



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



2022-1316
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Ackerman Izak (V)

Involves: Christian Martin (W)
Date of Activity: 06/30/2022
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 06/24/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) received video footage from the Lima Police Department Records Bureau. SA Vollmer was informed that the videos contained footage from Patrolman Christian Martin's (Martin) dash cam. SA Vollmer reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

Dash-Cam Video 1 – Martin responded to the scene in a police cruiser. He parked the vehicle at the intersection of Second and Sugar Street. The cruiser remained there the entire length of the recording. The camera was not in an area where the location of the scene or any activity could be seen.

The video is approximately 59 minutes 59 seconds.

Dash-Cam Video 2 – A continuation of the above-mentioned footage. At approximately one hour and 21 minutes into the video, what appears to be the news media arrive and set up a camera. A few minutes later the cruiser drives away.

The video is approximately 1 hour, 28 minutes and 40 seconds.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Exhibit 1

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. The CD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file.

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