



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



2025-2909

Officer Involved Critical Incident - Stanhope-Kelloggsville
Rd. and Anderson Rd., Denmark Township, OH 44032,
Ashtabula County

Investigative Activity: BWC Review - ACSO Sergeant Brian Sterrick
Involves: Sergeant Brian Sterrick (W)
Activity Date: 10/01/2025
Activity Location: BCI Boardman - 760 Boardman-Canfield Road, Boardman,
OH 44512
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Monday, September 15, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received video footage from Detective Jonelle Gerke of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office. SA Lamping was informed that the videos contained footage from the body camera (BWC) footage recorded by ACSO Sergeant Brian Sterrick (Sgt. Sterrick). The involved, and witness officers, provided consent for investigators to review any conversations captured on video with their supervisors. Any times referenced in this investigative report correspond to the time of day listed on the BWC, and not the playback time of the video. SA Lamping reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The video captured by Sgt. Sterrick began at 13:59:50 on September 8, 2025. The below image is from the first captured frame of the BWC:



Snippet # 1

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The first 28 seconds of video footage does not have any sound. The beginning portion of Sgt. Sterrick's BWC footage was captured while he was operating his patrol vehicle. The siren can be heard while Sgt. Sterrick was driving. Occasional updates from other deputies could be heard over the radio. At approximately 14:01:11 Sgt. Sterrick picked up the in-car radio and stated, "So far he is a white male wearing a cutoff black shirt, black pants, a black mask, face mask, unable to identify."

At approximately 14:03:43 Sgt. Sterrick advised over the air that he was at Anderson Road coming to a stop. At approximately 14:03:52 Jerry Pegram (Pegram) is observed through the passenger side window of Sgt. Sterrick's patrol vehicle driving a motorcycle, as pictured below:



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A few frames elapsed as Pegram began to travel outside of Sgt. Sterrick's BWC frame. When he fully exited the frame, Sgt. Sterrick's camera appeared to shake, and a small cloud of dust was visible in his passenger side window, pictured below at 14:03:54:



Snippet # 3

Sgt. Sterrick pulled forward and exited his patrol vehicle. At approximately 14:04:10 Sgt. Sterrick followed [REDACTED] towards Pegram's motorcycle, which was in a ditch, pictured below:



Snippet # 4

As several deputies ran into the woods, Sgt. Sterrick approached Pegram's motorcycle and attempted to turn it off. While he did so, at approximately 14:04:18, the motorcycle caught fire, pictured below:

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Snippet # 5

After the motorcycle caught fire, Sgt. Sterrick moved his patrol vehicle away from the motorcycle. When he exited his vehicle at approximately 14:04:39, a loud barrage of loud percussive sounds suspected to be gunfire could be heard. The suspected gunshots lasted approximately four seconds. Sgt. Sterrick then met with ACSO Lieutenant Matthew Johns (Lt. Johns) prior to entering the woods. At approximately 14:06:33 Sgt. Sterrick met with the deputies in the woods, pictured below:



Snippet # 6

At approximately 14:07:47 [REDACTED] returned to the woods with medical supplies, pictured below, and the deputies began to render aid to Pegram in the following moments:

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Snippet # 7

At approximately 14:08:49 [REDACTED] were overheard stating the following:

[REDACTED]: He was trying to get to it when [REDACTED] but...

[REDACTED] he tried to get his finger on the trigger.

Sgt. Sterrick assisted the deputies at various points while they rendered first aid. At approximately 14:13:04 Sgt. Sterrick met with a detective in the woods and briefly discussed the crime scene, and possible identifying information for the driver of the motorcycle.

At approximately 14:20:49 Sgt. Sterrick exited the woods while EMS personnel entered, pictured below:



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After EMS arrived on scene, Sgt. Sterrick obtained a crime scene log and began to maintain it. At approximately 14:23:33, Sheriff Niemi arrived and informed Sgt. Sterrick that no officers were to be questioned, as BCI would be taking over the scene.

At approximately 14:27:54 Sgt. Sterrick made the following statement about the incident:

Well, we thought he was, we thought he, he came to just about a complete stop right at the intersection. I pulled up on the one side. Uh, they pulled up in the other, we thought he was gonna come out. We were just gonna grab him right then. We were like within reach, but then he took off again and just came in here, just rolled. It was real slow, almost like very slow motion, you know, came over here. It wasn't real fast, but he came over and it rolled. So, we bail out. [REDACTED] first with the [REDACTED] and then, uh, the guy's going that way. I go to go in this way. I'm trying to shut the motorcycle off 'cause the tire, it's still, it's still running tires going just as I leaned down to go shut it off. And I was parked right here. Thet think caught fire. So, I got in my cruiser and pulled it up there. 'cause I'm thinking if this think explodes. And then as I'm coming back, that's when I heard the shots. So...

At approximately 14:29:24 Sgt. Sterrick overheard Dep. Michael Chicarell (Dep. Chicarell) tell Sheriff Niemi the following:

The [REDACTED] engaged, I saw the [REDACTED] attached to the bag. He had his hand in the shirt pointing. Um, you know, as I got out there, all the guys were surrounded. I pulled my taser. Someone already popped a taser. I was getting ready to tase 'em and then someone else said "gun, gun" and then I remember shots going off...

At the end of his statement to Sheriff Niemi, Dep. Chicarell stated that he did not fire, as there were other deputies in front of him. At approximately 14:29:44 Sgt. Sterrick said, "and they did recover what appears to be a firearm."

At approximately 14:30:11 Sgt. Sterrick told Sheriff Niemi and others, "the speeds were relatively slow throughout it. I think that very fastest speed was like maybe 50 or 60 at the very most."

Sgt. Sterrick's BWC recording ended at approximately 14:32:18 hours.

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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.

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: Sub folder – ACSO Videos: Sub folder
ACSO BWC Videos: Video - Axon Body 3 Video 2025-09-08 1400 X60AD185D;
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Attachments:

1. A collection of 8 snippets from Sergeant Sterrick's BWC

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