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

2022-1782
Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 3295 Sullivant Ave, Apt. H

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Activity Date: 9/2/2022
Activity Location: BCI
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) received video footage from the City of Columbus-Division of Police. SA Fortner was informed the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the CPD.

SA Matt Collins (SA Collins) was asked to review the video footage. Specifically, to conduct a review of the incident and to utilize iNPUT ACE, to determine if there was any possibility to enhance the view or lighting. During the review, there was a non-law enforcement subject involved or otherwise present. During the course of the investigation, it was learned the subject's name was Donovan Lewis (Lewis). SA Collins utilized Lewis' name for clarity purposes.

SA Collins utilized *iNPUT ACE* (iA) to evaluate and work with the video files to aid in the review. There were two (2) BWC videos provided. Those were the only two known cameras to have captured the actual shooting event. SA Collins brought the following video files into iA;
"SHOOTING ChanceKnox_202208300221_VHC2041426_67606591";
"SHOOTING RickyAnderson_202208300230_VHC2031788_230372813";

By doing so, the program identifies the metadata included within the video. See *Figure 1 for the respective camera being referenced*. "Figure" numbers will be respective to each different camera. All times are reflective of the approximate times within the video clips and not the time of day.

SA Collins created sub-clips and marked images during the review. SA Collins created sub-clips of Knox and Anderson's BWC in order to sync the videos. SA Collins marked a total of seven (7) frames/images from the BWC videos. The images were named by the frame number identified by iA (F=Frame, F####). SA Collins reviewed the videos and noted the following:

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Ricky Anderson BWC-

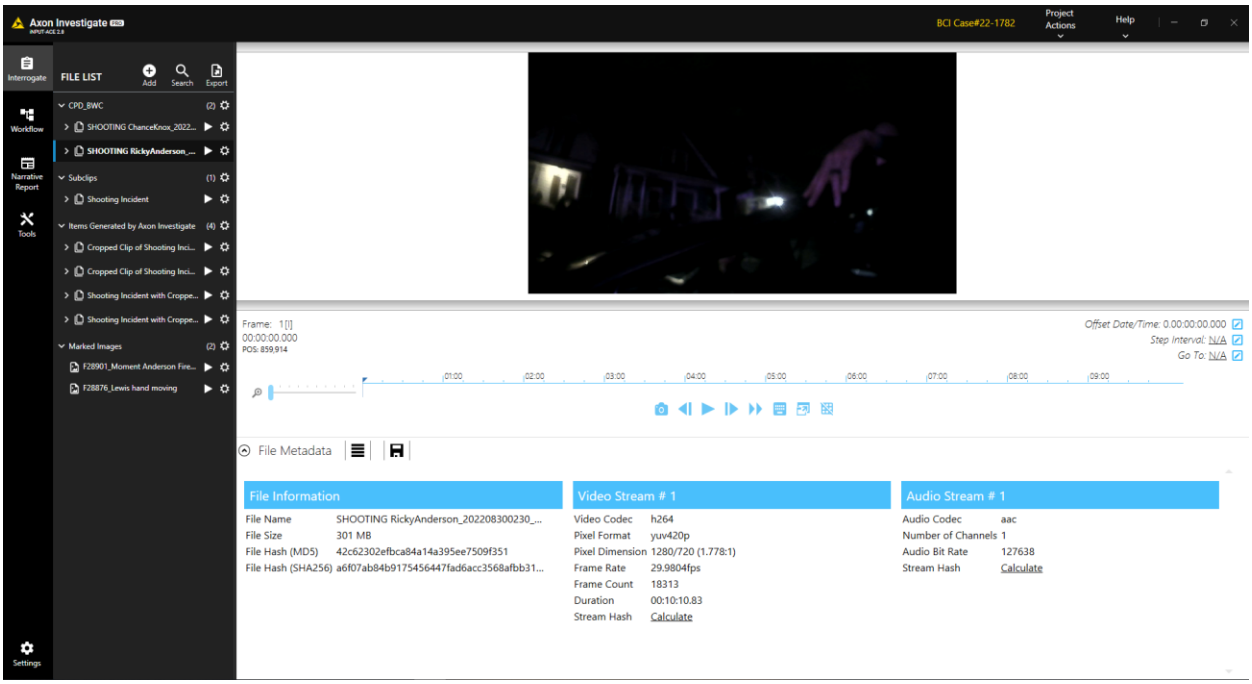


Figure 1: Screenshot of iNPUT ACE playing Anderson's BWC, with Metadata included.

It is important to note; Anderson's video picture quality is not as clear as other BWCs reviewed from CPD. It is, however, unknown why Anderson's BWC video is blurry or unclear.

Anderson's BWC begins with him conversing with what appeared to be other officers, not appearing to have anything to do with any incident involving Lewis. At 01:20 into the recording Anderson appeared to have acknowledged a radio transmission and began to walk toward his marked, K-9, patrol vehicle. Anderson traveled in his patrol vehicle until 03:40 into the recording, where he arrived at an apartment complex.

- At 4:20 into the recording, Anderson was standing at the threshold of the apartment and said, "Police Department, K-9 unit. If you're inside now- (inaudible) or I'll send this dog!" *See Figure 2*.

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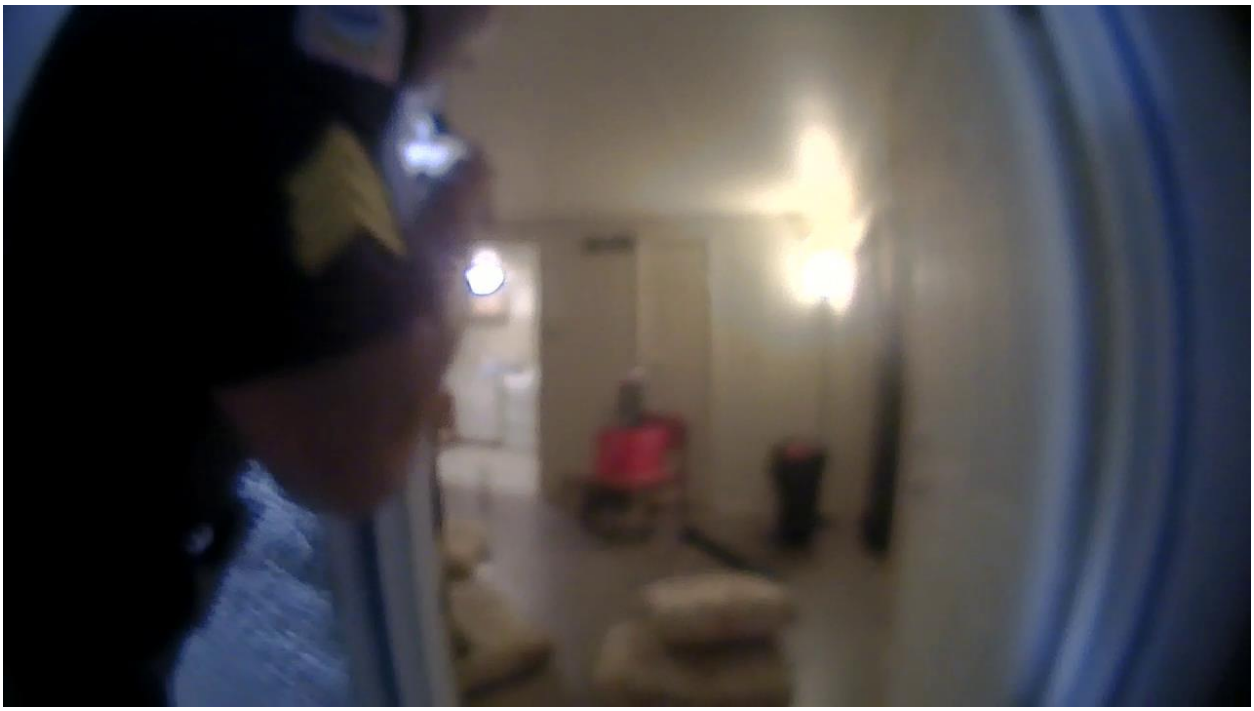


Figure 2: F7814_Anderson announces his presence from doorway of apartment

- At 4:32 into the recording, Anderson's K-9 partner begins barking and Anderson said, "Come on out! Come out now!"
- At 04:47 into the recording, Anderson's K-9 partner appeared to enter the bedroom off the kitchen and a voice could be heard saying, something to the effect of "whew" or "whoa." Knox is heard saying, "hands, hands."
- At 04:54 into the recording, Anderson said, "I heard him in there." A male voice could be heard agreeing with Anderson.
- At 04:57 into the recording, Anderson's K-9 partner again appeared to enter the same bedroom. Knox said, "That dog is going to bite you if you don't come out." Anderson's K-9 partner is not visible and is barking. A male voice is then heard saying, something to the effect of, "Move." Anderson's K-9 partner exited the bedroom once again.
- At 05:08 into the recording, Anderson's K-9 partner again appeared to attempt to enter the same bedroom, however, a door could be heard shutting and the K-9 appeared to stay outside the room, barking.
- At 05:18 into the recording, Anderson is heard asking for someone with a Taser. Knox is heard saying, "Ah, he's got a gun--"

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- At 05:53 into the recording, Anderson appeared to fire his weapon. Based on sound and what appeared to be smoke coming from the end of Anderson's firearm. *See Figure 3*.

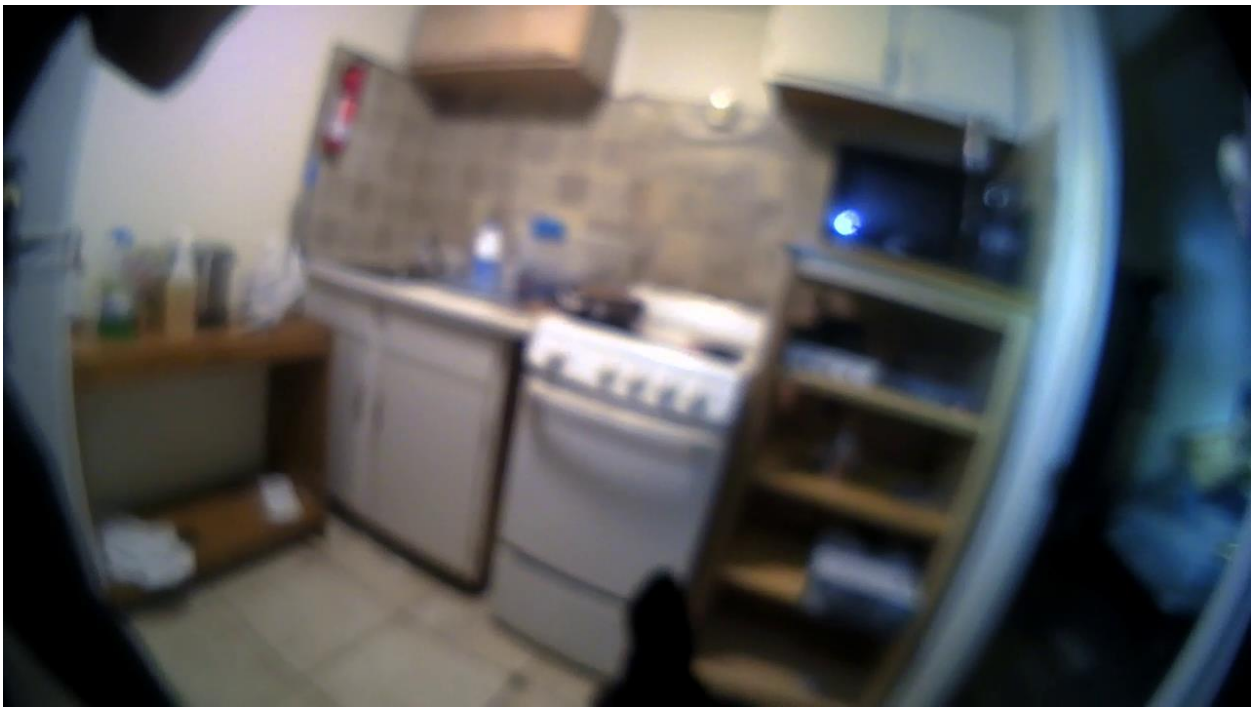


Figure 3: F10587_Appeared to be smoke come from end of Anderson's firearm.

- At 06:10 into the recording, Anderson appeared to be describing what he'd seen from Lewis. Anderson appeared to demonstrate what he'd seen, at times 06:30 and 06:40 as well. As Anderson was demonstrating, he said, "He came out like this." See CPD Ofc. Dorsey's BWC at approximately 16:35 into the recording, as well, for further.

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Chance Knox BWC-

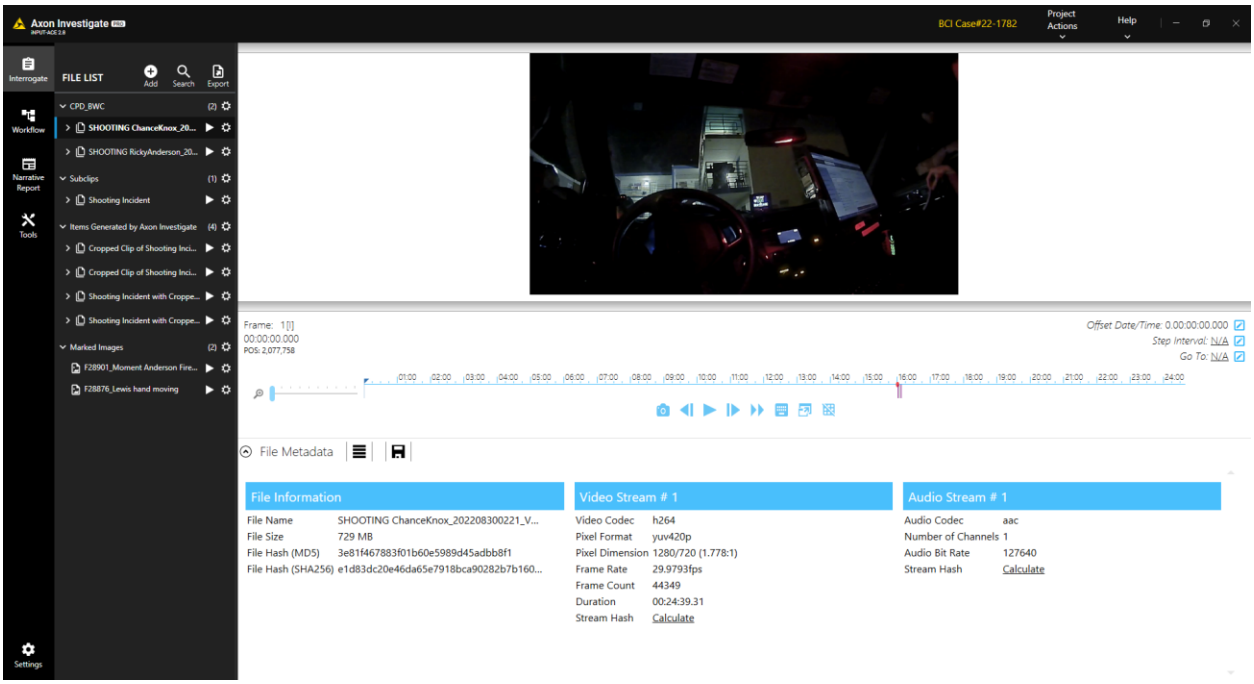


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Knox's BWC began with him seated in the driver's seat of a patrol car while another officer was sitting in the passenger seat. Further, it appeared the two officers were sitting in the parking lot or near an apartment complex. At 03:16 into the recording Knox and other officers went to Apartment letter "H." Knox first knocked without saying anything but eventually he knocked and announced several times, identifying it was the police. After some time had passed, a male came to the door and opened it. That male and another male were detained outside of the apartment. At 14:32 into the recording, Officer Anderson was seen, to Knox's right and Anderson announced his presence as stated in his BWC review. *See Figure 2*.

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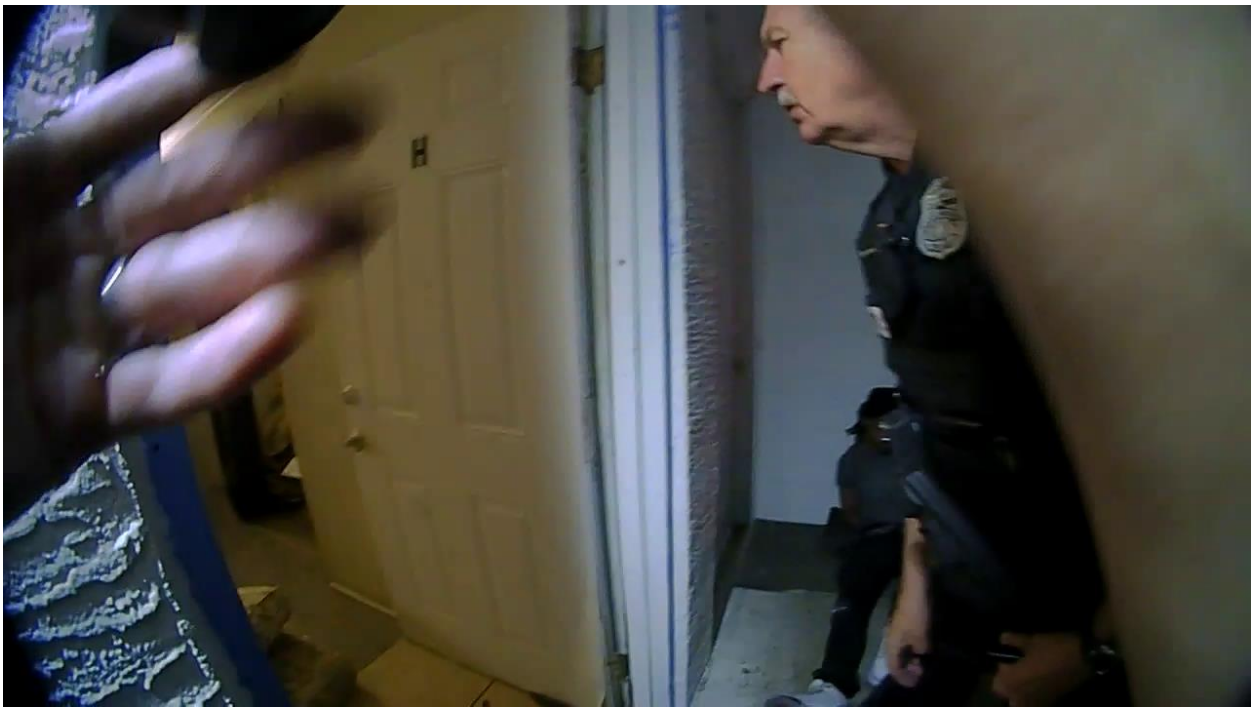


Figure 2: F26157_Anderson is viewed to Knox's right.

Most of the audible information was the same as Anderson's BWC review. However, there were times things could be heard clearer. Specifically, at 15:06 into the recording, Anderson was heard saying, "I heard him in there" and Knox stated, "yeah, there's somebody back there."

- At 15:26 into the recording, where Anderson could be heard asking for someone with a Taser. Knox was heard saying, "Ah, he's got a gun on him."
- At 16:04 into the recording, Anderson is viewed discharging his firearm. *See Figure 3.*

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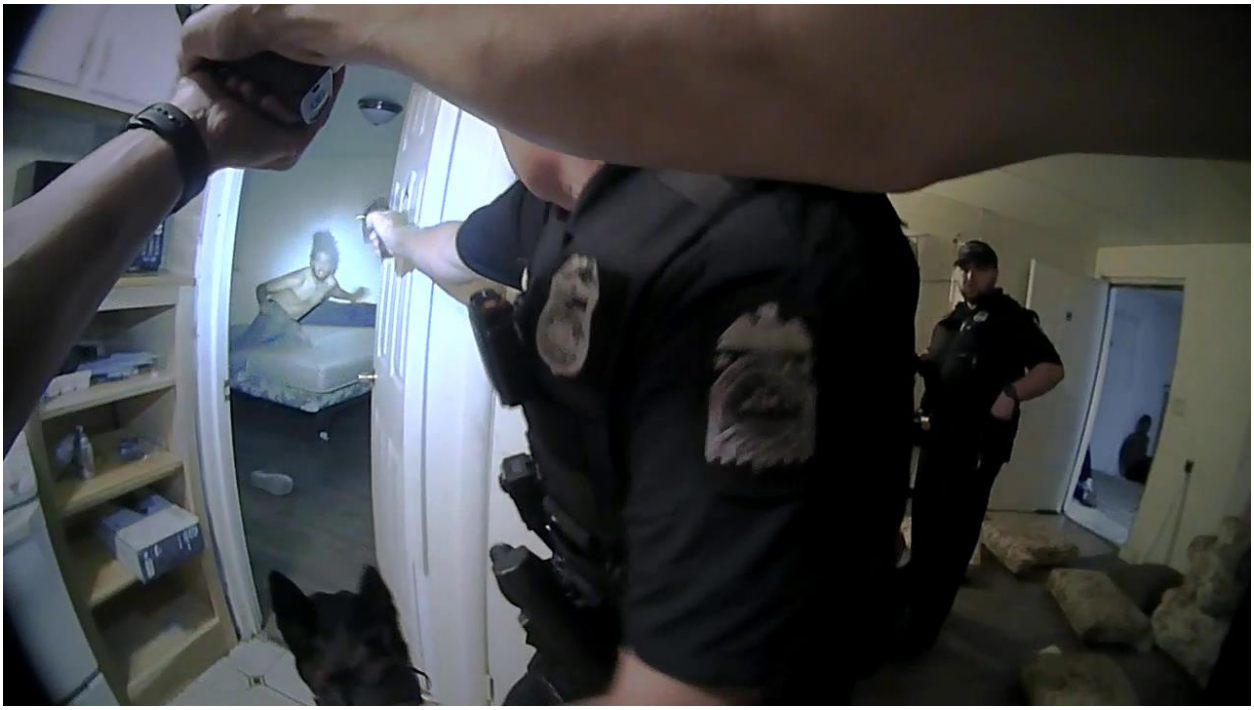


Figure 3: F28901_Moment Anderson fired his weapon.

Additional iNPUT ACE-

Utilizing iNPUT ACE, SA Collins synced Anderson and Knox's BWC, "*Anderson_Knox_Synced.mp4*". In order to do so, SA Collins identified the frame in Anderson's video where the flashlight first illuminated the bedroom Lewis was in (Anderson; F10570 at 05:52.550); SA Collins identified the frame in Knox's video where the flashlight illuminated the bedroom Lewis was in (Knox; F28885 at 16:03.486). By identifying the time difference (10:10.936; Knox longer video), SA Collins started Anderson's video at 00:00.000 and Knox's at 10:10.936. Both videos ran 08:00.007 into their respective recordings from that said starting point. Much like *Figure 3* from both Anderson and Knox's reviews above, the synced video allows the viewer to have an idea or understanding of the views respective to each of the officer's BWC. See *Figure 1* for an example related to the synced video.

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Figure 1: An example of Knox and Anderson's BWCs synced; Moment shot was fired.

SA Collins also cropped and resized video from Knox's BWC. SA Collins took screenshots of those actions, in order to create notes related to his work-product. An example of the cropped and resized video is seen in *Figure 2*.

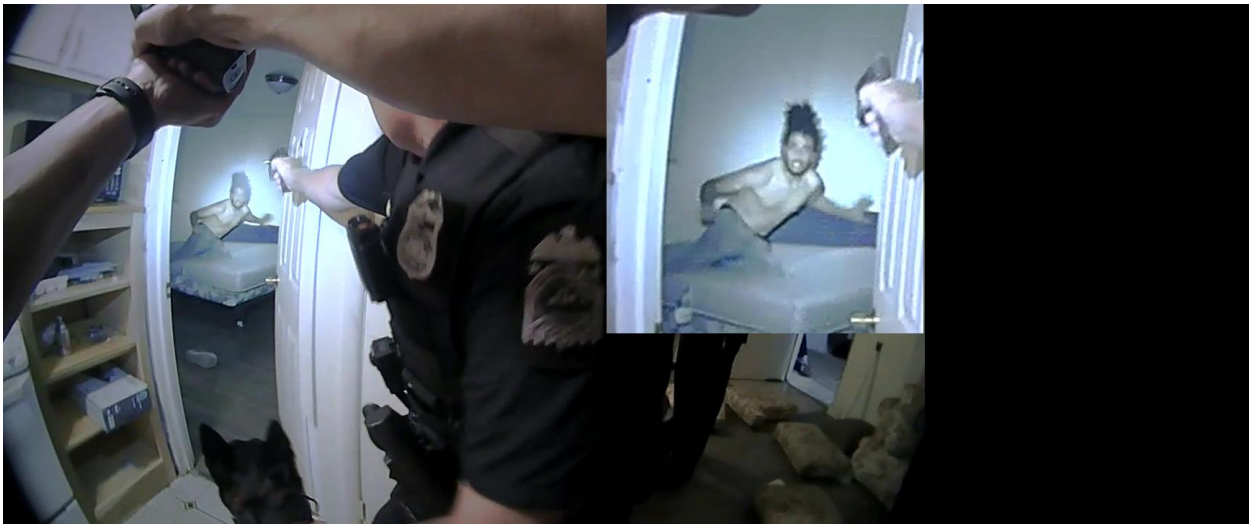


Figure 2: Moment of the shooting_Marked image from the cropped and resized video.

As mentioned before, Anderson's video quality was not clear. SA Collins submitted the video to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC). SA Collins requested OOCIC to assist in the video analyzation. Specifically, related to aspects which are outside of SA Collins' skill-set.

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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 any one particular party. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the parties involved. Video recordings can 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 thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item #2 for reference only.

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