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Rd. and Anderson Rd., Denmark Township, OH 44032,
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Investigative Activity:

BWC Review - [REDACTED]

Involves:

[REDACTED] (S)

Activity Date:

10/06/2025

Activity Location:

BCI Boardman - 760 Boardman-Canfield Road, Boardman,
OH 44512

Authoring Agent:

SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Monday, September 8, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received video footage from Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Lt. Daniel Jesse. SA Lamping was informed that the videos contained footage from the body camera (BWC) recorded by OSHP [REDACTED]. All involved officers, and witness officers, provided consent for investigators to review any conversations captured on video with their supervisors. SA Lamping reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

[REDACTED] recorded two BWC videos related to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road and Anderson Road on September 8, 2025. The first video began at 15:02:33 and recorded 46 minutes and 50 seconds of footage. The first image captured from [REDACTED] BWC is pictured below:



Snippet # 1

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The first video captured a portion of [REDACTED] response to the scene, as well as the OICI. The second video consisted of a short, 21 second, clip after the OICI. The second video began at 15:49:23 and did not contain any relevant information related to the OICI. All times referenced in this report will be based upon the time stamp listed in the upper right-hand corner of the BWC videos.

The first minute and twenty-nine seconds of [REDACTED] BWC video did not contain any audio. During the silent portion of the recording [REDACTED] appeared to be operating his patrol vehicle. Towards the end of the video, [REDACTED] appeared to slow down and turn the vehicle. When the audio started at approximately 15:04:03, [REDACTED] began to exit his vehicle.

Once [REDACTED] was outside of his vehicle; several Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) vehicles and deputies were observed. [REDACTED] ran towards a wood line and made his way into the woods at approximately 15:04:20 hours.

The image quality from [REDACTED] BWC was pixelated while he was moving in the woods. [REDACTED] is seen with his firearm in his right hand, pictured below at approximately 15:04:22:



Snippet # 2

As [REDACTED] made his way through the woods; indistinct yelling was heard at approximately 15:04:25. [REDACTED] appeared to make his way towards the yelling as the sound became louder on the BWC recording. [REDACTED] eventually made his way to a group of deputies and Jerry Pegram (Pegram). The deputies and ACSO [REDACTED] are pictured below at approximately 15:04:28:

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Snippet # 3

As [REDACTED] made his way closer to the deputies, Pegram, who was on the ground, became visible at approximately 15:04:30:



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During this time frame, an assortment of verbal commands were being issued to Pegram instructing him to roll over. At approximately 15:04:34 ACSO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could be heard yelling, "gun, gun, gun!" Other voices could be heard yelling, "Stop!" and "Don't do it!" [REDACTED] is pictured below at approximately 15:04:37 aiming his weapon at Pegram while multiple people are ordering Pegram to cease his actions:



Snippet # 5

At approximately 15:04:40, a deputy can be seen reaching towards Pegram's hand. At roughly the same time, several loud percussive sounds, consistent with gunshots, are also heard on the video. The snippet below captured the deputy attempting to grab Pegram's hand:



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The below image, also from approximately 15:04:40, showed Pegram's hands directed towards the officers on scene, possibly holding an object:



Snippet # 7

Due to the pixelation of the above image, it is not clear what, if anything, Pegram had in his hands. Several shots were fired from approximately 15:04:40 and ceased at approximately 15:04:43. [REDACTED] was seen transitioning from a one-handed grip on his firearm to a two-handed grip. He also stepped away from Pegram while the shooting occurred. At approximately 15:04:46 [REDACTED] put out a radio transmission stating, "shots fired, shots fired."

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[REDACTED] checked with the other officers on scene to see if anyone was injured. At approximately 15:04:57 he approached Pegram, took control of a black revolver in a black holster, and made it safe. The sequence of images below illustrates the actions [REDACTED] completed with Pegram's weapon:



Snippet # 8



Snippet # 9

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Snippet # 10



Snippet # 11



Snippet # 12

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While [REDACTED] was rendering Pegram's weapon safe, he stated, "I've got a firearm" at approximately 15:05:09. As shown in the above images, [REDACTED] recovered what appeared to be two .410 cartridges from the revolver. Once the weapon was cleared, [REDACTED] placed it on the ground with the removed cases next to it.

At approximately 15:05:32, [REDACTED] advised the other officers on scene to place Pegram in handcuffs. ACSO [REDACTED] placed Pegram in handcuffs at approximately 15:06:03 hours. [REDACTED] attempted to make several radio transmissions reporting the events on scene. However, the OSHP dispatcher advised him that none of his traffic was making it through.

At approximately 15:06:57, [REDACTED] stated, "What do you guys want with this firearm? I unloaded it at the least." [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that an ACSO Lieutenant (Lt.) would take photos of it.

At approximately 15:07:11 hours, [REDACTED] told the other officers that he had to head back to his vehicle to make a phone call. He then made his way out of the woods and to his patrol vehicle. While walking past Pegram's motorcycle, which was then on fire, [REDACTED] asked ACSO Lt. Matthew Johns (Lt. Johns) if there was a firetruck en route. Lt. Johns informed [REDACTED] that one was on the way. [REDACTED] began to run towards his vehicle, where he obtained a fire extinguisher. [REDACTED] returned to Pegram's motorcycle and extinguished the flames.

[REDACTED] returned to his vehicle and placed a phone call to OSHP Sergeant (Sgt.) Bornino (Sgt. Bornino) at approximately 15:09:29. Only [REDACTED] side of the conversation can be heard¹. At approximately 15:09:55 hours he made the following statements:

Hey Sarge. All right. So, he bailed into the woods. Canine got ahold of him. He started pulling a gun on all the deputies, including myself and shots were fired. I let off two or three rounds... Yeah, he was pointing a gun right at us... He was, I I I yelled, shots fired, but my radio sucks... Me and a couple other deputies, because he was reaching for a gun. He had a little revolver. What's that? Anderson and Stanhope-Kelloggsville... Alright. I'm gonna count my rounds and let you know how much exactly I shot. All right.

¹ During [REDACTED] interview, he provided investigators consent to review any recordings which captured conversations with his supervisors in relation to the Officer Involved Critical Incident. See BCI report 2025-09-23 Interview – [REDACTED] for details.

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Following his conversation with Sgt. Bornino, [REDACTED] placed his firearm on his vehicle's trunk and counted the remaining rounds in his magazine. [REDACTED] counted while he unloaded and loaded the magazine. He may have had fourteen rounds remaining based on his counting of the rounds, but it was not able to be definitively determined by the video.

[REDACTED] was involved in a short conversation with Trooper Garrhett Wheatley (Tpr. Wheatley) while he was on Anderson Road. He told Tpr. Wheatley, "Dude was on his back trying to pull a revolver out." (15:13:57). [REDACTED] BWC also captured other conversations between members of the ACSO that occurred on Anderson Road. Later on, Tpr. Wheatley asked several officers in the area where Pegram had been hit. [REDACTED] stated, "Stomach, chest, arm." (15:14:31). He also engaged in a conversation with an unknown member of the ACSO and [REDACTED]. The following is an account of the conversation involving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that started at approximately 15:14:53:

[REDACTED] "He was rolling over on his... Yeah he was rolling back on his back."

[REDACTED] "Then he actually got the gun out and started coming out with finger on the trigger. [REDACTED] went down..."

At approximately 15:15:41, [REDACTED] made his way back into the woods. He asked the deputies who were rendering aid to Pegram if they needed anything. They advised that they needed gauze, at which point [REDACTED] returned to the road and asked for the supplies. [REDACTED] gave Tpr. a medical kit that he then took to [REDACTED] and Dep. Michael Chicarell (Dep. Chicarell). [REDACTED] and Chicarell used the supplies to continue to render aid to Pegram. At approximately 15:17:40 [REDACTED] exited the woods to Anderson Road.

At approximately 15:19:06 hours, [REDACTED] Tpr. Wheatley had a brief conversation on Anderson Road. They discussed the location of Pegram's injuries and that it did not look as though he would survive. [REDACTED] noted that Pegram had been hit in the chest several times, possibly by his rounds.

EMS arrived on scene, and [REDACTED] approached them. [REDACTED] said, "Where you see the motorcycle, it's about 50 foot into the woods... Multiple gunshot wounds to the chest" (15:20:21).

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At approximately 15:22:25, [REDACTED] spoke with an unknown individual, possibly an ACSO detective, about the shooting incident. He stated:

Uh, yeah, when he, when he bailed I ran up with them. I came in from the woods just, uh, east of here and I was coming up behind him there. They were trying to get him into cuffs, comply and uh, he started pulling his pistol out. And I shot uh, three rounds.

The same unknown individual asked [REDACTED] if he would like to provide a written statement or provide a copy of his report when it is completed. [REDACTED] told the individual that he would provide a copy of his report when it was completed. [REDACTED] provided his personal identifying information to the individual as well.

At approximately 15:24:35 hours, [REDACTED] approached [REDACTED], who appeared to be emotional/fighting back tears, and asked if he was alright. The following is the conversation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] Hey, you good man?

[REDACTED] Yeah I'm good, thank you bro. One of you guys, one of you guys pulled, I guess [walks away, appears to become emotional while recalling the incident]...

[REDACTED] What's that?

[REDACTED] One of you guys pulled me back. Huess the guy was pulling it out. I don't know who that was. I don't know if it was you or Chirs.

[REDACTED] It was somebody else 'cause I, I put three rounds in him when I saw that he started pulling it out. I'm gonna, I'm gonna direct traffic. I'm gonna get them out of here [walks away towards Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road]

[REDACTED] left [REDACTED] and began to direct traffic on Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road. At approximately 15:29:06, [REDACTED] was approached by *Tpr. Wheatley*. They had a brief conversation about the assistance rendered to ACSO by OSHP and that Pegram had attempted to pull a gun on officers. [REDACTED] told *Tpr. Wheatley*, "Hey, just by lucky he didn't run back out here 'cause he would have pulled the gun on you." (15:29:28) [REDACTED] also said, "He wasn't going down easy. Clearly he chased, we, they chased him halfway through the county, almost into PA." (15:29:34). While

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speaking with *Tpr. Wheatley*, [REDACTED] also stated, "Only thing I want is just not get in trouble, that's all I want." (15:30:10).

At approximately 15:33:56, [REDACTED] spoke with several members of the ACSO. He informed them that he fired his weapon, and that he would remain on scene until his supervisors arrived. One of the ACSO members, in plain clothes, advised him to contact a union representative. [REDACTED] then approached *Tpr. Wheatley* and inquired about who the union representatives are. He also spoke to *Tpr. Wheatley*:

Shoot, I've got nothing to hide. Nothing I'm worried about if it comes into a union issue... but if it's a union issue, can call, talk to him another time. But this is a crime scene, I'm not doing all that right now (15:34:53)

At approximately 15:37:44, [REDACTED] approached *Tpr. Wheatley*'s vehicle. *Tpr. Wheatley* was on a phone call with someone he identified as, "Lt." A short conversation occurred between [REDACTED] and Lt. in which they discussed the assistance that [REDACTED] provided to ACSO. This led [REDACTED] to eventually state:

I'm just trying to do my best and I'm not trying to get shot... Because he was pulling his pistol out. But that's a discussion for later on. Oh, he was, he was pulling his gun out towards all of us. (15:38:45)

At approximately 15:39:54, an OSHP command staff member, possibly *Sgt. Bornino*, arrived on scene and briefed [REDACTED] on the administrative aspects following the OICI. [REDACTED] then explained the circumstances of the shooting. His explanation to the command staff member was the same as the other explanations he had previously provided.

[REDACTED] BWC was turned off at 15:49:23 after he was instructed to turn it off by an OSHP command staff member.

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 BWC footage was stored on Axon Justice as part of Reference Item E – BWC Dash Videos where it can be reviewed in its entirety.

References:

Reference Item E – BWC and Dash Videos: Subfolder – OSHP Videos: Axon Body 4
Video 2025-09-08 1504 D01A60771 P2509; stored on Axon Justice

Reference Item E – BWC and Dash Videos: Subfolder – OSHP Videos: Axon Body 4
Video 2025-09-08 1549 D01A60771 P2509; stored on Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. A collection of 12 snippets from [REDACTED] BWC

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