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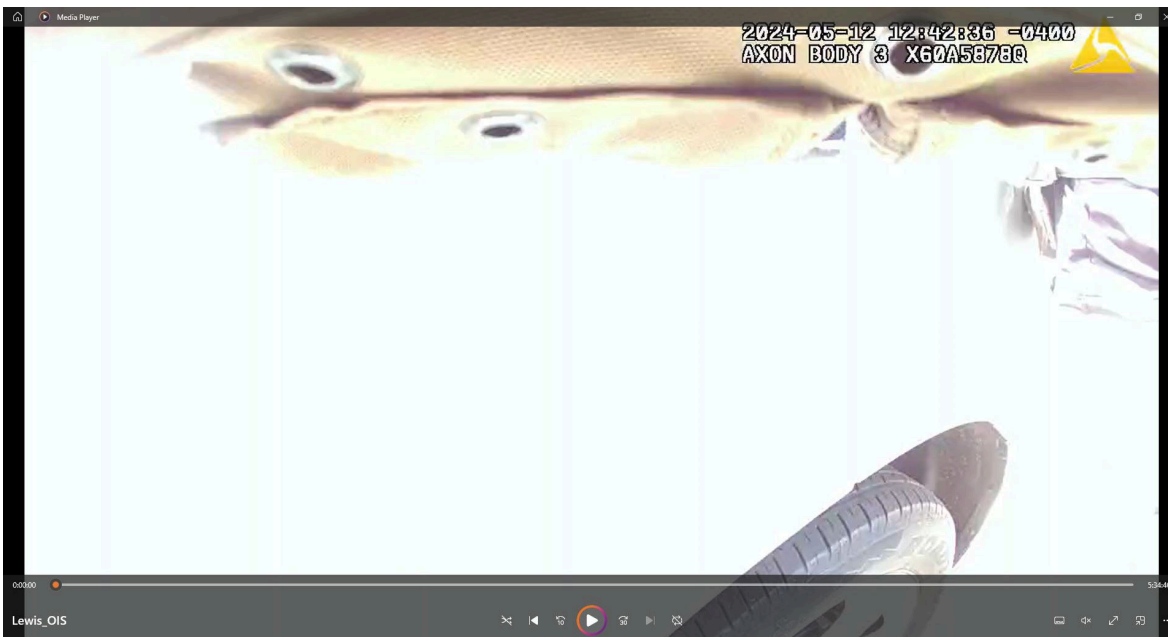
2024-1474  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16100 Van Aken Blvd.,  
Shaker Heights, OH

**Investigative Activity:** Video Review – BWC Footage  
**Involves:** Officer Christopher Lewis (O),  
Elyria Police Department (O)  
**Activity Date:** 05/13/2024  
**Activity Location:** 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

**Narrative:**

On May 13, 2024, at approximately 1207 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) received a copy of Officer Christopher Lewis' (Lewis), of the Elyria Police Department (EPD), body-worn camera footage from EPD Sergeant Richard Buckway (Buckway) via secure email.

The body-worn camera (BWC) footage for Officer Lewis was titled "Lewis\_OIS" and had a beginning time stamp of 2024-05-12 12:42:36 -0400 (Image #1). Officer Lewis' BWC footage was 5 hours, 34 minutes, and 40 seconds in duration.



(Image #1)

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It should be noted that SA Harasimchuk reviewed Officer Lewis' BWC footage in its entirety but only documented the moments immediately surrounding the time period when it is believed that [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] fired his [REDACTED] s] weapon. Additionally, it should be noted that, due to the placement of Officer Lewis' BWC during the majority of the video footage, the viewer is unable to see what Officer Lewis is able to see. Throughout the video, law enforcement officers can be heard having general discussions and discussions related to this incident.

At approximately 44 minutes and 5 seconds into Officer Lewis' BWC footage Officer Lewis' BWC is muted. Officer Lewis' BWC remained muted until approximately 1 hour, 20 minutes, and 5 seconds into the BWC footage (Time Stamp of 2024-05-12 14:02:42 - 0400). It is believed that EPD [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] fired his [REDACTED] s] first set of shots at approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes, and 45 seconds through 1 hour, 10 minutes, and 36 seconds into [REDACTED] s BWC footage. Refer to SA Harasimchuk's report titled, **Video Review - [REDACTED] - BWC**, for further details. The time period that [REDACTED] is believed to have fired during would have had an approximate time stamp of 2024-05-12 13:53:07 -0400. Officer Lewis' BWC footage was muted during this time period. The view from Officer Lewis BWC during this time period can be seen in Image #2.



(Image #2)

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██████████ is believed to have fired his ██████████ s] firearm again at approximately 3 hours, 58 minutes, and 20 seconds into ██████████ s BWC footage. Refer to SA Harasimchuk's report titled, **Video Review - ██████████ - BWC**, for further details. This time period would have had an approximate time stamp of 2024-05-12 16:40:43 -0400. During this time period, several loud noises and/or percussive sounds can then be heard. It is unknown if these sounds are other gunshots, less lethal munitions being fired, or another sound altogether. The view from Officer Lewis BWC during this time period can be seen in Image #3.



(Image #3)

An Axon Evidence Audit Trail form was also given to SA Harasimchuk by Sergeant Buckway. This audit trail was added as an attachment to this report. Refer to this attachment for further details.

**References:**

Item C - USB Thumb drive - Elyria PD BWC Footage - ██████████ and Lewis

**Attachments:**

1. BWC Footage - Officer Lewis Image #1

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2. BWC Footage - Officer Lewis Image #2
3. BWC Footage - Officer Lewis Image #3
4. Axon Evidence Audit Trail - Elyria Police Department - Officer Christopher Lewis

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2024-05-12 12:42:36 -0400  
AXON BODY 3 X60A5878Q



0:00:00

5:36:40

Lewis\_OIS



2024-05-12 13:53:09 -0400  
AXON BODY 3 X60A5878Q



1:10:32 4:24:08

Lewis\_OIS



2024-05-12 16:40:43 -0400  
AXON BODY 3 X60A5878Q



3:58:06

1:36:34

Lewis\_OIS





# Elyria Police Department - OH



## ELYRIA, OH, US

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Audit Trail Date Range: 12 May 2024 - 13 May 2024

### EVIDENCE AUDIT TRAIL

Evidence		Source	
Evidence ID	██████████	Device Type	<b>Axon Body 3</b>
Categories	<b>Use of Force Homicide/Death Investigation Officer Involved Shooting</b>	Device Name	<b>X60A5878Q</b>
Title	<b>Lewis OIS</b>	Serial Number	<b>X60A5878Q</b>
		Other	
Document Checksum	<b>Sha2- 2621f95dda38e78487afede5e990789d1890180625d478877ef01 c015de4fa19</b>		
Record Start	<b>12 May 2024 12:42:48</b>		
Uploaded	<b>12 May 2024 23:05:11</b>		
Uploader	<b>Ptl Lewis, Christopher (Badge ID: EL188)</b>		
Unique ID	<b>60E9FF4AD2084491823DB3D7E581732E</b>		
		<b>Usage</b>	
		Page views	<b>1</b>
		File downloads	
		Video playbacks	
		Last Viewed Or Downloaded On	<b>13 May 2024 12:06:30</b>

#	Date	Time	User	Activity
1	12 May 2024	12:42:48 (-04:00)	System	Recording started due to button press Pre-event audio recording: Disabled Video mask: Disabled
2	12 May 2024	12:44:18 (-04:00)	<b>Ptl Lewis, Christopher (Badge ID: EL188)</b> Username: clewis@cityofelyria.org User ID: ██████████	Evidence title added: 'Axon Body 3 Video 2024-05-12 1242 X60A5878Q'
3	12 May 2024	12:44:18 (-04:00)	System	Evidence Record Created
4	12 May 2024	12:44:18 (-04:00)	System	Evidence Record Created in Recording status. Video not uploaded.
5	12 May 2024	18:17:17 (-04:00)	System	Recording stopped due to button press
6	12 May 2024	18:17:31 (-04:00)	System	Audio track upload started over LTE connection
7	12 May 2024	21:24:37 (-04:00)	System	Evidence upload started when camera was docked
8	12 May 2024	23:05:10 (-04:00)	System	Marker Added
9	12 May 2024	23:05:10 (-04:00)	System	Marker Added
10	12 May 2024	23:05:10 (-04:00)	System	Evidence Uploaded with Checksum. Computed Checksum: TREE-1024k 0ec8ae304255597d00339c9204f605811f3408ceda3ac0 ea7173400b1b9298d11
11	12 May 2024	23:05:10 (-04:00)	System	Evidence Authenticity Validated. Device Serial Number: X60A5878Q
12	12 May 2024	23:05:10 (-04:00)	System	Auto-Transcribe Request Received. Client IP Address: N/A



#	Date	Time	User	Activity
13	12 May 2024	23:05:12 (-04:00)	<b>Ptl Lewis, Christopher (Badge ID: EL188)</b> Username: clewis@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Retention Level Updated Update source is Uncategorized Retention Deletion is now scheduled for 12 May 2025 12:42:48 (-04:00)
14	12 May 2024	23:05:12 (-04:00)	<b>System</b>	Evidence successfully uploaded when camera was docked
15	12 May 2024	23:05:12 (-04:00)	<b>System</b>	System Detected Incorrect Recorded Duration Recorded duration changed from 20080.759 to 20080.76.
16	12 May 2024	23:05:16 (-04:00)	<b>System</b>	Evidence automatically deleted from device after successful upload when docked
17	12 May 2024	23:07:24 (-04:00)	<b>System</b>	Evidence Checksum Recomputed.  Computed Checksums: TREE-1024k 0ec8ae3042555597d00339c9204f605811f3408ceda3ac0ea7173400b1b9298d11 SHA-256 2621f95dda38e78487afede5e990789d1890180625d478877ef01c015de4fa19
18	12 May 2024	23:09:33 (-04:00)	<b>System</b>	Auto-Transcript Created. Client IP Address: N/A
19	13 May 2024	10:44:02 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Evidence Record Accessed. Client IP Address: 76.190.58.130
20	13 May 2024	10:44:03 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Media File Buffered by System at Page Load. Client IP 76.190.58.130
21	13 May 2024	10:44:03 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Evidence Transcript Accessed. Client IP Address: 76.190.58.130
22	13 May 2024	10:44:35 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Evidence title updated from 'Axon Body 3 Video 2024-05-12 1242 X60A5878Q' to 'Lewis OIS'
23	13 May 2024	10:44:35 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	External ID [REDACTED] added
24	13 May 2024	10:44:54 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Category 'Homicide/Death Investigation' Added
25	13 May 2024	10:44:55 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Retention Level Updated Deletion is no longer scheduled Source of update is Category Homicide/Death Investigation
26	13 May 2024	10:44:55 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Category 'Officer Involved Shooting' Added
27	13 May 2024	10:44:55 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Evidence access class changed to Confidential.
28	13 May 2024	10:44:55 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243) was granted Role-based access. Access expires: no expiration
29	13 May 2024	10:44:56 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Category 'Use of Force' Added
30	13 May 2024	10:46:25 (-04:00)	<b>Chief Pelko, William (Badge ID: EL243)</b> Username: pelko@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	Evidence Record Added to Case [REDACTED]
31	13 May 2024	11:57:39 (-04:00)	<b>Sgt Buckway, Richard (Badge ID: EL049)</b> Username: buckway@cityofelyria.org User ID: [REDACTED]	External ID Updated from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]