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2026-1239
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route
 250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

Investigative Activity: BWC Video Review – Witness OSHP Troopers
Involves: Ohio State Highway Patrol (O)
Activity Date: 04/17/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley

Narrative:

On April 17, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed video footage from multiple Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Troopers. SA Tingley was notified that the videos contained footage from non-involved/witness OSHP Troopers related to the OICIs which occurred at multiple locations on March 30, 2026, in Harrison County, Ohio.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities recorded on the various Body Worn Camera (BWC) and dash camera videos from multiple OSHP Troopers and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant to the OICIs. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all the activities, radio traffic, and/or conversations that were recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word for word translation, except where so marked and identified, of the radio traffic, conversations or other vocal statements made by the OSHP Troopers, dispatch, or other Law Enforcement Officers present at the various incident scenes. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify and content or contextual questions.

SA Tingley reviewed the videos and noted the following:

Axon Body 4 Video 2026-03-30 2004 DO1AC240C

Trooper Andre Thomas (0720) BWC

This video began on March 30, 2026, at 20:02:35 hours, is 01:14:29 in length, and begins as Trooper Thomas was walking on a gravel road with other Law Enforcement (LE) personnel. Initially there was no audio.

At approximately 20:04:06 hours, the BWC audio is activated.

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At approximately 20:03:30 hours, the OSHP helicopter is heard using the public address (PS) system on the helicopter to tell the suspect (Michael Decker) to surrender.

Trooper Thomas then stood by with other OSHP Tactical Team members waiting for orders to begin moving in on Decker's location. The OSHP helicopter continued to give LE ground units Decker's location.

At approximately 20:27:22 hours, an unknown Trooper asked the OSHP helicopter to keep the helicopter's spotlight on Decker.

At approximately 20:29:36 hours, the OSHP Tactical Team and attached other LE personnel and K9 began moving towards Decker's location.

During this time, the OSHP helicopter continued to using the spotlight on Decker's location and to update LE personnel on Decker's movements.

At approximately 20:48:34 hours, an unknown Tactical Team member stated that he had a visual on Decker.

At approximately 20:52:36 hours, Trooper Thomas fired a less lethal round at Decker.

At approximately 20:52:41 hours, an unknown Tactical Team member stated that Decker was down.

At 20:53:04 hours, a single shot is heard (no visual on the recording as to who fired the shot)

The OSHP Tactical Team then moved in on Decker's location where he was lying beside a tree. The Tactical Team handcuffed Decker and then began to provide first aid to Decker.

At 20:55:48 hours, Trooper Thomas stated that he only heard one (1) shot. Another unknown Tactical Team member also stated that he only heard one (1) shot.

At approximately 20:56:46 hours, an unknown OSHP Tactical Team member radioed to bring a vehicle to a clearing where Decker could be moved to and then evacuated.

At approximately 21:00:02 hours, the OSHP Tactical Team began moving Decker on a stretcher through the wooded area towards the aforementioned clearing.

The OSHP Tactical Team members then carried Decker out of the woods to a clearing where they waited for a vehicle to transport Decker.

At approximately 21:07:31 hours, an unknown Tactical Team member stated that Decker had no vitals (no breathing and no pulse).

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At approximately 21:14:55 hours, Decker was loaded into the bed of a pickup truck.
The video then concluded as Trooper Thomas turned off his BWC.

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OSHP Lieutenant Robert Bodo (Bodo) Dash Camera

This video began on March 30, 2026, at 11:43:03 hours, is 02:59:47 in length, and starts as Lieutenant Bodo was traveling in his cruiser. Initially there is no audio.

At approximately 11:43:53 hours, Lieutenant Bodo began traveling westbound on US Route 22.

At approximately 11:44:14 hours, the BWC audio is activated.

At approximately 11:45:39 hours, an unknown LE unit radioed that he was with OSHP in the pursuit of the vehicle Decker was driving.

At approximately 11:51:01 hours, Lieutenant Bodo notified units in pursuit that he was going to set Stop Sticks/Spikes (tire deflation device) on US Route 22.

At approximately 11:52:21 hours, Lieutenant Bodo pulled to the edge of the roadway on US Route 22 westbound and exited the cruiser.

At approximately 11:52:53 hours, Decker's vehicle came into view traveling eastbound on US Route 22, while being pursued by multiple LE cruisers.

At approximately 11:53:13 hours, Lieutenant Bodo radioed that the Stop Stick/Spikes deployment was successful.

At approximately 11:53:19 hours, shots can be heard being fired.

At approximately 11:53:25 hours, Lieutenant Bodo radioed that shots had been fired.

At approximately 11:53:51 hours, an unknown Trooper radioed that Decker was going into the woods north of US Route 22 westbound.

At approximately 11:54:27 hours, Lieutenant Bodo called for OSHP Dispatch to get OSHP Aviation Units en route to the incident location.

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At approximately 11:55:54 hours, Lieutenant Bodo, whose cruiser had been parked facing westbound on US Route 22, arrived at the incident location and parked facing eastbound in the eastbound lanes of US Route 22.



For the remainder of the video, Lieutenant Bodo helped to maintain the incident scene and the perimeter radio traffic can be heard as LE units set up a perimeter.

The video concluded with Lieutenant Bodo's cruiser still parked in US Route 22 facing eastbound in the eastbound lanes.

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Lieutenant Bodo BWC

The video began on March 30, 2026, at 11:50:33 hours, and is 20:38 in length, and starts as Lieutenant Bodo was driving. Initially there is no audio.

At approximately 11:52:02 hours, Lieutenant Bodo stopped and exited his cruiser at the edge of the roadway on US Route 22 westbound.

At approximately 11:52:03 hours, Lieutenant Bodo's BWC audio was activated.

Lieutenant Bodo then moved to the rear of his cruiser and removed Stop Sticks/Spikes from his cruiser trunk area. Lieutenant Bodo then crossed US 22 eastbound lanes.

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At approximately 11:52:33 hours, Lieutenant Bodo deployed the Stop Sticks/Spikes across the US 22 eastbound lanes.

At approximately 11:53:04 hours, Decker's blue Dodge SUV hits the Stop Sticks/Spikes.



At approximately 11:53:13 hours, Lieutenant Bodo radioed that the Stop Stick/Spikes deployment was successful.

At approximately 11:53:19 hours, shots can be heard being fired.

At approximately 11:53:25 hours, Lieutenant Bodo notified OSHP that shots were fired.

Lieutenant Bodo then moved his cruiser to the eastbound lanes of US Route 22.

At approximately 11:57:13 hours, Lieutenant Bodo asked OSHP Trooper if he fired. [REDACTED] replied yes.

At approximately 11:57:17 hours, Lieutenant Bodo notified OSHP Dispatch that [REDACTED] fired and that [REDACTED] cruiser was struck by gunfire.

At approximately 11:58:42 hours, Harrison County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Sergeant Smith notified Lieutenant Bodo that Decker was armed with a handgun.

Lieutenant Bodo then shut down traffic to both directions of travel on US Route 22.

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At approximately 12:06:22 hours, Lieutenant Bodo donned an external tactical vest and put his BWC on the external vest.

At approximately 12:08:08 hours, Lieutenant Bodo contacted [REDACTED]. (At this point the video was paused, and SA Bill Conn was asked to check the remainder of the video for potential Garrity issues. SA Conn checked the video and stated that there were no Garrity issues with the recording).

The video was then concluded with Lieutenant Bodo still on the scene on US Route 22.

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Lieutenant Bodo BWC (2)

This video began on March 30, 2026, at 12:11:18 hours, is 02:32:01 in length, and began as Lieutenant Bodo was standing near the incident scene on US Route 22. Initially there is no audio.

At approximately 12:15:46 hours, the audio on Lieutenant Bodo's BWC is activated.

Lieutenant Bodo continued to assist with scene security and maintaining the perimeter near the incident location.

At approximately 12:08:08 hours, Lieutenant Bodo contacted [REDACTED]. (At this point the video was paused, and SA Bill Conn was asked to check the remainder of the video for potential Garrity issues. SA Conn checked the video and stated that there were no Garrity issues with the recording).

Once the review continued, an OSHP Aviation fixed wing aircraft arrived in the area and could be heard checking the area.

At approximately 12:26:30 hours, an unknown Trooper notified the OSHP Tactical Team via radio that Decker had a pistol.

The remainder of the video is of Lieutenant Bodo speaking with LE on the scene and making contact and speaking with the OSHP District Commander. However, there is no useful information related to the OICI.

The video concluded with Lieutenant Bodo still on US Route 22 near the incident scene.

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Michael Decker pursuit/shooting (Tpr Grubb BWC)

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Trooper Grubb

This video began on March 30, 2026, at 11:47:58 hours, is 01:51:49 in length, and began with Trooper Grubb driving his cruiser.

At approximately 11:49:27 hours, the BWC audio was activated.

At approximately 11:49:28 hours, Trooper Grubb exited his cruiser and removed the Stop Sticks/Spikes from his cruiser's trunk.

At approximately 11:50:47 hours, there is an unsuccessful deployment of the Stop Sticks/Spikes on Decker's vehicle.



At approximately 11:51:29 hours, Trooper Grubb entered his cruiser and began to travel in the same direction as the pursuit.

At approximately 11:53:08 hours, OSHP Lieutenant Bodo is heard on the radio stating that a second Stop Stick/Spikes deployment was successful.

At approximately 11:53:19 hours, an unknown Trooper radioed that shots were fired.

At approximately 11:53:39 hours, Trooper Grubb arrived on US Route 22 at the scene of the OICI.

At approximately 11:54:54 hours, Trooper Grubb contacted [REDACTED] and checked to see if he was okay.

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At approximately 12:01:17 hours, Trooper Grubb entered his cruiser and traveled to the intersection of US Route 22 eastbound and SR 151.

At approximately 12:21:15 hours, Trooper Grubb entered his cruiser and began driving eastbound on US Route 22.

Trooper Grubb then spent a substantial amount of time getting vehicles turned around on US Route 22 to avoid the area of the OICI.

Eventually, once all the vehicles had been turned around and cleared from US Route 22, Trooper Grubb assisted with perimeter security and checking the railyard which is in the area.

The video concluded with Trooper Grubb driving.

Michael Decker pursuit/shooting (Tpr Grubb dash cam)

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Trooper Grubb

This video began on March 30, 2026, at 11:39:05 hours, is 02:00:42 in length, and began with Trooper Grubb's cruiser parked in the parking lot of the Jefferson County Post.

At approximately 11:40:21 hours, Trooper Grubb left the Post and began driving.

At approximately 11:40:35 hours, the audio on the dash camera is activated.

Trooper Grubb then began traveling towards Harrison County on US Route 22. A description of Decker's vehicle being pursued was given as a blue Dodge SUV with Ohio license plate JSC 4504.

At approximately 11:41:42 hours, Trooper Grubb began traveling westbound on US Route 22.

At approximately 11:49:23 hours, Trooper Grubb pulled over on US Route 22 just east of Cadiz in the eastbound lanes.

Trooper Grubb then attempted to deploy Stop Sticks/Spikes on Decker's vehicle. However, the deployment was unsuccessful.

At approximately 11:51:29 hours, Trooper Grubb entered his cruiser and began to travel in the same direction as the pursuit.

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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 video recordings are attached to this case as Reference Item F which is stored in AXON JUSTICE. Please refer to the individual videos for further details.

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References:

Reference Item F – Video Footage – Subfolder: OSHP BWC – Witness Non-Involved Troopers – stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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