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 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,
 OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: BWC Review Involved Deputies
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 01/12/2026
Authoring Agent: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Monday, January 12, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) reviewed video footage from Ross County Sheriff's Office, SA Poole was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

SA Poole reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

SA Poole reviewed the following video from [REDACTED] BWC under [REDACTED]_202510261510_BWL7040765-0 and the following was observed:

- The video begins with [REDACTED] driving his patrol vehicle and arriving at 404 SR 190, Chillicothe, OH.
- [REDACTED] spoke with the caller, later identified as Debra Arthurs (Debra), who discussed their situation regarding accidentally parking in the wrong driveway. The caller stated an older guy, later identified as Bryan Rothe (Rothe), attempted to move her vehicle with a tractor and ended up "sucker punching" her son in the face.
- A man with an apparent injury to his left eye, later identified as Anthony Arthurs (Anthony) is seen speaking with [REDACTED]
- Anthony stated he was jumped by three individuals and has it video recorded, showing [REDACTED] his phone. Anthony stated Rothe was screaming, "move the vehicle or I will move it for you."
- Anthony stated Rothe then parked his tractor and went inside his house to hide.
- Debra also stated that Rothe was the instigator and started the whole mess.
- At the 07:40 minute marker [REDACTED] is seen walking towards Rothe's house, where he was last seen by the callers.
- [REDACTED] is seen knocking on the front door of 389 SR 180 and received no response.

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- [REDACTED] is then seen walking back towards the other deputies and stated it was all on video.
- At the 09:50 minute marker, [REDACTED] are seen walking behind 389 to another house where they meet Rothe and a woman, later identified as Tonya Rothe (Tonya), on the other side of a fence with dogs barking in the yard.
- [REDACTED] asks Rothe what happened today.
- Rothe stated, "They came in trespassing. My wife and daughter went to go tell them to move. They came back and said they weren't, so I got my tractor and was going to physically move their vehicles if they didn't. I started to get flanked from both sides, so I took one out and the other slammed me to the ground. Things just got escalated."
- [REDACTED] asked for his Identification where Rothe handed it to him.
- [REDACTED] asked if his tractor ever made contact and Rothe stated, "no, I never did."



- At the 13:38 minute marker, after discussing what happened, [REDACTED] asked if he could step into his yard through the gate. Rothe immediately said, "No." [REDACTED] stated, "You're under arrest." And Rothe replied with, "Well that's not going to happen today. You can send me a summons. Have a good day." And immediately turned around towards his house.

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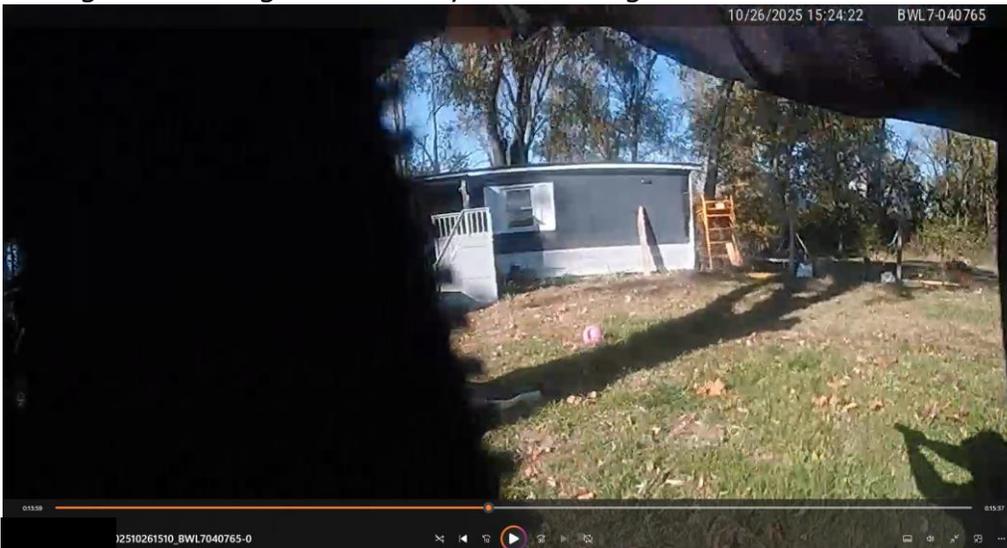
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- At the 13:44 minute marker, [REDACTED] are seen deploying both of their Tasers towards Rothe, where he then takes off running towards the house.
- After seeing the Taser not being effective [REDACTED] re-holsters and enters through the front gate into the yard traveling after Rothe.



- At the 13:59 minute marker, as [REDACTED] was approaching the front door, he pulls out his duty pistol and fires several rounds toward the front door. Multiple different gunshots can be heard until the 14:07 minute marker.

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- At the 14:09 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be heard talking into the radio stating, "Shots fired." A moaning can be heard from Rothe's direction.
- [REDACTED] Rothe confirms that a medic is on route for standby.
- [REDACTED] can be heard yelling at Tonya to get on the ground while she was screaming. What sounds like Rothe can be heard yelling, "Ow."
- At the 14:45 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be heard asking, "Do you have eyes on the gun?" [REDACTED] replies with, "no," as they both hold their weapons on the front door of the house.
- At the 15:00 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen reloading his weapon.
- At the 15:18 minute marker, [REDACTED] decide to move towards the house to see if they can get eyes on the gun or Rothe.
- As they approached the front door [REDACTED] yelled a command for Rothe not to move.



- Another deputy, Deputy Blake Weaver (Deputy Weaver), approaches them and states he sees a rifle laying on the ground facing him and moves positions.
- At the 16:30 minute marker, a grunting noise can be heard and [REDACTED] states, "he is down hard."
- At the 17:18 minute marker, [REDACTED] Deputy Weaver, and [REDACTED] approach and enter the house where Rothe is located.

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- As they enter, a purple rifle can be seen laying in the entry way. Deputies can be seen moving outside away from Rothe.



- At the 18:00 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen searching Rothe and then providing first aid asking for an IFAK.
- At the 20:00 minute marker, a squad can be heard arriving on scene.
- Medics can be seen giving CPR and using an AED.
- Rothe is then seen being loaded onto a bed by the medics and deputies.
- [REDACTED] is seen getting back into his patrol vehicle and the video stops.

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SA Poole reviewed the footage from [REDACTED] BWC under [REDACTED] 202510261510_BWL7044915-0 and following was observed:

- The video begins with [REDACTED] driving his patrol vehicle to the call for service located at 404 SR 180, Chillicothe, OH.
- The video shows the callers explaining the situation to [REDACTED].



- At the 01:25 minute marker, [REDACTED] is seen walking towards a group of individuals arguing and attempts to split them as they are yelling at each other.
- [REDACTED] moves three other individuals aside, later identified as Tonya Rothe (Tonya), Taryn Rothe (Taryn), and Wesley Rothe (Wesley), and asks them what happened. Tonya stated her husband, Bryan Rothe (Rothe), went inside and sent her daughter Taryn to go get him.
- After explaining what happened [REDACTED] helped the other group look for a pair of glasses that fell off an individual during the fight.
- Taryn is seen walking back and stated Rothe is requesting the deputies come back to his house.

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- At the 07:30 minute marker, [REDACTED] is seen following Tonya to the back of the property where Rothe is located.
- [REDACTED] requested Tonya go to see if Rothe could meet them halfway while he talked to the rest of the deputies on scene.
- At the 09:12 minute marker, [REDACTED] are seen discussing what both sides said about the incident and start moving towards the back of the property to speak with Rothe.



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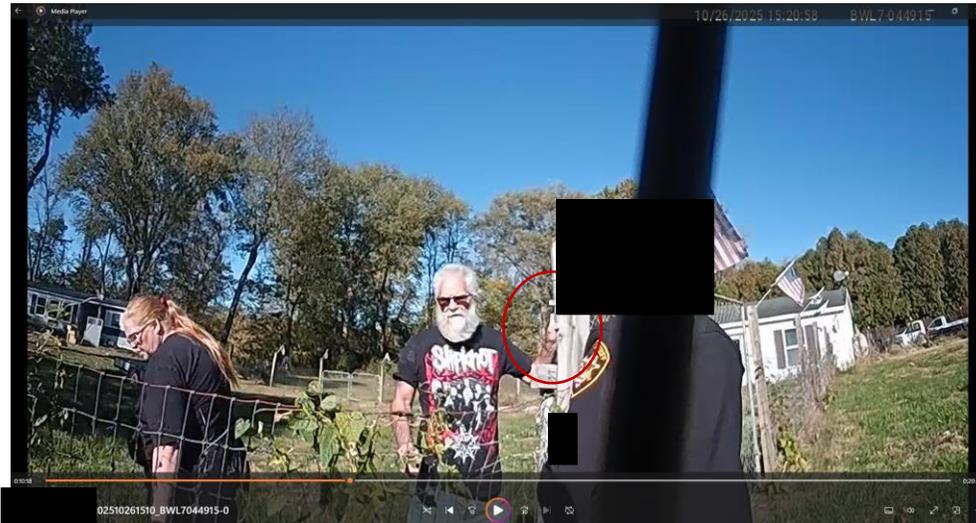
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- At the 10:09 minute marker [REDACTED] is seen talking to Rothe regarding the incident.



- Rothe is seen holding his gate shut with his left hand during the conversation.
- At the 13:21 minute marker, after discussing what happened [REDACTED] asked if he could step into his yard through the gate. Rothe immediately said, "No." [REDACTED] stated, "You're under arrest." And Rothe replied with, "well that's not going to happen today. You can send me a summons. Have a good day." And immediately turned around towards his house.

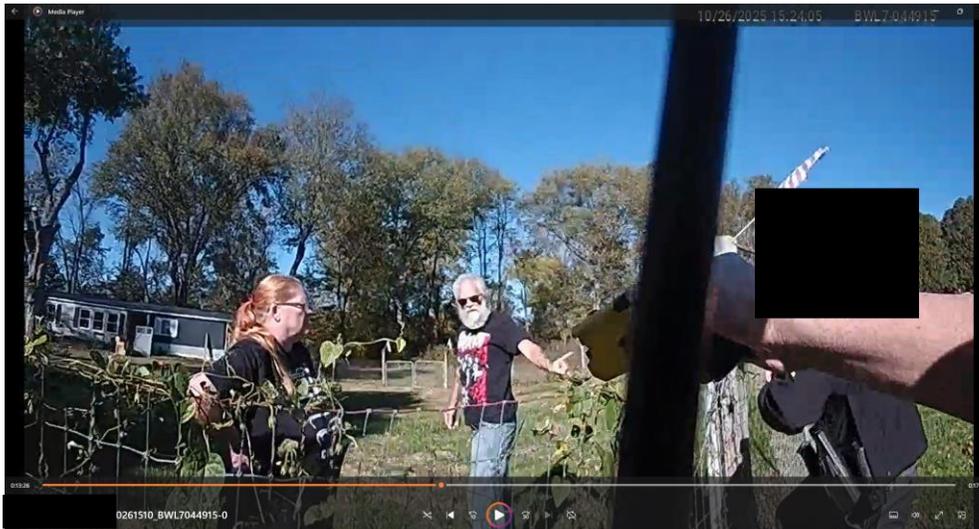
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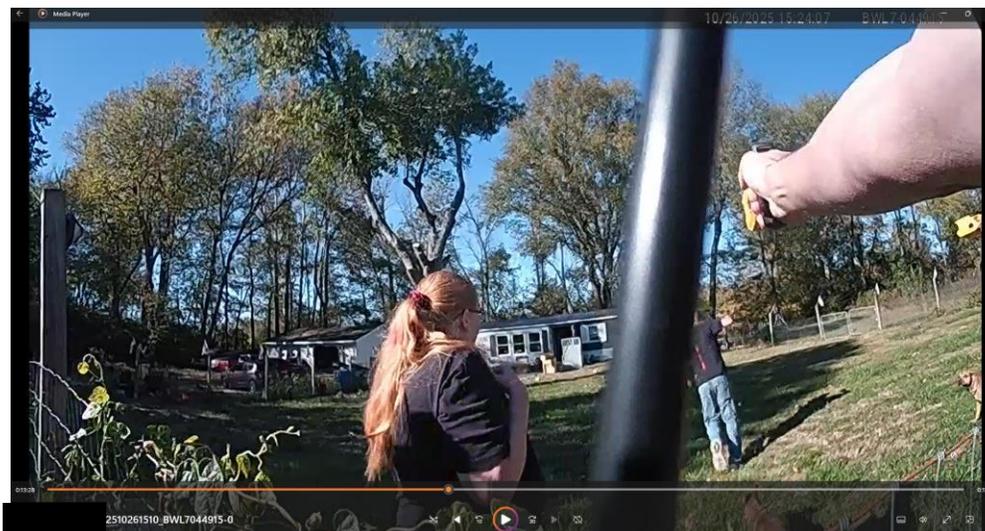
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- At the 13:26 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen un-holstering his Taser and pointing it at Rothe.



- At the 13:28 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen deploying his Taser at Rothe, but does not achieve full neuromuscular incapacitation, or NMI allowing Rothe to continue running towards the house.

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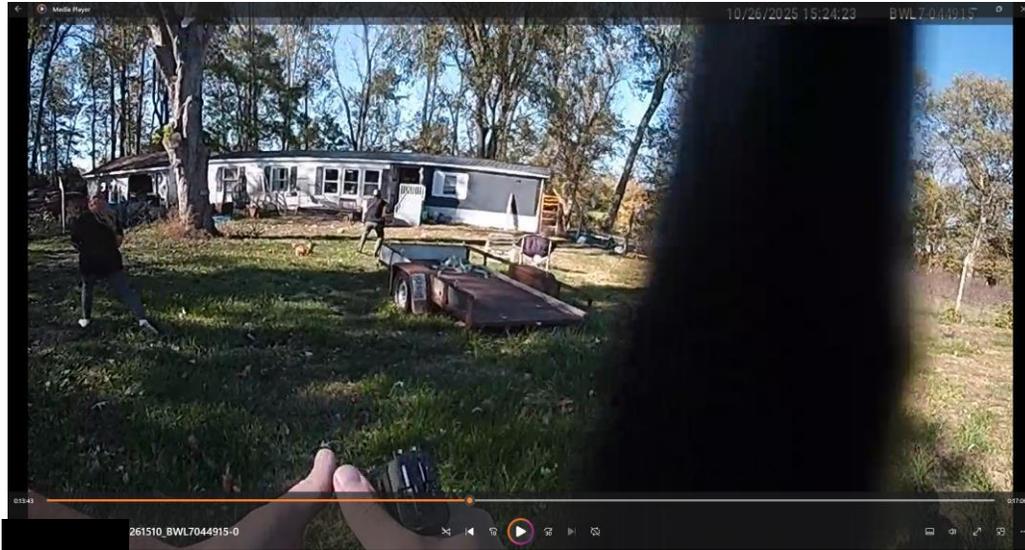


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- [REDACTED] can be heard saying, "Now he is getting resisting arrest," and follows [REDACTED] through the gate into the yard.



- At the 13:43 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen ahead of [REDACTED] and gunshots can be heard.



- At the 13:44 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen drawing his weapon towards the front door of the house and firing several rounds from the back right side of [REDACTED]. Shots being fired continue until 13:50.

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- At the 13:52 minute marker, [REDACTED] is seen reloading his firearm.
- Commands of, “get on the ground,” along with the sounds of moaning coming from the house.
- [REDACTED] can be heard yelling at Tonya to get on the ground while she was screaming. What sounds like Rothe can be heard yelling, “Ow.”
- [REDACTED] can be heard asking, “Do you have eyes on the gun?” [REDACTED] replies with, “no,” as they both hold their weapons on the front door of the house.
- At the 15:00 minute marker, [REDACTED] decide to move towards the house to see if they can get eyes on the gun or Rothe.
- As they approached the front door [REDACTED] yelled commands for Rothe not to move.

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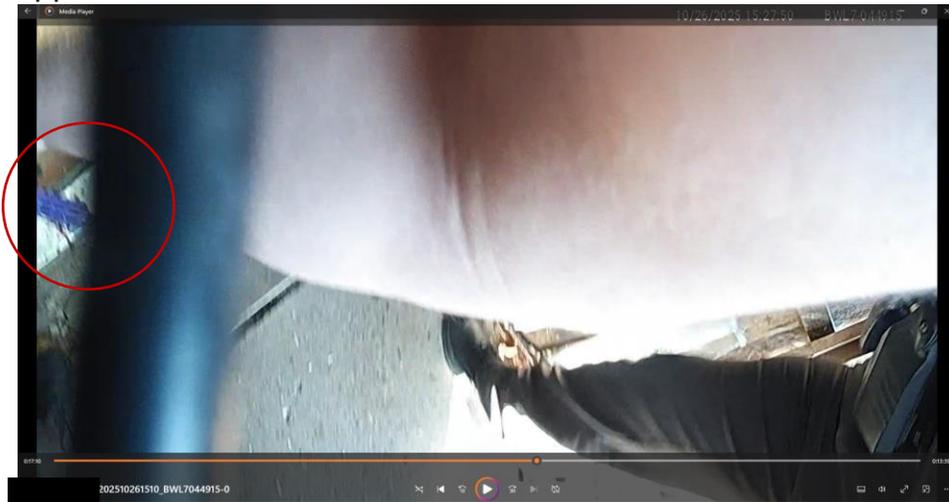
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- Another deputy, Deputy Blake Weaver (Deputy Weaver), approaches them and states he sees a rifle laying on the ground facing him and moves positions.
- At the 16:10 minute marker, a grunting noise can be heard and [REDACTED] states, "he is down hard."
- At the 16:48 minute marker, [REDACTED] Deputy Weaver, and [REDACTED] approach and enter the house where Rothe is located.



- At the 17:10 minute marker, [REDACTED] is seen picking up a purple rifle in the doorway and placing it outside behind them.

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- At the 17:40 minute marker, [REDACTED] can be seen searching Rothe and then providing first aid asking for an IFAK.
- [REDACTED] can be seen running back to his patrol vehicle to get a medical bag with trauma sheers and moves his vehicle to block traffic.
- [REDACTED] then requests radio for assistance in shutting down the road.
- [REDACTED] starts running back to the house and then turns around to grab the box of gloves from his patrol vehicle.
- At the 21:40 minute marker, [REDACTED] is seen cutting away Rothe's clothing to look for injuries.
- At the 22:29 minute marker, the medics are seen arriving and start providing treatment.
- Medics can be seen giving CPR and using an AED
- Rothe is then seen being loaded onto a bed by the medics and deputies.
- [REDACTED] can be seen walking back to their patrol cars.
- [REDACTED] can be seen washing off blood from his hands.
- The video ends.

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

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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.

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.

The following videos are uploaded and saved under Evidence.com under BWC Videos. Please review the videos for more detail.

References:

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Attachments:

None

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