



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



2023-2008
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Terminal Road By Dayton
Airport, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Rodney D. Helman (S), Elaine M. Helman (S)
Date of Activity: 08/14/2023
Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR 56 SW, London, OH 43140, Madison County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On August 2, 2023, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on the same date. The incident began in Madison County, Ohio, after the involved subjects, Rodney and Elaine Helman, fled from law enforcement officers and entered a parked tractor unit. The tractor unit was occupied by ██████████ whom the Helman's held against his will. At some point during the incident, Rodney shot ██████████ in the right hand. The Helman's continued to evade law enforcement officers using the tractor unit. The incident concluded on Dayton International Airport Access Road in Montgomery County, Ohio, where the Helman's were critically wounded from gunshots fired by OHSP SRT members. The Helman's later succumbed to their injuries at the Miami Valley Hospital.

On August 14, 2023, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman reviewed OSHP helicopter video at the request of BCI Special Agent Richard Ward. This report only summarizes the information deemed by SA Seitzman to be most relevant to the investigation. It does not purport to contain every detail observed or heard on the footage. It is suggested that the reader of this investigative report view the footage in its entirety.

Video Information

- File title: Helicopter video.ts
- File length: 0:29:44
- Time stamp embedded in video: 02AUG2023 7:21:18– 7:51:02
- Playback Fps: 29.4014

SA Seitzman viewed the video in its entirety and noted the following:

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At the beginning of the video, the tractor unit was shown straddling the two lanes of northbound Dayton International Airport Access Road. The OSHP armored BEAR was parked along the driver's side of the tractor unit. At approximately 00:05:45 (0727 hours) into the video, the command "assault" was given over the police radio. An OSHP SRT member at the front of the armored BEAR deployed two flashbang devices, placing them in front of the tractor unit toward the passenger side. Four SRT members approached the passenger side of the tractor unit. Three SRT members approached the driver's side of the tractor unit.

At 00:06:19 (0727 hours) into the video, an SRT member wearing a white t-shirt was shown quickly taking cover after standing on the tractor unit steps and leaning through the passenger window. In frame 11687 (0727 hours), an apparent gunshot can be seen coming from inside the tractor unit outside the passenger window. Simultaneously, an apparent gunshot can be seen coming from an SRT member on the passenger side. Still images were annotated showing the event and are attached below. Furthermore, SA Seitzman created subclips of the event with a magnification annotation showing the shots fired from the tractor unit as well as the shots fired by the OSHP SRT member on the passenger side. The OSHP SRT member fired multiple shots over the course of approximately six seconds.

Approximately 16 frames later in frame 11703 (0727 hours), an OSHP SRT member began firing at the tractor unit's windshield with a rifle. The OSHP SRT member fired approximately twelve times over the course of 144 frames (ending on frame 11847). The length of time for which the shots were fired was approximately four seconds. SA Seitzman created a subclip with magnification annotations added showing the shooting event. The subclip is attached below.

At 0732 hours (frame 19360), a subject's arm is observed. It's unknown which subject's arm was observed. SA Seitzman created a still image of the scene. The subject's hand is observed again at 0734 hours (frame 22426).

At 0728 hours, the victim, Mr. ██████ exited the tractor unit. SA Seitzman created a subclip of the event. The image is attached below.

At 0745 hours, Rodney was removed from the tractor unit by OSHP SRT members. At 0747 hours, Elaine was removed from the tractor unit by OSHP SRT members. SA Seitzman created still images showing both extractions.

The video ended at 0751 hours. The video subclips were uploaded to the AGO network F: drive.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Helicopter video-export-011687-20230814114837
- Attachment # 02: Helicopter video-export-011687-20230814114837-report
- Attachment # 03: Helicopter video-export-011688-20230810182657
- Attachment # 04: Helicopter video-export-011688-20230810182657-report
- Attachment # 05: Helicopter video-export-013429-20230814145923
- Attachment # 06: Helicopter video-export-013429-20230814145923-report
- Attachment # 07: Helicopter video-export-019360-20230814141941
- Attachment # 08: Helicopter video-export-019360-20230814141941-report
- Attachment # 09: Helicopter video-export-019977-20230814142113

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Attachment # 10: Helicopter video-export-019977-20230814142113-report
Attachment # 11: Helicopter video-export-022426-20230814142358
Attachment # 12: Helicopter video-export-022426-20230814142358-report
Attachment # 13: Helicopter video-export-042949-20230814144449
Attachment # 14: Helicopter video-export-042949-20230814144449-report
Attachment # 15: Helicopter video-export-046087-20230814144148
Attachment # 16: Helicopter video-export-046087-20230814144148-report

References:

AGO Network F: Drive/ 3 OSHP video subclips

Exhibit 1

02 AUG 2023
07:27:56
UTC -4.0

AUTO

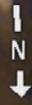
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DL:LL

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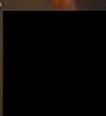


-032°



033°

Apparent gunshot from suspect



Possible gunshot from SRT

WERNER



ACFT
39.88131N 153°
84.23553W 1471FT

990FT

0.2MI

183°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87928N
84.23567W

Exhibit 2

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

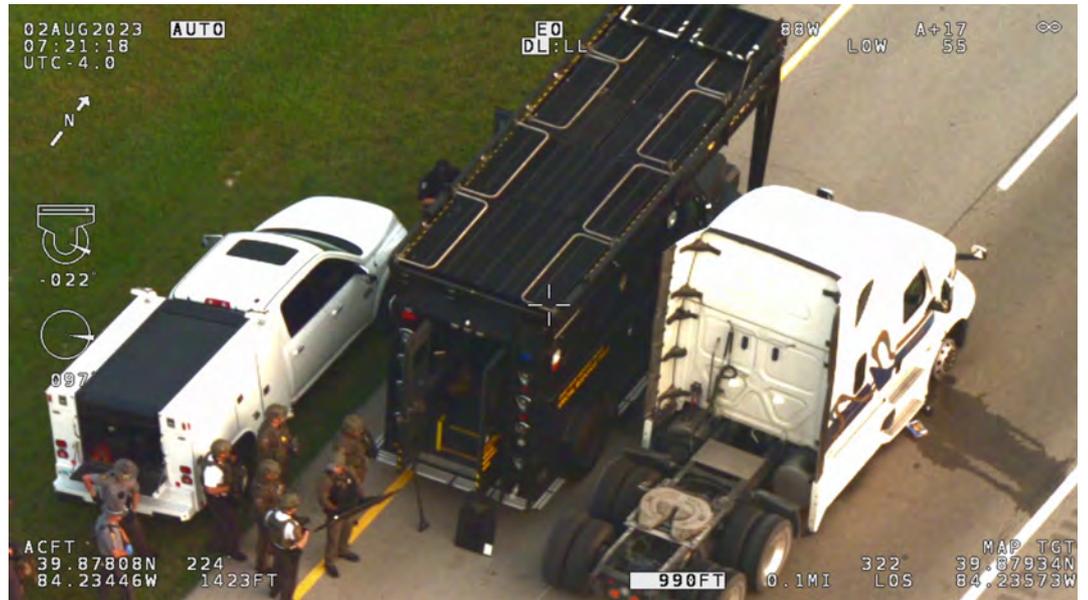
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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection

Start Frame 11340
Stop Frame 52458

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 29.4014

Output File

File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-011687-20230814114837.jpg
File Hash (MD5) 816e04c8a924ee7d4a3a5c1375697864
File Size 888.5 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080

Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Possible gunshot from SRT")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 11687 (Center: [739, 1013], Rotation: 0°, Width: 602px, Height: 134px)
- Text ("Apparent gunshot from suspect")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 11687 (Center: [664, 295], Rotation: 0°, Width: 492px, Height: 124px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 11687 (Center: [615, 484], Rotation: 0°, Width: 198px, Height: 318px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 11687 (Center: [356, 926], Rotation: 0°, Width: 236px, Height: 309px)

Exhibit 3

02 AUG 2023
07:27:56
UTC -4.0

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033



ACFT
39.88131N 153°
84.23553W 1471FT

990FT

0.2MI

183°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87928N
84.23567W

Exhibit 4

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

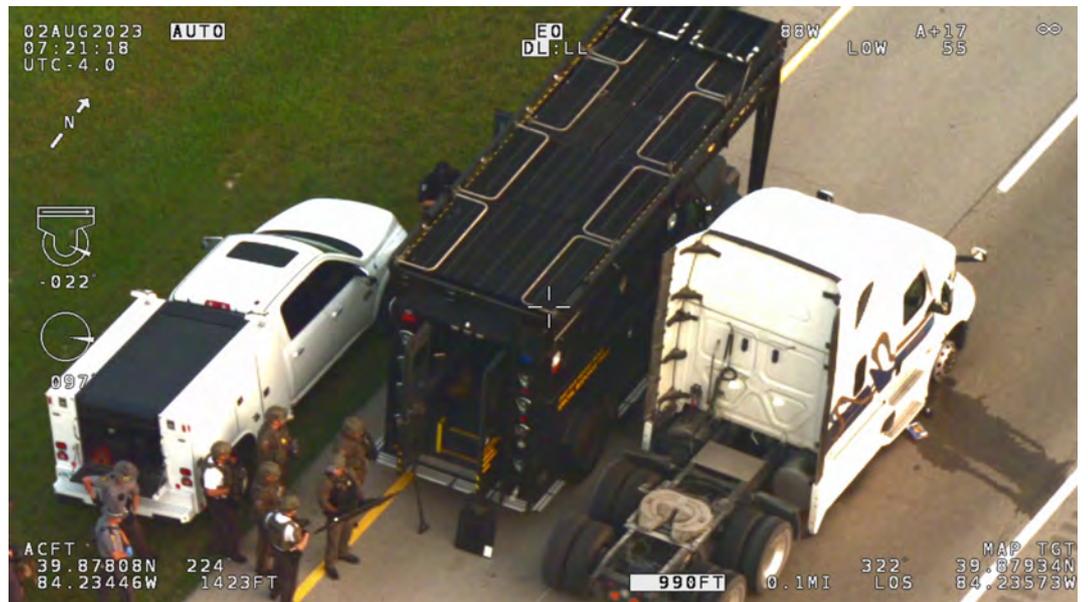
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-10 18:26:59.000

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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 29.4014

Output File

File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-011688-20230810182657.jpg
File Hash (MD5) 9e2fded6dc86606b08ed91db65a44af4
File Size 890.0 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080

Bookmarks Information No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

- Description
- Magnify (Rectangle, Zoom: 2.0, Interpolation: Exact Pixels (Nearest))
 - Colors: Border None
 - at frame 11688 (Center: [600, 497], Rotation: 0°, Width: 279px, Height: 436px)

Exhibit 5

02AUG2023
07:28:55
UTC-4.0

AUTO

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DL:LL

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Victim out



ACFT
39.88075N 169°
84.23446W 1364FT

990F | 0.1MI 213°
LOS 39.87928N
84.23569W

Exhibit 6

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

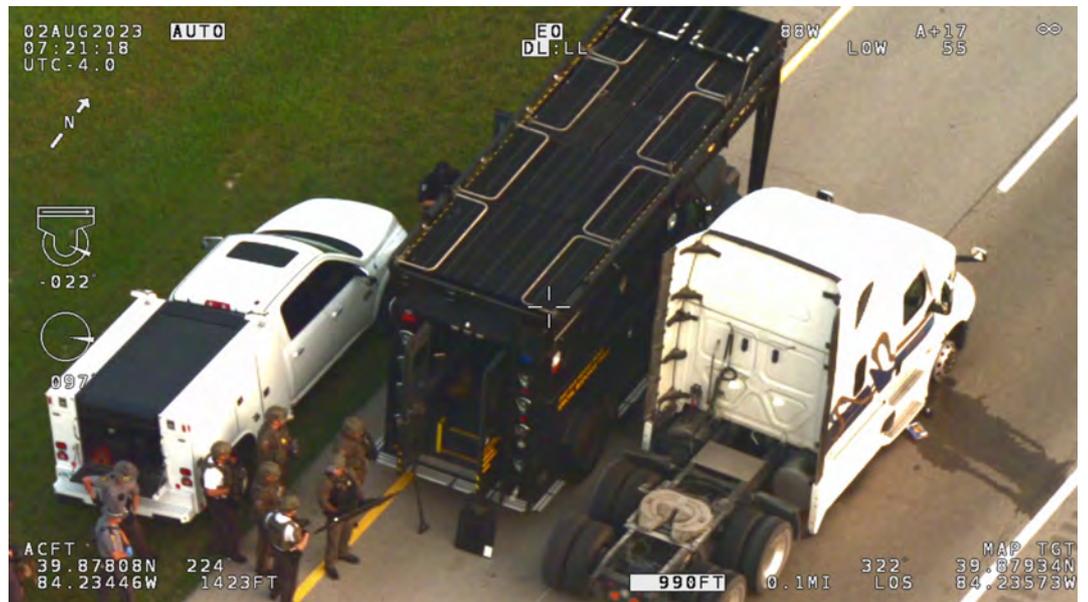
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-14 14:59:26.000

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Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 29.4014

Processing Information
Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File
File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-013429-20230814145923.jpg
File Hash (MD5) b8d8d740773460543266a8161cfd5795
File Size 805.5 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080

Output Image



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Victim out")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 13429 (Center: [1074, 300], Rotation: 0°, Width: 384px, Height: 64px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 13429 (Center: [1003, 707], Rotation: 0°, Width: 526px, Height: 749px)

Exhibit 7

02AUG2023
07:32:17
UTC-4.0

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DL:LL

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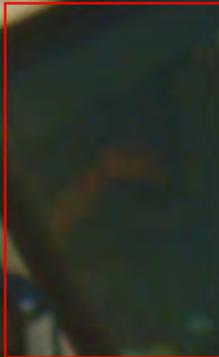


-027°



040°

Suspect's arm



83983
ACFT
39.88036N
84.23473W

179°
1245FT

990FT

0.1MI

215°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87927N
84.23571W

Exhibit 8

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

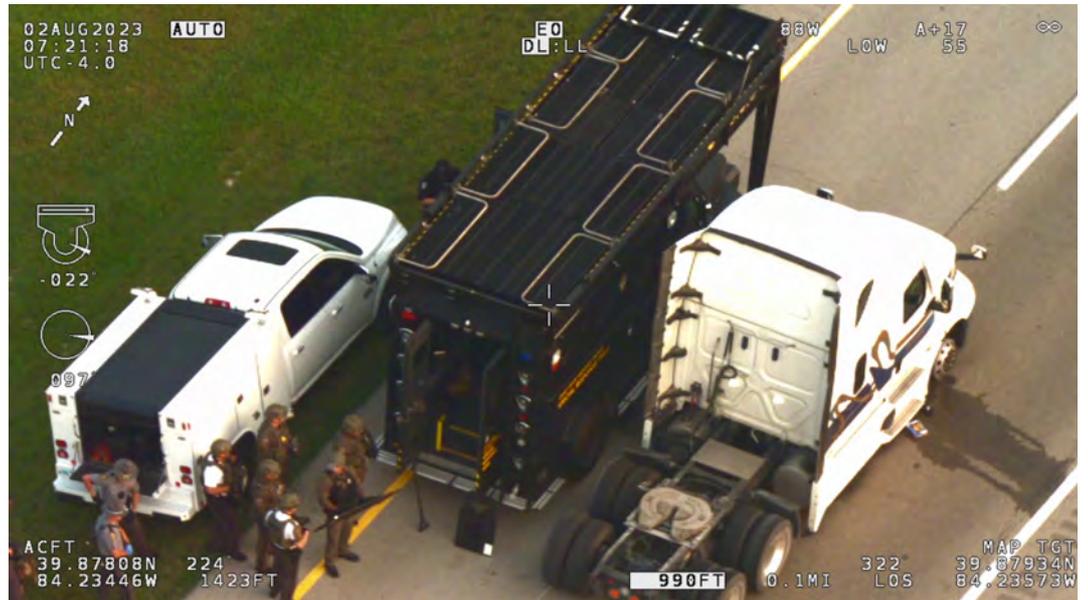
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Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 29.4014

Processing Information
Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File
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File Size 818.1 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080

Output Image



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Suspect's arm")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 19360 (Center: [1350, 353], Rotation: 0°, Width: 162px, Height: 83px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 19360 (Center: [1362, 598], Rotation: 0°, Width: 258px, Height: 423px)

Exhibit 9

02AUG2023
07:32:38
UTC-4.0

AUTO

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DL:LL

154W

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-029°



071°

Suspect's arms



83983

ACFT
39.87952N 188°
84.23430W 1230FT

990FT

0.1MI

259°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87931N
84.23576W

Exhibit 10

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

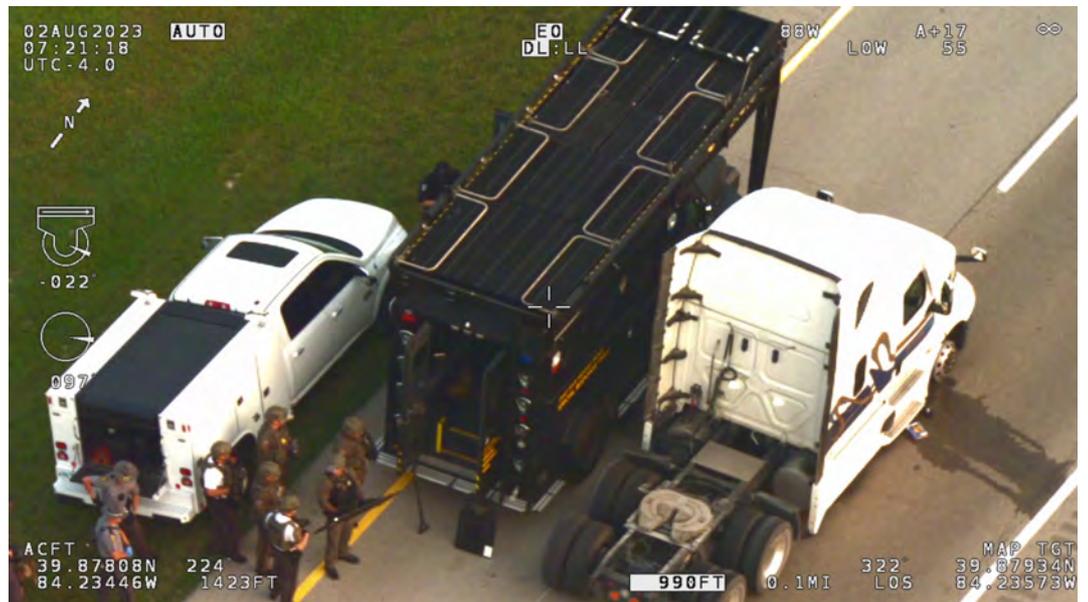
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-14 14:21:15.000

File Information

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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458

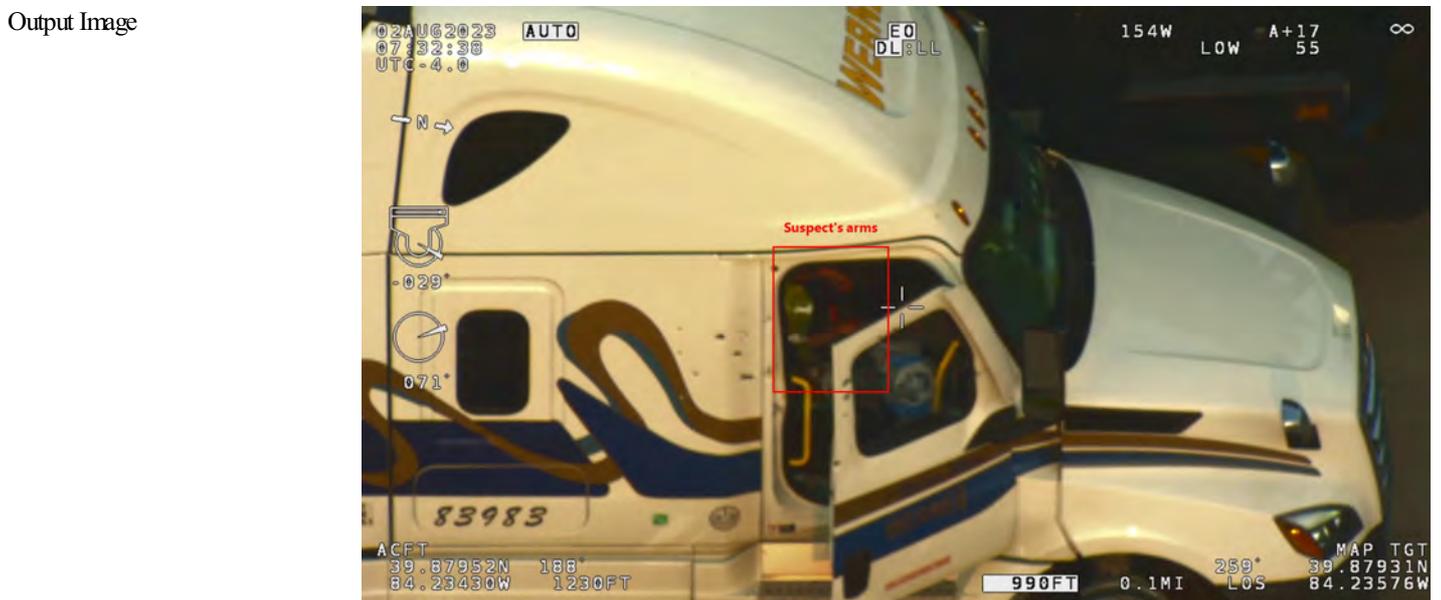


Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 29.4014

Processing Information
Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File
File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-019977-20230814142113.jpg
File Hash (MD5) f0dc03dd1d6b3d7273e7ed550f3ea83b
File Size 729.9 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Suspect's arms")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 19977 (Center: [834, 395], Rotation: 0°, Width: 223px, Height: 70px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 19977 (Center: [834, 562], Rotation: 0°, Width: 207px, Height: 263px)

Exhibit 11

02AUG2023
07:34:01
UTC-4.0

AUTO

EO
DL:LL

154

LOW

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Suspect's hand



ACFT
39.87986N
84.23419W

185°
1282FT

990FT

0.1MI

245°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87931N
84.23571W

Exhibit 12

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

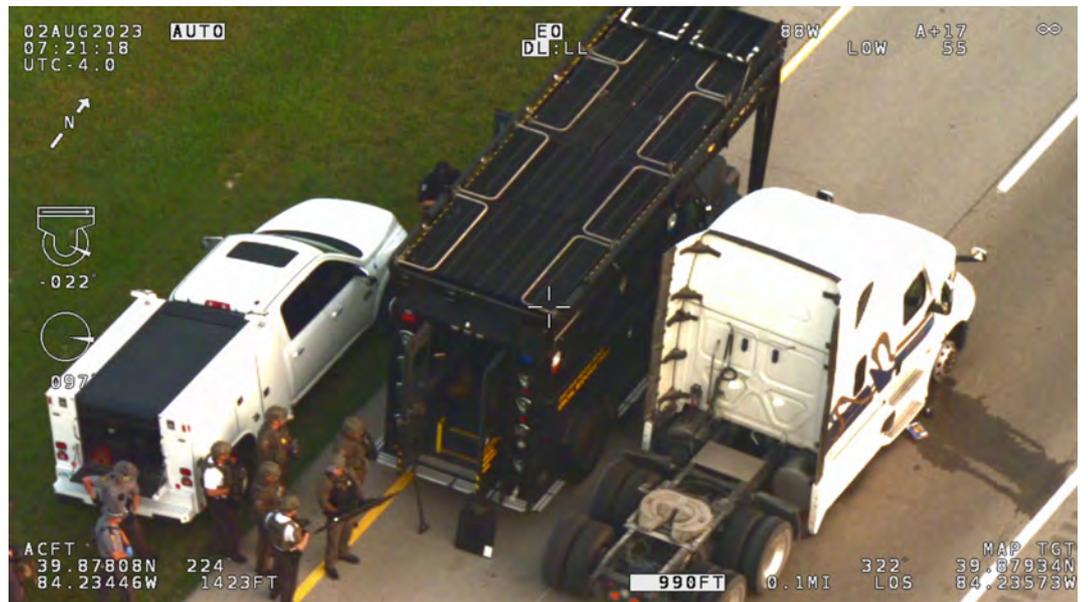
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-14 14:24:02.000

File Information

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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection

No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps

29.4014

Processing Information

Aspect Ratio

Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File

File Name

C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-022426-20230814142358.jpg

File Hash (MD5)

5bd1e7a5dc1b25bbaffddb36406ce38

File Size

840.4 KB

Width

1920

Height

1080

Output Image



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Suspect's hand")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 22426 (Center: [656, 382], Rotation: 0°, Width: 206px, Height: 76px)
- Shape (Ellipse)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 22426 (Center: [919, 382], Rotation: 0°, Width: 320px, Height: 182px)

Exhibit 13

02AUG2023
07:45:39
UTC-4.0

AUTO

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DL:LL

154W

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-019°



014°



Male subject

ACFT
39.88031N 165°
84.23573W 1115FT

MAP TGT
1008FT 0.1MI 177° LOS 39.87939N 84.23567W

Exhibit 14

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

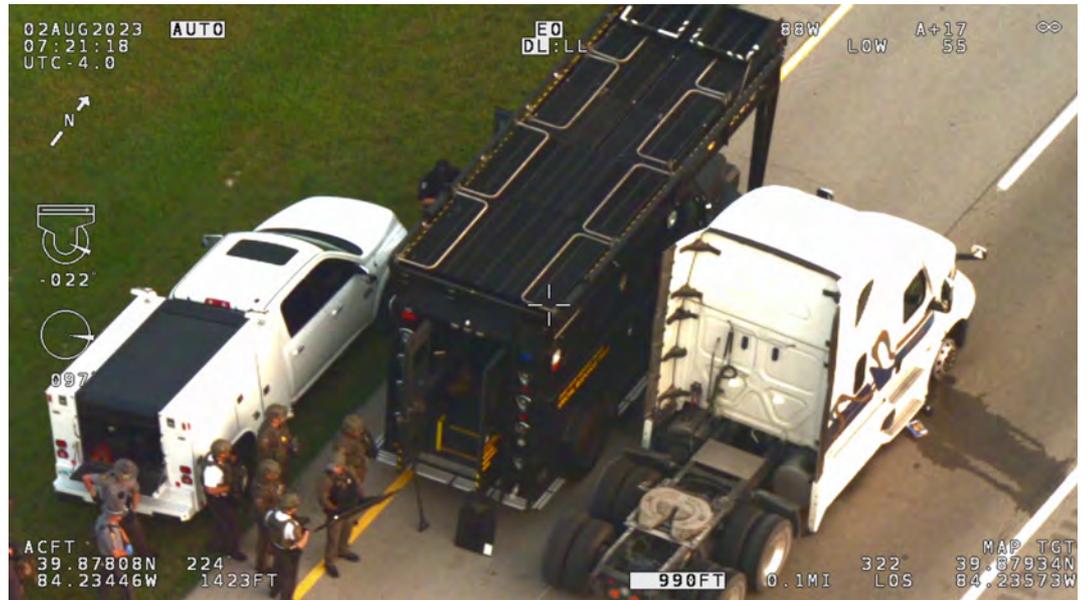
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-14 14:44:52.000

File Information

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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 29.4014

Processing Information
Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File
File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-042949-20230814144449.jpg
File Hash (MD5) e710822b8126d7ba44047b3e60120667
File Size 780.5 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Male subject")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 42949 (Center: [804, 610], Rotation: 0°, Width: 412px, Height: 78px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 42949 (Center: [608, 847], Rotation: 0°, Width: 804px, Height: 428px)

Exhibit 15

02AUG2023
07:47:26
UTC-4.0

AUTO

EO
DL:LL

154W

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Female subject

ACFT
39.88065N
84.23477W

172°
1293FT

1008FT

0.1MI

208°
LOS

MAP TGT
39.87937N
84.23564W

Exhibit 16

Amped Replay Report

Software Information

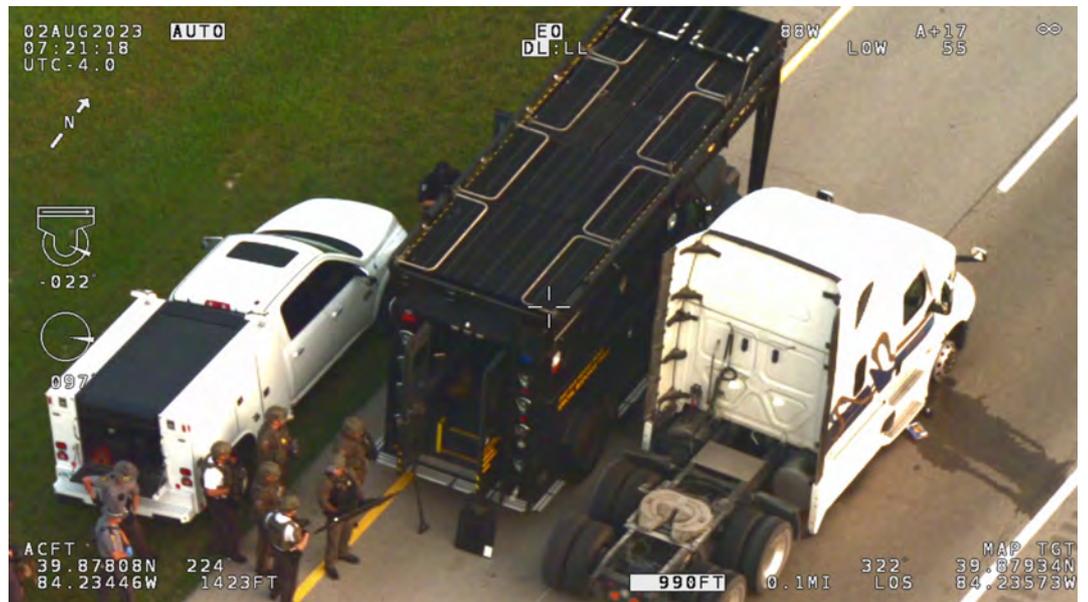
Software Version 28733
Report Generation Time 2023-08-14 14:41:49.000

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File Size 1.2 GB
Format mpegts
Codec h264
Width 1920
Height 1080
File Fps 29.4118
Playback Fps 29.4014
Fps adjusted based on presentation timestamps (PTS).
Length (frames) 52459
Duration (time) 00:29:44.201
Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 44100 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame
Frame 52458



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate
Fps 29.4014

Processing Information
Aspect Ratio Mode: Auto (No Processing Applied)

Output File
File Name C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\Vandalia- OSHP SRT\Helicopter video-export-046087-20230814144148.jpg
File Hash (MD5) 827ae97356fbd9385601b56c6fb9fbf2
File Size 840.9 KB
Width 1920
Height 1080

Output Image



Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Text ("Female subject")
 - Colors: Text #FF0000 ●, Background None, Border None
 - at frame 46087 (Center: [735, 358], Rotation: 0°, Width: 311px, Height: 66px)
- Shape (Rectangle)
 - Colors: Border #FF0000 ●, Fill None
 - at frame 46087 (Center: [668, 592], Rotation: 0°, Width: 623px, Height: 402px)