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2025-1783

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10180 Busenburg Rd., Howard, OH 43028, Knox County



Investigative Activity: Review of Deputy Joshua Snodgrass' BWC

Involves: Joshua Snodgrass (W)

Activity Date: 07/02/2025

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

44286

Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Friday, June 13, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received video footage from Chief Deputy Richard Miller of the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) via an Axon Justice link. SA Lamping was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the KCSO.

SA Lamping reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Deputy Joshua Snodgrass (Deputy Snodgrass) recorded two videos during the timeframe of the incident. When Deputy Snodgrass was interviewed on June 17, 2025, he told SA Lamping that he forgot to turn his camera on until after leaving the residence. As a result of this, the bulk of the incident is not captured on his camera.

Axon Body 4 Video 2025-06-05 0205 D01A2860N:

The first video captured by Deputy Snodgrass began at 02:04:57 hours and is 01:50:56 in length. It shows Deputy Snodgrass taking cover behind a marked KCSO patrol vehicle. The initial 30 seconds of video do not have audio recording.

At 0:02:26 Deputy Thomas Queen (Deputy Queen) asked Deputy Snodgrass to put a spotlight on one of the windows to the residence. Deputy Snodgrass told Deputy Queen:

"Okay, I can try. He took shots at me last time I was up there." (0:02:32)

Deputy Snodgrass activated the patrol vehicle's spotlight and seemed to direct it at the residence. He then took cover behind the cruiser. At various points he would raise his pistol, activate the attached light, and examine the nearby perimeter and the

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residence. Radio traffic could be overheard in the recording as well as several short conversations between Deputy Snodgrass and another deputy who was not on scene, possibly Deputy Queen.

At 0:49:42 Deputy Snodgrass was directed by another deputy to fall back to a patrol vehicle parked near the pole barn on the property. Once there, he briefed the deputy on the information he had about the incident. Based on the video, it is not clear who Deputy Snodgrass was speaking with. While briefing the deputy, Snodgrass said:

"He's [Lloyd Ray] been in all the rooms because shots came out of every window." (0:52:27)

Deputy Snodgrass remained with what appeared to be SWAT team members and provided them with details about the incident and the layout of the residence. At 01:15:45 another deputy approached him and stated, "Let's go down here." Snodgrass's BWC was dark, which made it difficult to determine where the deputies went, but it appeared that they walked down the gravel driveway away from the residence. Deputy Snodgrass then met with other deputies/officers on Busenburg Road where a makeshift command post was established. An assortment of KCSO command staff and SWAT team members were present. Deputy Snodgrass provided information to the deputies at the meeting.

Deputy Snodgrass went back towards the residence to assist in moving patrol vehicles out of the way so that an armored vehicle could approach the residence. Around 01:44:30 Deputy Snodgrass spoke briefly with Deputy William Cottrell as he was walking down Busenburg Road to ask him if he was alright. For the remainder of this recording, Deputy Snodgrass was on Busenburg Road, away from the residence.

Axon Body 4 Video 2025-06-05 0531 D01A2860N:

The second video captured by Deputy Snodgrass began at 05:30:58 and was 0:03:31 in length. The video started on Busenburg Road and showed Deputy Snodgrass retrieving a package of water from a police cruiser. He then carried the water to the scene and provided it to the deputies and officers present. Deputy Snodgrass had a short conversation with the Deputy Queen about rounds striking the patrol vehicle. Shortly afterwards, he deactivated his BWC.

The BWC videos were stored on Axon Justice as part of Reference Item G - BWC Videos where they can be reviewed in their entirety.

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References:

Reference Item G - BWC Videos - Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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