson's BWC Reviewed, Amped Replay Used

Involves: Detective William Robinson (W)

Activity Date: 11/12/2024

Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286

Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On November 12, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) completed a review of the video captured from the body-worn camera (BWC) of Detective William Robinson (Detective Robinson) during this incident.

Amped Replay was used to review the video.

SA Valente made a working copy of the 2 BWC videos and placed the copied videos in a folder on his BCI issued laptop. The working copies of the videos were used for the review.

BWC VIDEO #1:

WilliamRobinson_202408292313_BWC2100844-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 8,009 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:04:27.23 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024/ 23:13:19
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	8,009
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Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/29/2024 00: 23:17:47
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

The video began as a voice consistent with that of Ferrel Thomas (Ferrel) who was heard crying. While crying, Ferrel stated he did not know how he failed, he did not understand, and questioned, "what the fuck did I do wrong?" Ferrel continued crying and talking to himself, saying, "They killed my son. I should have stayed in there." Ferrel repeatedly said he was sorry as he cried.

The audio next captured a muffled conversation between Detective Robinson and others. During that conversation officers discussed reaching out to a judge to obtain a search warrant, waiting for BCI, and looking for cameras in the area that may have captured video of the incident. The BWC video itself was nearly all black and the value of the video is limited to the audio it captured. No derivatives were made from this recording.

BWC VIDEO #2:

WilliamRobinson_202408300031_BWC2100844-0 - Working Copy

The Amped Replay software noted the following:

- The video was filmed at a rate of 29.97 frames per second.
- There was a total of 7,379 frames in the video.
- The video was 00:04:06.21 long.

Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:31:39
Activity/Notes	This is the first frame of the video.

Frame	7,379
Video-Embedded Timestamp	8/30/2024 00:35:45
Activity/Notes	This is the last frame of the video.

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The video captured a brief conversation between Ferrel Thomas, his brother, another unknown female, Detective Robinson, and BCI Temporary Working Supervisor (TWS) Armstrong. During the conversation multiple parties spoke over each other as TWS Armstrong introduced himself to Ferrel and requested to speak with him and his brother individually. Nothing of value to the investigation was captured. No derivatives were made from the recording.

References:

Item Q – BWC Videos

Attachments:

None

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