



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



2022-1734  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 27724 Zuck Road, Howard,  
Ohio 43028

**Investigative Activity:** Body Camera Review  
**Involves:** Jerod Scoles (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 08/22/2022  
**Activity Location:** Ohio BCI&I Richfield, Northeast Regional Office – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County  
**Author:** SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) received video footage from Knox County Sheriff's Office. SA Lehnhart was informed that the videos contained footage from the body-worn camera video recorded by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

SA Lehnhart reviewed and noted the following:

2022-08-22 20:46:29 -0400  
Axon Body 3 X60A44635

Video is 51 minutes and 42 seconds (00:51:42) long. The body-worn camera (BWC) video is that of Deputy Jerod Scoles (Scoles).

The video opens with a view of the dusk skyline and officers walking along Zuck Road. Deputy Scoles walks towards the Delano residence with a responding Danville officer and another unidentified Knox County Sheriff's deputy.

Deputy Scoles shines his light on the residence, as Sergeant (Sgt.) Ramsier calls to a woman, later identified as Elizabeth Delano (Delano), to come out of the residence with her hands up. Much of Delano's replies to Sgt. Ramsier are difficult to comprehend; but, she is defiant and refuses to exit the house. Additionally, she tells Sgt. Ramsier, "Fuck you."

Deputy Scoles moves to an area around an old carport to the east of the Delano residence, while Sgt. Ramsier continues to give commands to Delano from behind her Cadillac parked in front of the house. Deputy Scoles also attempts to give commands to Delano with no success.

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Sgt. Ramsier can be heard on the radio advising others that he needs a rifle, as Delano has a shotgun and is breaking out windows. Deputy Scoles transmits to Unit 74 to be careful, as Delano is pointing the shotgun towards his direction.

At (06:20), Delano breaks out more windows. Deputy Scoles is able to see Delano "chamber a round." (07:00) Scoles continues, at (08:18), to state that he can see Delano "porting" the shotgun through the front door.

Over the next several minutes, Delano is heard breaking additional windows out of the residence, as Deputy Scoles receives a radio transmission from Unit 74 that advised him that Delano's son told deputies of the amount of ammunition and long guns in the residence.

At (19:55), Deputy Scoles stated, "I smell propane." This prompted Sgt. Ramsier to back everyone on scene off the property and on to the roadway.

Deputy Scoles asks if he should try and take up a position in the rear of the house. Sgt. Ramsier agrees, and Scoles takes off to his patrol vehicle to recover his patrol rifle. Deputy Scoles makes his way to the back of the residence, only to be discovered by Delano. She fires what is believed to be two shotgun rounds towards Deputy Scoles' position. He successfully makes his way out of the wooded area in time to hear Deputy Collins yell, "Drop the gun now." (28:35)

At (28:37), Deputy Collins can be heard firing his patrol rifle and saying, "Shots fired, shots fired, she's down." (28:48)

Deputy Scoles advances towards Delano, who is seen laying on the ground in front of her Cadillac.

Sgt. Ramsier can be heard asking other officers to "secure that firearm." After Delano is checked for safety, the sergeant calls out on the radio to "send in the medic." (29:34)

Deputy Scoles runs back to his patrol vehicle to retrieve a trauma bag. On his return, deputies are performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Delano.

Deputy Scoles and a few other officers enter the residence to make sure it is secure. As Deputy Scoles makes his way to the master bedroom, a gun cabinet can be seen with its door open. Additionally, a long gun could be seen hanging on the bedroom wall gun rack.

Deputy Scoles exits the residence to find deputies still caring for Delano. He walks to the roadway to check on Deputy Collins and direct EMS to Delano's location.

Delano could be seen on Deputy Scoles' BWC firing her shotgun at the following times: (20:56), (24:35), (25:22), (27:29) and (28:26).

#### 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:

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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 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.

The USB drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item A for reference only.

**References:**

A – USB Thumbdrive