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2024-1513

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6382 Georges Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 43110 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Worn Camera & Dash Camera Video Review

Involves: [REDACTED] Officer Ryan Cale #3326, Officer Brady Thomas #3361 & [REDACTED]

Activity Date: 05/29/2024

Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Office

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Thursday, May 16, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) received video footage from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Sergeant Terry McConnell. SA Holcomb was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the CPD [REDACTED] CPD Officer Ryan Cale (Ofc. Cale), CPD Officer Brady Thomas (Ofc. Thomas) and CPD [REDACTED].

SA Holcomb documented the portions of the audio/video he believed to be the most relevant in obtaining facts necessary to provide an understanding of the events that took place during the incident. SA Holcomb documented what he believed each subject was saying. For both these reasons mentioned, the reader is encouraged to review the video in its entirety. SA Holcomb utilized their respective names for clarity purposes.

Axon Body 3 Video 2024-05-16 0404 X60A7143T - [REDACTED]

The video starts with [REDACTED] standing near a gas station parking lot near Refugee Road and Gender Road talking to other CPD officers and detectives. An officer is heard saying that there is a '33' [firearm] run and that a '47A' [suicide attempt] had a gun to his head. An officer is heard saying it was at Georges Creek. [REDACTED] then walks to his patrol car, [REDACTED].

At 01:54 into the recording, [REDACTED] can be heard radioing to dispatch that he was clear and could be added to the run. The vehicles emergency lights were then activated and [REDACTED] retrieved his patrol rifle and started driving.

At 04:24, [REDACTED] radioed if they were ready to go in and another officer confirmed. He radioed that three cars were pulling up. [REDACTED] then gets out of his vehicle,

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with his rifle drawn, and walks westbound while he was up against the front of the apartments.

At 05:25 into the recording, [REDACTED] can be heard saying that he is going to check the back. He said that he didn't see anyone and then a voice was heard. [REDACTED] then repositions to behind a car that is parked.

At 06:13 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas can be heard giving Rafael Warfield (Warfield) commands to come out with his hands up and that they don't want to hurt him. Yelling is heard in the background. [REDACTED] then says, "He's just banging on the backdoor." Additional commands are given.

At 06:54 into the recording, [REDACTED] discharges his rifle. He then radios, "[REDACTED] shots fired." [REDACTED] says that he can't see anything due to the smoke. Additional commands are yelled by CPD. *Agent note: Warfield was never seen on camera leading up to shots being fired or during shots being fired.*



(06:54 into the recording: [REDACTED] BWC view when discharging his rifle)

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At 07:24 into the recording, [REDACTED] moves positions to behind a dumpster. Once he gets to a new position, he yells that Warfield might be on the ground. At 08:16 into the recording, [REDACTED] and other CPD officers approach Warfield while giving commands to not move. [REDACTED] approaches Warfield and kicks a firearm away from him. Warfield is heard breathing; he is then handcuffed. First aid is then administered to Warfield.



(08:31 into the recording: [REDACTED] view of Warfield on the ground)

At 09:56 into the recording, CPD officers kick down the backdoor, yell “Columbus Police” and clear the residence. At 10:43 into the recording, [REDACTED] then begins to walk away from the scene and advises officers where he shot, and that crime scene tape needs to be placed. [REDACTED] is then seen placing his rifle in his patrol car. He was then instructed to turn off his body worn camera (BWC).

PERSON WITH A GUN 2024-05-16 CALE 3326 - 1 - (Ofc. Ryan Cale BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. Cale sitting in the police car and instructs other officers nearby that a 33 [firearm] call just came in and that a male is threatening people inside the house and himself.

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PERSON WITH A GUN 2024-05-16 CALE 3326 – 2 – (Ofc. Ryan Cale BWC)

The video starts with Ofc. Cale sitting in the front passenger seat and driving to the scene in vehicle PTV 208. Ofc. Cale reads the run information from the MDT. At 01:34, ██████████ is heard over the radio asking if officers were ready to go in; Ofc. Cale confirmed.

At 02:00 into the recording, Ofc. Cale arrives on scene and draws his duty pistol. Ofc. Cale begins walking towards the dispatched address. At 03:20 into the recording, Ofc. Cale takes position on the corner of the apartment building and commands can be heard. At 03:58, an officer asks ██████████ if he can see anything in his [Warfield] hand. ██████████ responds that he can't tell.

At 04:04 into the recording, gunshots are heard. Additional commands are heard being given to Warfield. At 04:35 into the recording, Ofc. Cale takes position near the front of the apartment building. At 05:52 into the recording, radio traffic can be heard saying that a male had a gunshot wound that was self-inflicted. Ofc. Cale then proceeds to the rear of the apartment building. Officers then make entry into the apartment. Ofc. Cale then secures the two females that were in the apartment building.

At 10:16 into the recording, Ofc. Cale is taking Erykah King (King), who was located in the apartment, to a police cruiser. King begins to break down and starts yelling. Ofc. Cale attempts to place King in handcuffs, and she begins to resist. King is eventually placed in the back of a police cruiser. Ofc. Cale then turns off his BWC.

PERSON WITH A GUN 2024-05-16 THOMAS 3361 – 1 – (Ofc. Brady Thomas BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. Thomas sitting in his vehicle. At 01:05 into the recording, he informs other officers of a 33 [firearm] call. He then begins driving to the scene.

PERSON WITH A GUN 2024-05-16 THOMAS 3361- 2 – (Ofc. Brady Thomas BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. Thomas driving to the scene with Ofc. Cale in the passenger seat. Officers are heard talking about where the scene is located at and what the male, Warfield, is wearing. At 01:00 into the recording, ██████████ is heard over the radio asking if officers are ready to go in.

At 01:17 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas arrived on scene and drew his duty handgun. Ofc. Thomas followed ██████████ to the rear of the apartment building. At 02:29 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas and ██████████ take position on the back corner of the apartment building. ██████████ then moves to take position behind a vehicle.

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At 02:47 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas can be heard yelling, "Hey Rafael, it's Columbus Police man, can you come out with your hands up? Can you come out with your hands up? Can you come out with your hands up?" Ofc. Thomas continues to give the same commands. At 03:20 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas asks [REDACTED] if he can see anything and asks if he can see anything in his hand. More commands are given.

At 03:30 into the recording gunshots are heard. Ofc. Thomas gives additional commands to Warfield. Ofc. Thomas talks with [REDACTED] to get more information on where Warfield is at. At 04:44 into the recording, Ofc. Thomas begins to move towards Warfield. [REDACTED] is seen kicking away the firearm. Ofc. Thomas puts on gloves and provides first aid to Warfield. He then assists in clearing the residence.



(03:30 into the recording: Ofc. Thomas' view when shots are heard)

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PERSON WITH A GUN 2024-05-16 [REDACTED]

The video begins with [REDACTED] standing near an intersection with other fellow officers and detectives. At 01:08 into the recording, officers are made aware of the run. [REDACTED] gets in his cruiser, [REDACTED]. He begins driving towards the scene.

At 04:47 into the recording, [REDACTED] arrives on scene and begins walking toward the dispatched address with Ofc. Thomas and [REDACTED]. He is in the rear of the apartment building. At 06:11 into the recording, [REDACTED] can be seen moving position to behind a vehicle and commands from Ofc. Thomas is heard.

At 06:20 into the recording, [REDACTED] positions behind a white vehicle and tells a civilian, that was behind him, to go inside. At 06:58 into the recording, gunshots can be heard. Additional commands can be heard and [REDACTED] tells the civilians behind him to go back inside.



(06:58 into the recording [REDACTED] view when shots were heard. Ofc. Cale & Ofc. Thomas seen over top of the windshield)

At 07:48 into the recording, [REDACTED] positions behind a dumpster and then approaches Warfield. Officers then contact Warfield. At 08:42 into the recording, [REDACTED]

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■■■■■ airs, ■■■■, male gunshot wound, self-inflicted". First aid is seen being performed on Warfield.

■■■■■ then assists in clearing the residence. He then goes back out back and observes first aid. At 17:42 into the recording, medics are seen arriving on scene. ■■■■ then assists in taping off the scene.

At 19:17 into the recording, ■■■■ contacts a civilian who mentioned two to three boys who she saw running after she saw shots fired. At 27:28 into the recording, CFD medics can be seen leaving the scene. ■■■■ is then instructed to turn off his BWC.

Dash Camera Review

SA Holcomb reviewed the involved officer's dash camera video. None of the cameras captured any of the shooting due to being parked near the intersection and not by the scene.

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 CPD BWC and Dash Camera Video footage has been placed in Evidence.com under 'BCI2024-1513 - 6382 George Creek Drive / PIS 2024-0005'.

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References:

A - Columbus PD BWC & Dash Cam Video (located on Evidence.com)

Attachments:

None

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