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2023-3223

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE, Canton, OH 44707



Investigative Activity: Video Review - CPD Ofc. Scott Wohlheter

Activity Date: 2/1/2024

Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from BCI SA Al Bansky. SA Bansky was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Canton Police Department (CPD).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

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This video is 2 hours, 50 minutes, and 38 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Scott Wohlheter (Wohlheter). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:08:26.

The video begins showing the inside of a building. At 22:08:36, Wohlheter stands up, proceeds outside, and gets in the passenger side of a marked police cruiser. At 22:08:57, sound can now be heard. The vehicle drives with emergency lights and siren activated. At 22:10:30, Wohlheter begins to exit the vehicle. As Wohlheter proceeds toward the shooting scene, Ofc. Garrett Marino (Marino) and Ofc. Anthony Loparo (Loparo) can be seen standing near Zachary Fornash (Fornash). Fornash is lying on the ground. See screenshot below.

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Officers approach Fornash. At 22:10:38, Loparo says "Gun's out." At 22:10:44, Loparo says "It's a BB gun, it's fake." Officers then provide aid to Fornash. At 22:16:27, Wohlheter's camera raises to capture video of the ambulance on the street. At approximately 22:18:47, Fornash is loaded into the ambulance. Wohlheter remains on scene and assists with crime scene tape and scene security. From 22:25:14 to 22:25:19 and from 22:25:42 to 22:25:50 the sound becomes muted. At 22:26:59, Ofc. Zachary Coblentz can be seen retrieving a medic bag from the area where Fornash was previously treated. See screenshot below.

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From 22:30:00 to the end of the video at 00:59:05, SA Lieber spot checked this portion of the video. It should be noted that the scene had been secured and Fornash has been removed from the scene.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item B for reference only.

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