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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus,
OH 43207

Investigative Activity: Surveillance Video Review

Activity Date: 8/9/2023

Activity Location: Waffle House located at 3960 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio and
Deible's Hardwood Floors located at 4000 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Thursday, August 10, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) received video footage from Waffle House located at 3960 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43207, and Deible's Hardwood Floors located at 4000 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207. SA Holcomb was informed that the videos contained footage from the surveillance cameras recorded by the Waffle House and Deible's.

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.

It is important to note neither of the below videos from Waffle House or Deible's capture or otherwise do not have a view of the shooting incident involving CPD.

Waffle House Cameras

SA Holcomb used the following cameras provided by Waffle House:

CCTV1680_ExteriorStret 00_20230809063954.mp4

CCTV1980_FrontPorch_9_20230809063954.mp4

CCTV1680_ParkingFront 54_20230809063954.mp4

CCTV1680_ParkingRear 4_20230809063954.mp4

CCTV1680_RearParking 0_20230809064000.mp4

SA Holcomb was able to identify Austin Huntzinger (Huntzinger) and his girlfriend, Xayla Scheurell (Scheurell), by the clothing they were wearing. SA Holcomb utilized their respective names for clarity purposes.

SA Holcomb received the video footage through a Dropbox link that Waffle House provided. Waffle House provided five different camera positions, all located on the front of the store. The

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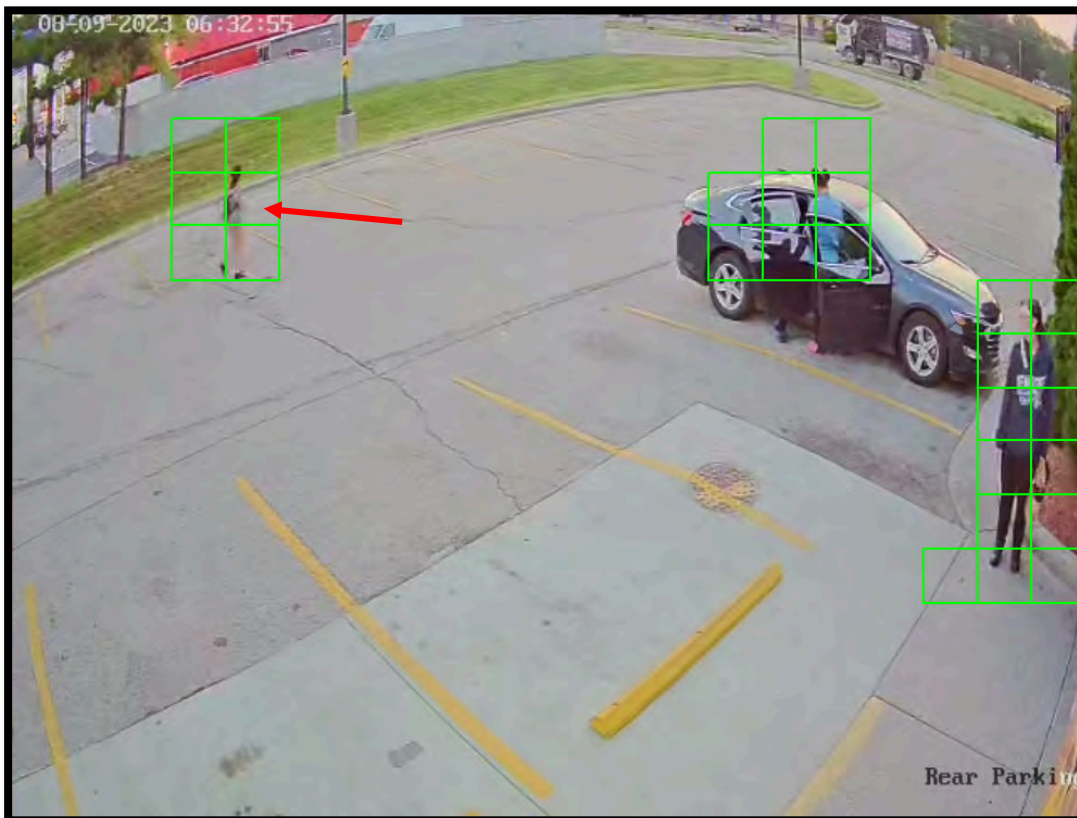
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front of the store is facing north. The location of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) was to the northwest of the store front.

At 00:02:04 into the recording's, Huntzinger can be seen on multiple cameras walking around the west side of the Waffle House building, walking north, towards as Speedway. Huntzinger was wearing black pants and a grey shirt. He is then no longer able to be seen once he gets near the Speedway store.

At 00:02:42 into the recording, Scheurell is first seen on the Waffle House cameras. She is wearing a backpack, grey shirt and what appears to be grey shorts. She is first seen coming around the west corner of the store, walking northeast through the Waffle House parking lot. She is later seen running to the northwest until she exits the view of the camera.



(02:56 into the recording showing Scheurell running through the Waffle House parking lot)

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At 00:05:39 into the recording, Huntzinger is seen on a Waffle House camera near a trash truck that is parked to the northeast of the store. He is then seen walking into the parking lot and continues to walk west towards South High Street. He is seen crossing South High Street and walking towards the Lowe's until he is out of sight of the camera.

After Huntzinger is seen crossing the street, a Waffle House employee as well as other people are seen coming out of the store and appear to be watching Huntzinger. A Waffle House employee is seen using the speaker on his cell phone.

Deible's Hardwood Floors, Inc. Cameras

SA Holcomb used the following cameras from Deible's:

Diebles-620am-630am

Diebles_BackLot_Camera_620am-630am

The first camera SA Holcomb reviewed was the Diebles-620am-630am camera.

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SA Holcomb was provided the videos through Evidence.com which Columbus Police had obtained.

Huntzinger is first seen on the camera walking from South High Street at 00:06:18 into the recording. He is seen walking toward the front of the business in the parking lot area. He continues to look around and wave his left arm. He is seen pulling a black item from his waistband and conceals it behind his back. He walks in the grass by the building talking to someone in the back lot. He then turns around and walks back towards South High Street. He starts to run when he gets near the street and then goes out of view of the camera at 00:04:45 into the recording.

At 00:08:14 into the recording, Huntzinger is seen walking southbound near the business. He meets up with a female, Scheurell, who was walking northbound. They appear to have a conversation. They both walk northbound and go out of camera at 00:09:32 into the camera.

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(08:46 into the recording, Huntzinger & Scheurell seen standing by the roadway)

SA Holcomb then reviewed the Diebles_BackLot_Camera_620am-630am camera. Huntzinger is first seen entering the camera at 00:07:27 into the recording. It appears that he is talking to two civilians near a red pick-up truck. He is holding a black firearm in his right hand which was behind his back. He then walks out of camera, still holding the firearm, at 00:07:45 into the recording.

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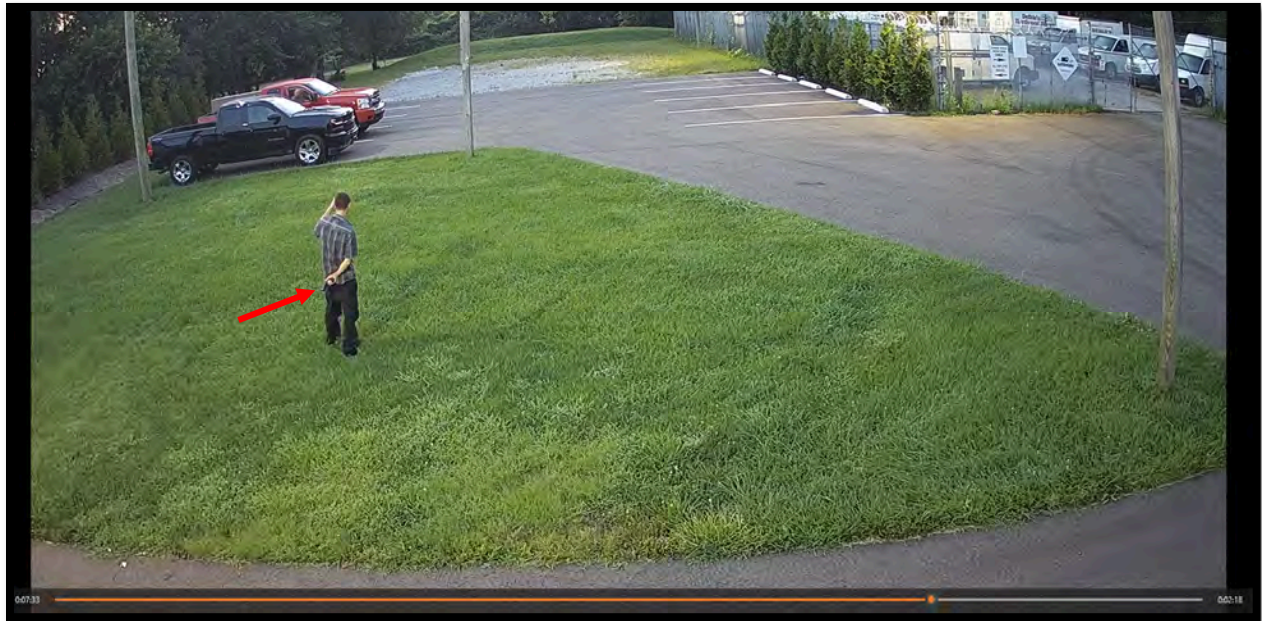


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(00:07:33 into the recording showing a firearm in Huntzinger's right hand)

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.

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The DVD containing the video footage from Waffle House and Deible's was submitted to the physical BCI case file.