



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



2022-1564  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South  
Charleston, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Body Camera Review  
**Date of Activity:** 07/24/2022  
**Activity Location:** – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Vienna, OH 45369, Clark County  
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**Narrative:**

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, Clark County Deputy Sheriff Matthew Yates was shot and killed by Cole White inside the residence of 1132 Ashwood Drive (Trailer), Clark County, Ohio. On the same day and prior to shooting Yates, White shot and killed his mother, Jodi Arbuckle. Yates's body was recovered from inside the trailer before it was consumed by fire.

During the subsequent investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) requested and received video recorded evidence; in the form of Body Worn Cameras (BWC), mount video recordings from two Springfield Police Department armored SWAT, Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, Ring Door Bells, cellular telephone videos from Ervin Hawk, Patrick Hainzer, Storm McCoy, and videos posted on Social Media sites.

On July 28, 2022, BCI Special Agent Richard Ward received from the Ohio State Highway Patrol BWC video recordings from members of their Special Response Team (SRT) who participated in the incident are listed below:

- Trooper Steve Gillum (2268V)
- Sergeant Erik Lofland (2893U)
- Sergeant Chris Castellanos (2291U)
- Trooper Danny Saultz (2510T)
- Lieutenant Bryan Mangin (2811U)
- Trooper Allen Clark (2869U)
- Trooper Paul Shore (2652S)
- Trooper Rick Tocash (2283S)
- Trooper Adam McKenzie (2743U)
- Trooper Nadi Graham (2151S)

The Springfield Police Department MRAP vehicles labeled as "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" were positioned; Truck 2 on the at the front entrance, which faces northwest and Truck 1 at the northeast corner. According to the video recordings from the MRAPs, Truck 1 made contact

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with the northeast corner of the trailer at 1342 hours. Truck 1 repeatedly rammed the northeast corner of the trailer and created a large hole. During the initial ramming, a round had been fired from the interior and exited through the southeast wall, (note: the time displayed on the MRAPs' video recordings are believed to be inaccurate, according to other video recording collected and CAD log). At 1344 hours, Truck 2 made contact with the northwest front entrance. The collision struck the awning, which limited the recording ability of the front camera of Truck 2. The rear camera at 1344 hours of Truck 2 recorded Springfield Police SWAT members forced to withdraw from an attempted entry to recover Deputy Yates.

The rear camera video recording from Truck 2 at 1501 hours captured Springfield Police SWAT members movement toward the trailer's front door. At 1502 hours, Deputy Yates' recovery from the trailer via the front door was captured on the same video. At 1504 hours, from Truck 1 front camera, smoke is observed emanating from a window on the southside of the trailer, which eventually engulfs the entire structure.

During the attempt at 1342 hours and the successful recovery of Deputy Yates at 1502 hours, Greene County Regional SWAT members; positioned at or near the front northwest entrance and Springfield Police with Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers; positioned at southeast corner, deployed distraction devices "Flash Bangs" and CS gas. The purpose for the deployment of less lethal options were for the recovering of Deputy Yates and Jodi Arbuckle and reduce likelihood of further loss of life. Some of these deployments of the less lethal options were captured on Body Worn Camera video recordings. The video recordings collected and during this investigation will remain part of the physical, permanent case file.

#### References:

CD/DVD – DVD Tik Tok Videos

USB Thumbdrive – Black Cruzer Glide OSHP BWCs

Multi-Media Card – Black/Silver SanDisk MRAP Videos