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The following report contains a chronological timeline of the Axon body worn cameras (BWC) by involved Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) Officers.

A BWC video (1:35:16), recorded by Officer D. Bloxton reflects the following events,

At 1857hrs, Officer Bloxton activates with BWC while he is riding in the passenger seat of a patrol car. He then proceeds to ask an individual if anyone is shooting in the area. Radio traffic from dispatch is heard with relaying that subject has a rifle and has shot at officers. This unknown individual stated that there is shooting from the area of Spafford and that "someone is going crazy over there" and "they are shooting it the fuck up". Dispatch relays that the last five shots fired came from the intersection of Spafford and Canton.

At 1859hrs, they are seen approaching Mr. Perkins address of 7702 Spafford Road. A strobe light is also seen on the second story of the house. The patrol car then turns left and heads back in the direction of Broadway Avenue.

At 1900hrs, dispatch relays that a caller from the area of Spafford Road and Canton Avenue stated the male is firing from a second story window at juveniles. The description of white male, brown hair that is 5'7 is provided for the subject. They turn the patrol car around to face towards 7702 Spafford road as they wait for more information.

At 1901hrs, dispatch relays that the subject just through something out the window at what is believed to be a caller. It is determined by both patrol cars in the area that the residence related to this call for service. They then go around the block to approach from a better direction. Dispatch confirms with a caller that the shooting is coming from that residence.

At 1903hrs, Officer Bloxton and his partner approach the residence from E 78th Street and park their patrol car several houses away and proceed towards the house on foot. Another officer in the area relays over the radio that they may have identified the residence and that there is a loud speaker coming from it.

At 1904hrs, an unknown unit request for the assistance of SRT in the area of Canton and Spafford. Officer Bloxton then meets with the resident at 7712 Spafford Road. He informs Officer Bloxton that he did not see who was shooting but believes it was the male next door. He also tells Officer Bloxton that his wife heard that this male was walking around the street with a gun



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about a week ago and observed the incident on their doorbell's camera. This resident believes he saw some activity coming from the front window of the second story of the residence next door and believes that this incident involves the same male. Officer Blaxton transmits this information over the radio.

At 1907hrs, two individuals on the radio identified Robert Perkins as the male involved in the incident a week ago with the shotgun. Officer Bloxton approaches the East corner of the house and calls out that the residence has cameras around it. During this time, an unknown resident calls out to inform Officer Bloxton that "He shot their house up". While Bloxton is near the front window, he obtains a visual of the male inside a broadcasts that he sees a "skinny male with a speaker." Officer Bloxton attempts to knock and call out to the individual. Officer Bloxton believes he has earplugs in and that he is using a karaoke style speaker. He confirms the house number and continues to knock and try to make contact. Officer transmits to another officer that the siren and loud speaker on their patrol car, that the first floor is a large open area and that he can see what he believes is an AR-15 rifle on a table.

At 1914hrs, the top of a male's head briefly comes into view through the window. Another CPD Officer calls out that he has a visual of the male in the living room. Cleveland Fire Department arrives. Officer Bloxton confirms with another officer that they do see an AR-15 inside the residence at that the front door is locked. CDP Officers start a perimeter and a CDP Sergeant, 33 calls dispatch to confirm and CRT-3 and Sheriffs are on route to their location. The CDP Sergeant also relays information pertaining to the AR-15 on the table and that they have a visual of the male.

At 1918hrs, after multiple attempts by Officer Bloxton to interact with the male and he is heard stating that the front window does not open and that he wants to go upstairs because those windows do open. Several inaudible statements were made before he starting communicating through the loud speaker. The next statement made by Perkins was that the primary issue was his abusive and neglectful parents. The conversation goes on between Officer Bloxton and Perkins, however Perkins is inaudible on BWC.

At 1924hrs, Officer Bloxton informs other officers that Perkins is seen walking upstairs then turns and walks towards the back of the building while leaving the rifle on the table. Visual is lost before Perkins starts to speak with Officer Bloxton through an upstairs window. Perkins stated that he wanted to use the loudspeaker as an outlet to let people to share their traumas.

At 1929hrs, Perkins verbally confirms his identity with Officer Bloxton. Conversation continues as Perkins tells Bloxton to "Kill Him."

At 1931hrs, unknown residents start to interrupt and interject themselves in Perkins and Officer Bloxton's conversation.

At 1932hrs, Officer Bloxton starts to talk to Perkins through the window on the first floor of the residence. Officer Bloxton verbalizes to other officers that he has the rifle and makes two commands to Perkins to put the rifle down. This is transmitted



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over the radio and assisting officers lose sight of Perkins. The order is made for all officers to fall back and take cover. Officer Bloxton is heard calling out to other officers that Perkins can be seen in the second story window with the rifle in hand. He and other officers near him take cover near 7712 Spafford Road.

At 1933hrs, Perkins fires two shots. Other officers transmit Perkins movement and state that he was firing rounds from the front window of the second story.

At 1939hrs, dispatch transmits a caution for Perkins that includes violent and intrusive thought and owns at least three firearms with one being a rifle.

At 1942hrs, officers on scene transmit that they can see Perkins walking back and forth through the house with gun in hand.

At 1947hrs, officers on scene transmit that Perkins is seen with the rifle in hand.

At 1952hrs, officers on scene are heard trying to call Perkins out utilizing a loud speaker.

At 1958hrs, Officer Bloxton retrieves a pair of binoculars from his patrol car.

At 2007hrs, Officer Bloxton runs across the street to 7701 Spafford Road. Contact is made with the residents and he instructs them to go to the basement and remain there until they are told it is safe.

At 2010hrs, an officer transmits over the radio that they have a visual of Perkins upstairs after a vehicle came to a stop in front of Perkins residence. Officers were able to have the driver clear the area quickly. The Officer close to Officer Bloxton calls out a visual of Perkins in the front center window of the second floor.

At 2011hrs, Officer Bloxton transmits that they believe that Perkins shut the second story window facing the East side.

At 2012hrs, it is relayed on the radio that Perkins is an Army Veteran.

At 2014hrs, it is relayed that SWAT Operators are on scene and will be walking up.



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At 2017hrs, Bloxton is summoned and returns to his original position near 7712 Spafford Road and then fall back towards 7720 Spafford Road where they meet with SWAT Operators.

At 2024hrs, Cleveland Police's Swat vehicles right in front of 7720 Spafford.

At 2032 hours, SWAT Operators and other officers in the area discuss the specifics about the firearm in Perkins possession. It is believed that there is no riflescope attached, but there were "a few" magazines. The Lieutenant on mentions Perkins being involved in an incident last week were they collected a "bull pup" style shotgun after shooting up a neighbor's house on a "CIT" call.

The BWC footage concludes at 2033hrs.

A BWC video (1:04:28), recorded by Officer D. Morrison reflects the following events,

At 1923hrs, Morrison's BWC activated with his right forearm and he is seen standing on the front corner of 7702 Spafford Road with his pistol at a high ready in his left hand. Another Officer is seen talking through the window as Officer Morrison states that he "bumped his camera" and "it cut off".

At 1924hrs, an officer states that Perkins is moving to the upstairs and that the AR rifle is still on the table. Officers communicate to each other to find some cover. Perkins began to speak to Officers from the second story window. Strobe lights are seen on the exterior of the residence.

At 1929hrs, Perkins states his name to the officer he is speaking with. He also tells the officer to "kill him." An unknown is heard yelling and referencing Perkins shooting. The officer informs them that someone will be there to speak with them shortly. It is relayed to other officers that Perkins is going back downstairs and that he has grabbed the rifle. Officers then retreat from the building and find cover.

At 1933hrs, two gunshots are heard. An unknown officer states that Perkins fired the rounds. Attempts tare made to locate a contact number for Perkins.

At 1935hrs, an officer reports via portable that Perkins was seen firing the round firing out of the second story window.



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At 1936hrs, Dispatch provides a possible contact numbers of 734-625-6663 and 419-304-8969.

At 1939hrs, Dispatch confirms with officers on scene that the male was identified as Robert Perkins. Dispatch states that there a causation was attached to Perkins for violent and intrusive thoughts. It was also broadcasted that Perkins owns at least three firearms including one rifle.

At 1943hrs, an unknown officer broadcasts that neither contact number provided worked.

At 1948hrs, it is broadcasted that Cleveland Fire and EMS are on standby.

At 1952hrs, an announcement is made over a loudspeaker for Perkins to contact 330-322-7494. Perkins is also ordered to put the rifle down and walk to the front window with his hands up.

At 2007hrs, Officer Morrison broadcasts on his portable that Perkins has the rifle in his hand.

At 2010hrs, Officer Morrison broadcasts on his portable that Perkins is downstairs with the rifle in hand. Another unknown Officer broadcasts that he is upstairs and they believe that Perkins is getting ready to shoot.

At 2012hrs, an unknown officer broadcasts that Perkins is an Army Veteran.

At 2017hrs, Officer Morrison, along with several other officers retreat back one address to their rear to meet with CDP SWAT team members to discuss the current situation.

At 2024hrs, Officer Morrison returns to his patrol car to move it out of the way for the CDP SWAT bearcat. He then returns to his former position at 2025hrs.

At 2028hrs, Officer Morrison's BWC footage concluded.



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