



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



2024-3775
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1055 East Avenue,
Akron, Ohio 44307, Summit County

Investigative Activity: Review of Officer Davon Fields BWC video
Involves: Officer Davon Fields (S)
Activity Date: 02/14/2025
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) reviewed video footage from Akron Police Department (APD) Officer (Officer) Davon Fields' (Fields) body-worn camera (BWC). For a detailed review of the video footage leading up to and including the shooting incident refer to the report titled **2025-02-04: OCIC Video Presentation review**. The video review detailed in this report will begin where the report noted above left off.

SA Lieber reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

The video is titled **EAST AV** and is 7 minutes and 54 seconds in duration. The timestamp at the beginning of the video is 23:00:40.

This report will begin the video review at 23:01:32 [00:53].

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At 23:01:35, Fields radioed a signal 21 (Officer needs help). Other officers on scene yelled for the subject, Jazmir Tucker (Tucker), to put his hands out to his side. At 23:01:51, Fields said, "He was reaching, he was reaching right with his right hand." At 23:02:03, Fields said, "Again, he was reaching, reaching with his right hand." Fields then said, "We need someone to check the parking lot behind us, that's where he was shooting." At 23:02:13, an officer asked, "Is there anybody else behind you?" Fields replied, "Not that I seen." Officer Steven Loar replied, "I didn't see anybody in the parking lot coming up." At 23:02:17, an officer said, "Suspect, hands out to the side." An officer then said, "Suspect put your hands out to the side."

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At 23:02:26, the officers began to move to their right. The screenshot below was taken after the officers stopped moving [23:02:39].



At 23:02:34, Fields said, "Again, he was reaching with his right hand." An officer said, "Hands out to your side suspect." At 23:02:39, an officer yelled, "Put your hands out to your side." At 23:02:47, Fields said, "Hey two of you break away and go check that parking lot behind us for suspects or victims." At 23:02:59, an officer said, "Hands out to your side." At 23:03:05, an officer said, "Put your hands out to your side." Another officer yelled, "Suspect put your hands out to your side." An officer said, "Do it now." At 23:03:14, an officer said, "Hands out to your side." Another officer said, "Put your arms out." At 23:03:20, an officer yelled, "Suspect put your hands out to your side." Multiple additional verbal commands were given to Tucker.

At 23:03:45, Fields said, "Hey get two people to check that parking lot right next to the building is where he was shooting." Additional verbal commands were given to Tucker. At 23:03:56, Fields said, "Does anybody have a shield." Multiple additional verbal commands were given.

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At 23:05:06, officers began to move toward a cruiser parked on East Avenue. At 23:05:33, an officer said that it looked like he (Tucker) has a firearm at his right hip. As the officers were making a plan to approach and secure Tucker, Fields said, "Secure that right hand first that's the hand he was reaching with" [23:06:52]. Another officer said that there was a black object by his (Tucker's) right hip.

At 23:07:22, a group of officers began to approach Tucker. As they approached, verbal commands were given. Officers then placed handcuffs on Tucker. See screenshot below.



As officers began to search Tucker, Fields walked toward East Avenue.

At 23:08:33, the video ended.

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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 body-camera video footage was stored on Evidence.com as Reference Item B.

References:

Ref Item B – Akron PD BWC videos

Attachments:

None

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