

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



2022-1734 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 27724 Zuck Road, Howard, Ohio 43028

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Jesse Ramsier (W)

**Date of Activity:** 08/22/2022

Activity Location: Ohio BCI&I Richfield, Northeast Regional Office - 4055 Highlander

Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County

Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

## Narrative:

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) received video footage from Knox County Sheriff's Office. SA Lehnhart was informed that the videos contained footage from the body-worn camera video recorded by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

SA Lehnhart reviewed and noted the following:

<u>2022-08-22 20:46:435 -0400</u> Axon Body 3 X60A45443

Video is 51 minutes and 44 seconds (00:51:44) long. The body-worn camera (BWC) video is that of Deputy Sergeant (Sgt.) Jesse Ramsier (Ramsier).

The video opens with a view of the dusk skyline and officers walking along Zuck Road. Sgt. Ramsier walks up to the rear of the Cadillac, shines his light on the residence and calls to a woman, later identified as Elizabeth Delano (Delano), to come out of the residence with her hands up. Much of Delano's replies to Sgt. Ramsier are difficult to comprehend; but she is defiant and refuses to exit the house. Additionally, she tells Sgt. Ramsier to "get off my property." Sgt. Ramsier transmits to the dispatching center that he heard Delano state, "She has us in her sights." (02:18)

Other officers are heard giving commands to Delano. A window is heard being broken (04:07), and Sqt. Ramsier takes cover behind the Cadillac.

At the following times, (20:58), (21:50), (24:37), (25:24), (27:31), (28:28), Delano fires the shotgun from a position outside the residence in the direction of officers.

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Deputy Collins orders Delano to "Drop the gun now." (28:37)

At (28:37), Deputy Collins fires his patrol rifle. Sgt. Ramsier waits a few seconds, turns on his tactical light and informs the others on scene, "Shots fired, shots fired, she's down." (28:50)

Sgt. Ramsier coordinates his officers towards Delano and asks one officer to "secure that firearm." After Delano is checked for safety, Sgt. Ramsier calls out on the radio to "send in the medic." (29:36)

Sgt. Ramsier begins emergency aid by applying direct pressure to Delano's wound. Another officer on scene began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). (31:11)

At (34:35), EMS arrives and begins to direct and take over Delano's treatment.

At (42:00), Delano is being taken to the EMS unit.

## 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.

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 USB drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item A, for reference only.

## References:

A – USB Thumbdrive

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