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2024-1837

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 223 Durling Dr.,
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

Investigative Activity: Video Review; Body-Worn Camera Review; Amped Replay Used

Involves: Officer Cody Seiler (W)

Activity Date: 09/19/2024

Activity Location: BCI - 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286

Authoring Agent: SAS Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On September 19, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran began reviewing a body-worn camera (BWC) video file for this case.

SAS Moran located one BWC video file on the SIU shared drive in the Reference Item A folder for Wadsworth Police Department (WPD) Officer Cody Seiler. It was labeled:

1. 34 BWC -WN61B10264_837_06182024210320

SAS Moran made a working copy of the video and placed it in a folder. The working copy of the video was used for the review.

SAS Moran imported the video into Amped Replay for review.

Review of Video File Labeled, "34 BWC -WN61B10264_837_06182024210320"

SAS Moran reviewed the video file labeled, "34 BWC - WN61B10264_837_06182024210320" and noted the following:

- The BWC was affixed to Officer Seiler.
- The video-embedded timestamp date was 06/18/2024.
- The video-embedded timestamp start time was 09:03:20 PM.
- The video-embedded timestamp end time was 09:25:47 PM.

The following frames were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay and the activity and content were noted:

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Frame	0
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:03:20 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler was driving his police vehicle.

Frame	2975
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:04:59 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler parked his police vehicle, opened the trunk, and obtained his rifle.

Note: Seiler parked his police vehicle on High Street near Durling Drive. Seiler ran south on Durling Drive. Other WPD officers were in front of him and they were also running south.

Frame	9243
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:08:28 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler approached the front of the residence located at 223 Durling Drive.

Frame	10219
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:00 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler continued moving forward, but the BWC filed-of-view was blocked by the position of his rifle. A male's voice was heard asking and then saying, "What's wrong today? Hey! Hey! Don't. Don't. Don't. Put it down."

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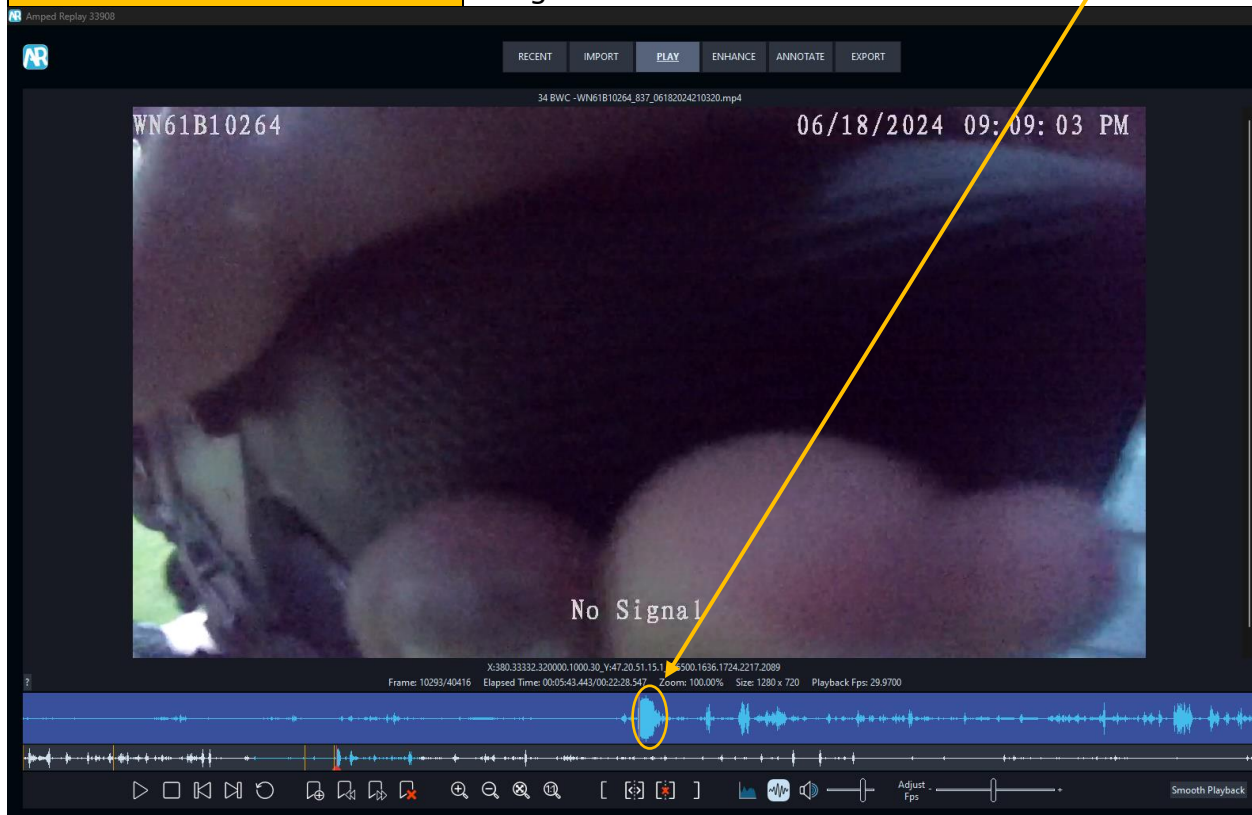


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Frame	10293
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:03 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler was almost still, but the BWC field-of-view was blocked by the position of his rifle. Multiple loud cracking sounds were heard in rapid succession (possibly gunshots). The audio stream recorded the sounds, but each loud cracking sound (possible gunshot) was indistinguishable (likely due to volume, rapid succession, BWC audio microphone capabilities, etc.). The sounds were observed on the audio waveform bar in Amped Replay as a large spike. See image below.



Source: Snipping Tool - Amped Replay Interface Frame 10293

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Frame	10354
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:05 PM
Activity/Notes	The loud cracking sounds (possible gunshots) subsided and a male's voice was heard saying, "Cease fire!" Seiler's BWC showed [REDACTED] near the northwest corner of the residence.

Frame	10597
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:13 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler and [REDACTED] approached the male subject, Shannon Sloan (Sloan), who was lying on the grass, face down, next to a chair. [REDACTED] was standing on the roof of the residence.

Frame	10652
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:15 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler and [REDACTED] approached Sloan. [REDACTED] began reaching toward the ground with his left hand. There was a darker colored object on the ground near Sloan's left knee. The video and image were not clear.

Frame	10937
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:24 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler leaned down toward Sloan. [REDACTED] radioed for an ambulance due to Sloan having "multiple gunshot wounds to the chest." The darker colored object that [REDACTED] previously moved was in the grass (visible near Seiler's left shin in this frame), but the video and image were not clear.

Frame	11134
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:31 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler and another officer began handcuffing Sloan. [REDACTED] moved to the area where the darker colored object was located and said, "I got the gun." Seiler right knee blocked the view of [REDACTED] s location.

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Frame	11194
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:33 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler and the other officer continued handcuffing Sloan. ██████ said, "Unloading it."

Frame	11467
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:09:42 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler and the other officer finished handcuffing Sloan. Blood was observed on Sloan's left side and left arm. ██████ said, "It's right here. Hey. Round out of the chamber. I don't have a bodycam on. Everybody's on?" An officer replied, "Yes."

Frame	12470
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:10:16 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler rolled Sloan onto his left side and checked for additional weapons. Sloan made groaning sounds but did not say anything. The officers began rendering medical aid to Sloan. A black shoulder holster was observed on Sloan's upper left side.

Frame	12833
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:10:16 PM
Activity/Notes	██████ instructed an officer to remove one of the handcuffs from Sloan since he did not have any additional weapons. An officer removed one of the handcuffs from Sloan.

Frame	13151
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:10:38 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler began removing extra ammunition magazines that were in a shoulder holster on Sloan's right upper side.

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Frame	15749
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:12:05 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler provided his rifle to another officer after [REDACTED] instructed officers to "secure" their weapons. Multiple officers were rendering medical aid to Sloan.

Frame	16512
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:12:30 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler moved to the north side of the residence and then began moving toward backyard. The officer that Seiler provided his rifle to was observed walking toward Durling Drive. Another officer had three rifles in his hands and he was observed walking toward Durling Drive.

Frame	16746
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:12:38 PM
Activity/Notes	A paramedic arrived at the scene as multiple officers continued rendering medical aid to Sloan.

Frame	18672
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:13:43 PM
Activity/Notes	Multiple officers continued rendering medical aid to Sloan. A person (likely [REDACTED]) said, "He did not fire a shot. We're all ok."

Note: Seiler and other officers cleared the interior of the residence located at 223 Durling Drive.

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Frame	30792
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:20:27 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler approached the northeast corner of the residence. [REDACTED] appeared to be speaking with WPD Chief Chafin. SAS Moran did not review this portion of the video by using the scrub bar with no audio.

Frame	31492
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:20:51 PM
Activity/Notes	Seiler walked away from [REDACTED] and Chief Chafin. SAS Moran began reviewing the video again.

Note: Seiler obtained crime scene tape from the trunk of a cruiser. Seiler met with Wadsworth EMS to clean his hands, but they did not have enough saline solution.

Frame	37092
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:23:57 PM
Activity/Notes	A WPD sergeant asked Seiler a “public service (safety) statement (question)” regarding if Seiler fired any shots. Seiler replied, “No shots fired.”

Frame	40234
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:25:42 PM
Activity/Notes	Chief Chafin approached Seiler and informed him to turn off his BWC since there was no further investigative steps, scene processing, nor evidence collection to be performed.

Frame	40416
Video-Embedded Timestamp	06/18/2024 09:25:47 PM
Activity/Notes	This was the last frame of the video file.

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All of the frames referenced above (except for frame 40416) were bookmarked as images in Amped Replay. The bookmarked images were exported to the "Derivatives and Report" folder in Reference Item A.

An Amped Replay report was generated for the video review and the bookmarked images. It was exported to the "Derivatives and Report" folder in Reference Item A. Please refer to that report for further details.

The Amped Replay project file was placed in the "Working Copy" folder in Reference Item A.

All of the above-mentioned files were placed in a folder labeled, "Amped Replay Review - 24-1837 REF Item A - Seiler, Cody BWC Video" and were copied to a DVD. The DVD was included in Reference Item A in the physical BCI case file.

References:

REF ITEM A - DVD Containing Amped Replay Project, Derivatives, and Report

Attachments:

None

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