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2022-0826

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - W. 46th Street, between Collins Blvd. and Valley View Blvd.

Investigative Activity: APD Ofc. Jay Janek Body Camera Review  
 Activity Date: 6/14/2022  
 Activity Location: Area of 46th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio  
 Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from the Ashtabula Police Department (APD). SA Lieber was informed that the video contained footage from the body camera worn by Officer (Ofc.) Jay Janek (Janek). Note that this video shows an interaction with David Ward Jr. (Ward) that occurred on February 22, 2022.

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The video is 26 minutes and 25 seconds in duration. The date stamp at the beginning of the video is 02/22/2022, at 23:11:22 hours. No audio can be heard until 23:11:53.

The video begins showing Janek walking toward a person (David Ward Jr.), who is sitting on a bridge abutment. The location appears to be on the east side of the 46<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. See screenshot below:



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Ward appears to be crying. See screenshot below showing Ward wiping his face:



Another officer is also on scene. An officer asks Ward if he is thinking about jumping off of the bridge. Ward says that he is not. The officers tell Ward that people are worried about him being at the bridge and that is why they are here. Ward says that he misses his grandmother. Ward also said that he just got out of jail today. Janek says that he knows Ward from yesterday. Janek tells Ward that they met yesterday. Ward says, "Did we really?" Ward then says that he is sorry for yesterday. Janek confirms that when Ward refers to his grandmother, he actually means Ward's father's (David Ward Sr.) aunt.

Ward confirms that he has been drinking but it was not as much as he had last night. An officer asks Ward if he has any mental problems. Ward shakes his head up and down indicating yes. He then says, "I have PTSD, ADHD, OCD and everything you could possibly name." Ward says that he has meds that he is supposed to take, but he doesn't take the meds because he overdoses when he takes them. Ward says that when he has meds, he takes the entire prescription. The officers offer for Ward to go to the hospital or to Signature Health.

Ward is upset about his girlfriend. He says that she is not answering his calls or text messages. Ward says that he spent \$500.00 on her and she is treating him like shit. The officers continue to talk to Ward about various topics. Over time, Ward's mood seems to improve. Ultimately, Ward

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asks to take a selfie photo with the two officers. After taking the photograph, Ward tells the officers to have a wonderful night. Ward then begins to walk away from the bridge.

The video ends at 23:37:48.

The DVD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item A.