



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2024-3996
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 780 Taylor Road,
Gahanna, Ohio 43230 (L)

Investigative Activity: Civilian Video Review
Involves: Joshua Childs
Activity Date: 02/25/2025
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) received video footage from the Gahanna Police Department (GPD). SA Douglass was informed that the video(s) contained footage from the phone cameras recorded by civilian witness Joshua Childs (Childs).

SA Douglass reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

- Video begins with Childs's vehicle parked on Taylor Road facing eastbound, a GPD officer can be seen on the north side of Taylor Road near the entrance to Taylor Springs Health Campus.
- Two GPD cruisers pass by with emergency lights activated, several additional GPD officers can be seen near 780 Taylor Road.
- Several GPD officers begin running towards the driveway at 780 Taylor Road.
- A single pop [less lethal shotgun] can be heard, followed by multiple gunshots.
- Several additional gunshots can be heard, the individuals firing shots cannot be observed in the video.
- A GPD officer can be seen retrieving a ballistic shield from a cruiser.
- Sirens can be heard with additional emergency vehicles approaching as video ends.

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.

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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 the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings 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.

All video evidence from this incident can be accessed electronically on Evidence.com, a website operated by Axon to store and maintain video evidence. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

References:

Civilian Cell Phone Video - Joshua Childs

Attachments:

No attachments

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