



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



2023-1535
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 311 25th Street SW,
Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of Video Footage
Activity Date: July 5, 2023
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On June 8, 2023, Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) received two thumb drives containing body worn camera footage and in-car camera footage relevant to the June 7, 2023, officer involved shooting in Canton, Ohio. The body worn camera videos were provided on a thumb drive by Canton Police Officer Sean Flaherty. They have been stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A. Officer Flaherty also provided a thumb drive containing the relevant in-car camera videos captured by CPD cruiser 45. It has been stored in the BCI SIU case file as reference Item B.

Five recordings were provided in the form of MP4 files. They were titled the following:

- *00_0056113383_96_17_72_64-0056060899_0056111062_0056111091_video0* (Officer Dryden's BWC Video)
- *00_0050884756_96_17_d3_13-0050779735_0050882514_0050882525_video0* (Officer Wohlheter's BWC Video)
- *tick58083362-tick58103558-video0* (In Car Camera Front)
- *tick58083362-tick58103558-video2* (Widescreen In Car Camera Front)
- *tick58083362-tick58103558-video3* (In Car Camera Rear)

Upon reviewing the provided video footage SA Armstrong noted the following:

00_0056113383_96_17_72_64-0056060899_0056111062_0056111091_video0
(Officer Dryden's BWC Video)

This file contained video footage captured by Officer Dryden's BWC. It was 9 minutes and 21 seconds in length. Officer Dryden discharged his firearm during this incident and that action was captured on this recording. The footage most relevant to the actual shooting incident began at 00:44 and ended at 03:00. For a detailed review of that footage refer to the investigative report titled *2023-12-05: Review of OOCIC Video Presentations*.

00_0050884756_96_17_d3_13-0050779735_0050882514_0050882525_video0
(Officer Wohlheter's BWC Video)

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This file contained video footage captured by Officer Wohlheter's BWC. It was 8 minutes and 41 seconds in length. He was a witness to the shooting. The footage most relevant to the actual shooting incident began at 00:40 and ended at 03:00. For a detailed review of that footage refer to the investigative report titled *2023-12-05: Review of OOCIC Video Presentations*.

tick58083362-tick58103558-video0 (In Car Camera Front)

This file contained footage captured by the in-car camera of Canton Police Cruiser 45. This was the cruiser utilized by Officer Dryden and Officer Wohlheter. It was 48 minutes and 18 seconds in length. The recording captured the arrival of the officers at 311 25th Street SW, Canton, Ohio. It also audibly captured percussion sounds consistent with the sound of gunfire at the time of the incident. The footage most relevant to the actual shooting incident began at 00:30 and ended at 03:00. For a detailed review of that footage refer to the investigative report titled *2023-12-05: Review of OOCIC Video Presentations*.

tick58083362-tick58103558-video2 (Widescreen In Car Camera Front)

This file contained footage captured by the in-car camera of Canton Police Cruiser 45. It was a duplicate of the previous video in a widescreen view. It did not appear to capture any relevant footage not depicted in the previous in-car camera footage.

tick58083362-tick58103558-video3 (In Car Camera Rear)

This file contained footage captured by the in-car camera of Canton Police Cruiser 45. The camera lens appeared to record the back seat of the cruiser. Audible it was a duplicate of the previous two in-car camera videos. It did not capture any additional visual footage relevant to the incident.

Reference Items:

- Item A - Body Worn Camera Footage of Officer Dryden and Officer Wohlheter
- Item B - Canton Police in-car camera footage from Cruiser 45

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