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2021-1431

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5714 South Park Boulevard, Parma, OH 44134



Investigative Activity: Body Camera Video Review

Activity Date: June 13 & 14, 2021

Activity Location: 5714 South Park Boulevard, Parma, Ohio

Authoring Agent: SA Jared Prill #137

As part of the investigation into the events that occurred on June 13 & 14, at 5714 South Park Boulevard in Parma, Ohio, Special Agent (SA) Jared Prill (Prill) reviewed the body camera of Officer Nicolas Schuld (Schuld), #587, K9 handler. Schuld is stationed on the perimeter of the secured scene at the intersection of Hearthstone and South Park. This location is approximately 225 feet away from the residence of 5714 South Park Boulevard, the known home of Kevin Giesel (Giesel).

Disc #1 of 7:

(June 13, 2021) Start Time of 20:37:15 End Time 21:17:50

- At approximately 2043 hours, negotiations can be heard over a loud speaker attempting to establish communications with Giesel. This occurs for several minutes and is done at random throughout the recording. An extremely loud siren is also utilized during this encounter.
- At approximately 21:13 hours, an armored personnel carrier comes off of the line to the perimeter location. The SWAT team members are observed changing out equipment on the truck at this time.

Disc #2 of 7:

(June 13, 2021) Start time of 22:36:43 End time of 23:11:09

- At approximately 22:45 hours, officers on scene are clearly heard issuing commands over a loud speaker. These commands advised Giesel of police presence and that there was a warrant for his arrest. Officers could be heard stating that Giesel needed to exit the front door of the residence with his hands above his head. These commands continue for several repetitions.
- At approximately 2249 hours, glass can clearly be heard breaking at Giesel's residence. It is believed from the investigation that this was the porting of the front window with the armored personnel carrier.

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- At approximately 21:51:41 and 22:52:41 hours, a loud bang can be heard. It is believed from the investigation that this was the deployment of OC/CS gas.
- At 22:56 hours, an officer can be heard issuing commands over a loud speaker advising Giesel that there was a warrant for his arrest and that he needed to exit the residence with his hands above his head. These commands are repeated multiple times.
- At approximately 23:06:39 and 23:07:53 hours, additional loud bangs are heard. It is believed from the investigation that this was the deployment of additional CS/OC gas into Giesel's residence.

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(June 13, 2021) Start time 23:11:10 End time of 23:39:15

- At approximately 23:13:28 hours, a loud bang can be heard on the recording. From the investigation, it is believed to be the deployment OC/CS gas into Giesel's residence.
- At approximately 23:20 hours, officers again can be heard over a loud speaker issuing commands to Giesel to surrender to law enforcement. These commands are repeated multiple times and inform Giesel that it is the police outside his residence and that they have a warrant for his arrest. They then instruct Giesel to exit the front door of the home with his hands above his head.
- At approximately 23:34 hours, Schuld opens up the intersection of Hearthstone and South Park Boulevard to allow an armored personnel carrier to pass by that had been stationed in front of Giesel's residence. The personnel carrier instead travels toward Lucerne.

Disc #4 of 7:

(June 13 & 14, 2021) Start time 23:39:15 End time 00:09:04

- At approximately 23:48 hours, an armored personnel carrier approaches Giesel's residence from the intersection of Lucerne Avenue and South Park Boulevard. This vehicle travels to the front of Giesel's residence and ports the front door of the home.
- At approximately 00:08 hours, an armored personnel carrier is observed departing from Giesel's residence and leaving the perimeter by Schuld.



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Disc #5 of 7:

(June 14, 2021) Start time 01:22:53 End time 01:51:04

- At approximately 01:27:44, 01:27:53, 01:27:54 and 01:27:57 hours, popping sounds can be heard coming from the area of Giesel's residence. It is unknown what these were.
- At approximately 01:29 hours, officers are heard on an intercom system attempting to get Giesel to surrender. These commands are repeated multiple times for several minutes.
- At approximately 01:42:24 to 01:43:05 hours, a series of popping noises can be heard from the area of Giesel's residence. It is unknown what these sounds were; from the investigation, it is known that Pepperball® products were deployed during the early morning hours. Another volley of these pops could be heard at approximately 01:44:00 hours.
- At approximately 01:47 hours, an officer can be heard over a loud speaker attempting to get Giesel to surrender.

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(June 14, 2021) Start time 01:51:05 End time of 02:47:00

- At approximately 01:54:46 and 01:56:56 hours, a loud bang can be heard near Giesel's residence. It is believed, from radio conversations heard prior to these times, this was the deployment of OC/CS munitions into the back of Giesel's residence.
- At approximately 01:59 hours, an armored personnel carrier can be seen passing Schuld's position to change out equipment on the vehicle.
- At approximately 02:04:37 and 02:04:51 hours, two loud bangs can be heard from the vicinity of Giesel's residence. Schuld then approaches a crowd outside the perimeter; telling them the sounds are Giesel discharging a firearm and asked them to move to a safe location.
- At approximately 02:05:25, 02:05:43 and 02:05:55 hours, additional gunshots can be heard.
- More gunshots can be heard between 02:06:28 through 02:06:57 hours.
- At approximately 02:10:00, 02:10:12, 02:10:16, 02:10:17, 02:10:18 and 02:10:24 hours, more gunshots are heard coming from Giesel's residence.
- At approximately 02:10:57 hours, a volley gunfire is heard on the recording and a second volley is heard at approximately 02:11:02 hours. It is believed from the investigation that this is the final exchange of gunfire between Giesel and SWAT officers.

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- At approximately 02:24 hours, an armored personnel carrier is observed re-entering the scene. Shortly after this vehicle enters the scene and approaches the residence, the sound of board breaking can be heard. It is believed that this vehicle is used to port a larger hole in the front of 5714 South Park to gain a visual observation of Giesel.

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(June 14, 2021) Start time 02:54:10 End time 02:55:54

- At approximately 0254 hours, Schuld is observed inside the residence of 5714 South Park Boulevard. Giesel is observed lying face down on of the floor with blood around his body. Two medics are observed to have Giesel hooked up to an EKG machine. The video ends at 02:55:24 hours.