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2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Braceville Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 11/22/2025
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher

Narrative:

On November 14, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Lamping received video footage from Braceville Police Department (BPD) that included body-worn camera (BWC) video footage captured on BWC worn by BPD [REDACTED]

SA Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) reviewed the video-recordings and noted the following:

All the videos provided appeared to have the same file name - *GH010414.MP4*. In order to differentiate between videos, numbers depicting their order were added to each file name.

GH010414.MP4 - Video 1

The video was 17 minutes and 40 seconds in length. The video began with the involved subject, John Adams (Adams), sitting on the ground with his legs forward and what appeared to be a firearm in his right hand ([REDACTED] BWC 1). Adams fluctuated from pointing the firearm at his right temple and resting the gun on his right leg; the muzzle of the gun was pointed in the direction of officers.

Multiple officers were heard in the background giving commands to Adams to drop the firearm. There were approximately 13 commands given to Adams within the first 30 seconds of the video and numerous commands throughout the duration of the video.

A white male wearing a black hoodie were observed standing facing Adams. The male appeared to be assisting officers with de-escalation efforts.

Below is a breakdown of the timestamps throughout the duration of the video:

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- 00:32 Adams said, "dude I know the tactics. Trust me, by the time you pull on me, I'm gonna already shoot myself." Adams then continued to tell officers to back up.
- 00:45 Adams was observed pointing the firearm towards his head (██████ BWC 2). He then stated, "two steps back, I'm gonna do it right now."
- Multiple people were heard in the background giving commands to Adams to stop and drop the firearm.
- 01:53 officers on scene continue to give Adams commands. Adams continued to yell at officers stating he was going to shoot himself. He could also be observed holding the firearm on his right leg with the muzzle pointed towards officers (██████ BWC 3).
- 02:11 Adams spoke to officers. The firearm remained in his right hand which was resting on his right leg. The muzzle of the gun appeared to be pointed in the direction of ██████. Adams could also be heard saying, "I shot my phone."
- 02:44 Adams was observed pointing the firearm at his head. Officers were heard saying "no" and "don't do it."
- 03:28 Adams continued to hold the firearm in his right hand. He moved the gun and rested on his right leg (still in his right hand). The muzzle of the gun appeared to be pointed in the direction of ██████.
- 03:39 Adams pointed the firearm at the right side of his head. The firearm remained in his right hand. Officers were heard repeating "don't."
- 03:56 A male was heard saying "back up" and ██████ appeared to move away from Adams. The white male wearing the black hoodie remained standing in the open area in front of Adams.
- 04:05 A deputy was observed moving towards the white male in the black hoodie. The deputy escorted the male towards a Chevy sedan that was parked nearby (██████ BWC 4).
- As the deputy escorted the white male wearing the black hoodie, Adams was heard yelling in the background "mother fucker."
- 04:38 Adams said, "I don't give a fuck about my life anymore."
- 04:47 A male was heard stating, "Watch that gun, it's pointing right at us" (██████ BWC 5).
- 05:10 Someone was heard saying, "back, back, back" and ██████ moved behind a red vehicle. While behind the red vehicle, ██████ appeared to draw her firearm and point it in a direction towards Adams.
- Officers continued to give commands to Adams to "put it down."

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- 06:57 Adams appeared to stand up from the ground. He continued to hold the firearm in his right hand with the muzzle pointed towards his right side of his head [REDACTED] BWC 6). [REDACTED] appeared to draw her firearm again.
- Additional commands were given to Adams to "put it down."
- 07:15 Someone yelled "put it down" and the deployment of a Taser was heard in the background.
- 07:16 [REDACTED] firearm was observed pointing towards Adams. She then proceeded to fire four rounds [REDACTED] BWC 7).
- Adams appeared to fall to the ground and officers were heard giving commands to "stay back."
- 07:26 The male wearing the black hoodie began walking towards Adams. A male deputy was observed holding the male back and telling him to "back up."
- 07:34 [REDACTED] approached.
- 07:38 Someone said, "Shots fired, shots fired."
- 08:09 Someone said, "He was a threat."
- 08:15 Someone said, "You can't walk up to us pointing a gun at us."
- 08:50 Two males were observed approaching Adams. They appeared to be EMTs who began rendering aid to Adams.

The remainder of the video depicted post incident management of the scene.

GH010414.MP4 - Video 2

This video was 17 minutes and 40 seconds in length. The video appeared to be recorded after the shooting incident and depicted post scene management.

- At 7:55, A male wearing a gray hoodie and leaning against a truck was observed on the camera. The male began stating that he was the caller for the incident. The male went on to describe what he observed:

The male stated that he was driving in the area and observed a male with a gun. The male stated he then pulled over in his vehicle and heard the male fire the gun three times. The male indicated that the gunshots occurred prior to police arrival and the male subject (with the firearm) was "waving the gun around."

The remainder of the video depicted scene management. Nothing relevant to the shooting incident was observed.

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GH010414.MP4 - Video 3

The video was 17 minutes and 42 seconds in length and depicted scene management after the shooting incident. Nothing relevant to the shooting incident was observed.

GH010414.MP4 - Video 4

The video was 20 minutes and 13 seconds in length and depicted scene management after the shooting incident. Nothing relevant to the shooting incident was observed.

GH010414.MP4 - Video 5

The video was 18 minutes and 18 seconds in length and depicted scene management after the shooting incident. At 14:00 a male was heard speaking about the involved subject, John Adams (Adams). The male said Adams "just drinks" and relapses often.

GH010414.MP4 - Video 6

The video was 23 minutes and 1 second in length and depicted scene management after the shooting incident. At 16:00 a sheriff's deputy asked [REDACTED] to provide a brief statement of what happened during the incident. She provided a summary of the prior call for service where Adams made threats to kill himself. The Deputy Sheriff then requested [REDACTED] to provide a detailed description of what happened during the incident. The relevant details provided by [REDACTED] appeared to be consistent with her formal statement made to agents on December 12, 2025. For additional information on [REDACTED] statement, refer to the investigative report titled *2025-12-01: Involved Officer Interview - [REDACTED]*

GH010414.MP4 - Video 7

The video was 10 minutes in length and depicted scene management after the shooting incident. Nothing relevant was observed.

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██████ BWC 7

The images in this report are for demonstrative purposes only.

The provided videos have been saved to Axon Justice as Reference Item F – Video Footage.

References:

Reference Item F – Video Footage – Braceville PD BWC – Stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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