



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



2023-1614
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 428 Foster Ave, Cambridge (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Brian Villeda (O), Melissa Nichole Hart (W)
Date of Activity: 07/09/2023
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

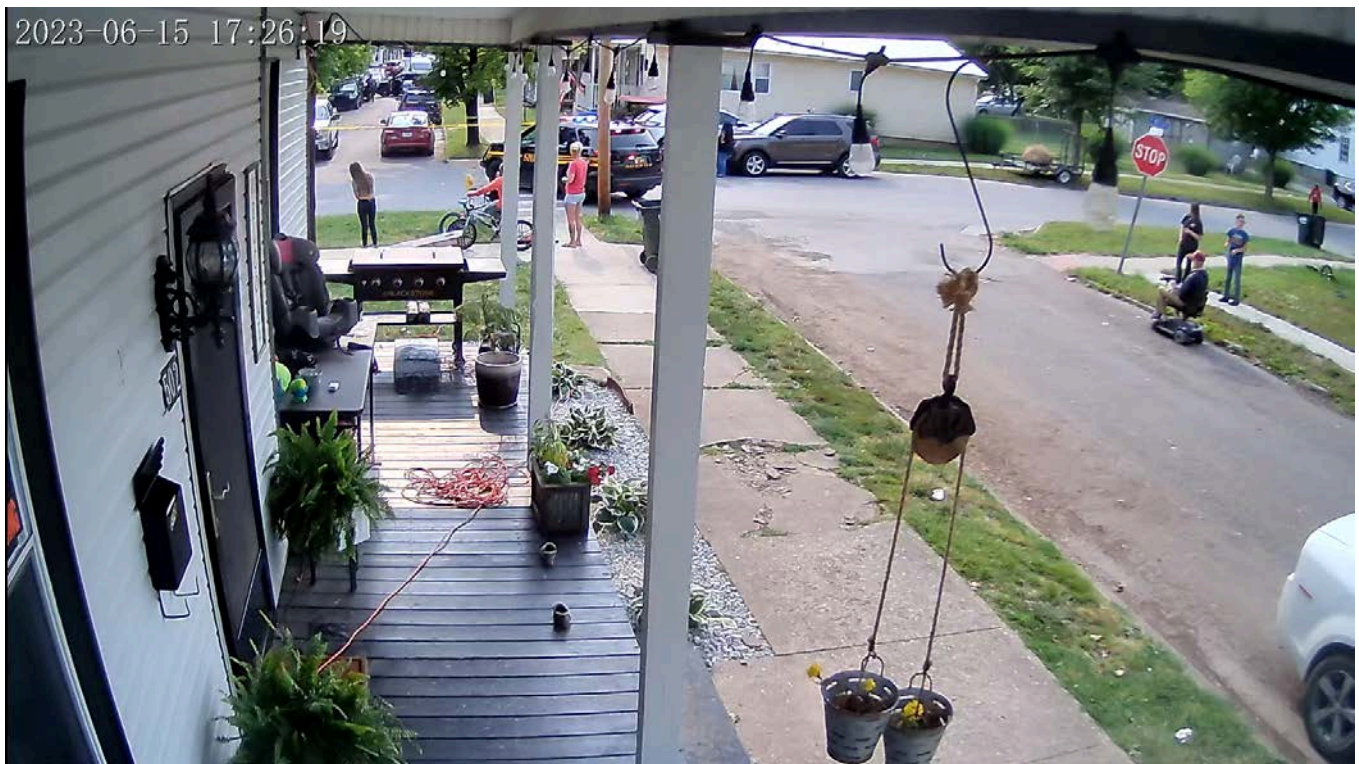
During a neighborhood canvass on the morning of June 16, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore contacted Brian Villeda, a resident at 502 Foster Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio. The purpose of the contact was to determine if anyone present at that location witnessed what transpired during an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place on the prior evening at 428 Foster Ave.



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Mr. Villeda reported that he was working in Columbus when the incident took place. Mr. Villeda said his home was equipped with a camera system, but it did not directly or fully capture the activity. Villeda showed SA Gore a clip from the system on his phone, which depicted several people rushing into the front door of his home after gunshots were heard in the background. Villeda attempted several times to share the video clip with SA Gore via email, but he was unsuccessful at doing so.

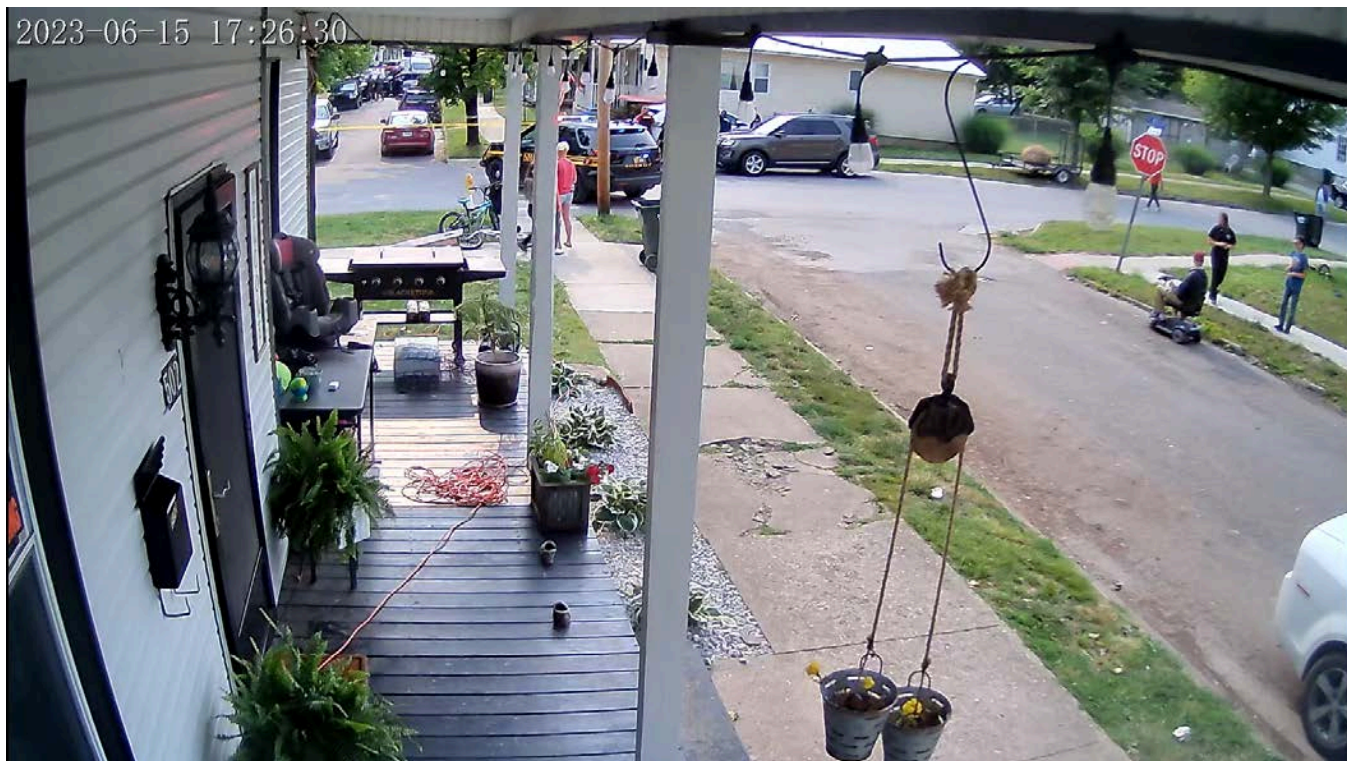
On the evening of July 9, 2023, SA Gore was able to download the video from a link to the iCloud account of Brian Villeda's girlfriend, Melissa Hart. The video was from a west-facing camera beneath the overhang at the front door of 502 Foster Ave., and it was just over a minute in length. The following images are screenshots from the video clip; captions and/or labels were added for context.



The beginning of the clip was timestamped at 17:26:19 hours, June 15, 2023.

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At approximately the 17:26:30 mark, a noise – possibly a muffled gunshot – could be heard.



17:26:30 timestamp, possible gunshot heard

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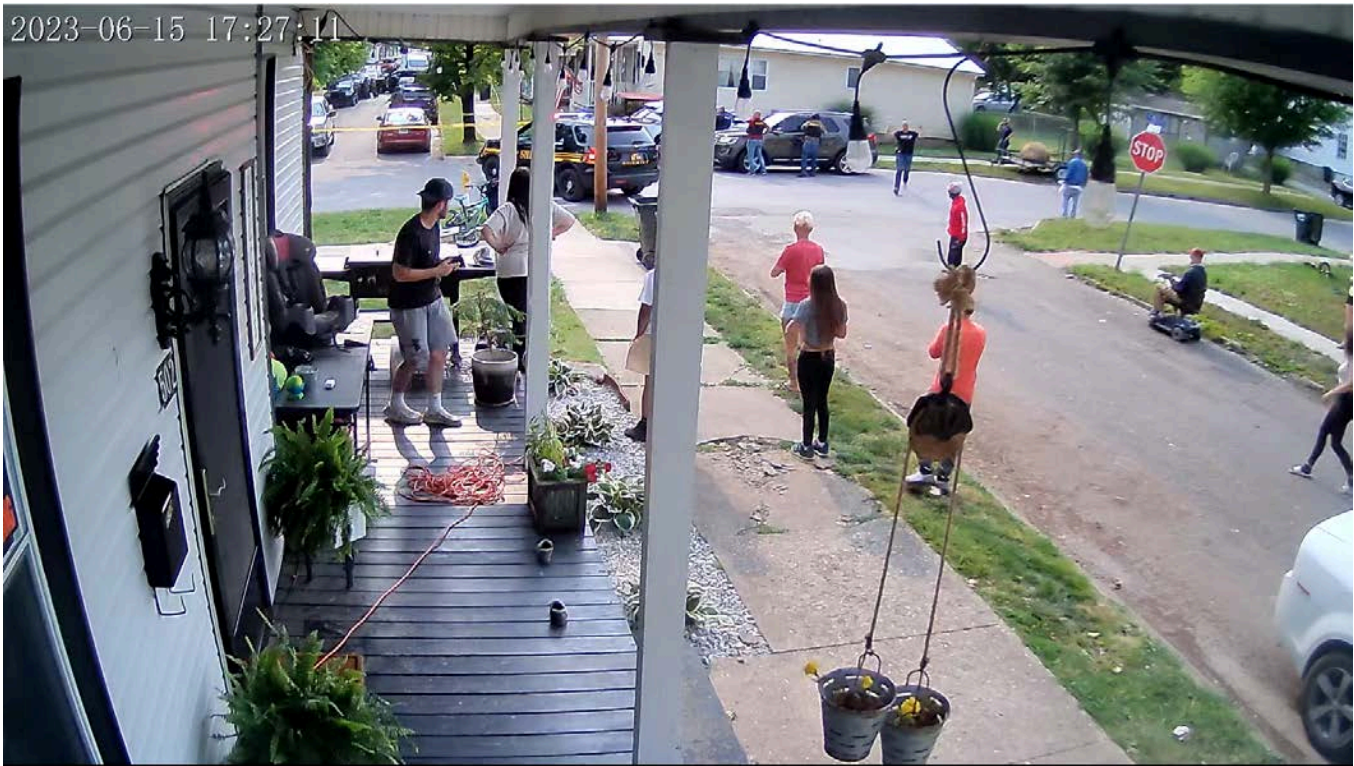
Beginning at approximately the 17:26:37 mark, officers on the perimeter of the scene were observed ordering bystanders and pedestrians to move back.



17:26:44 timestamp

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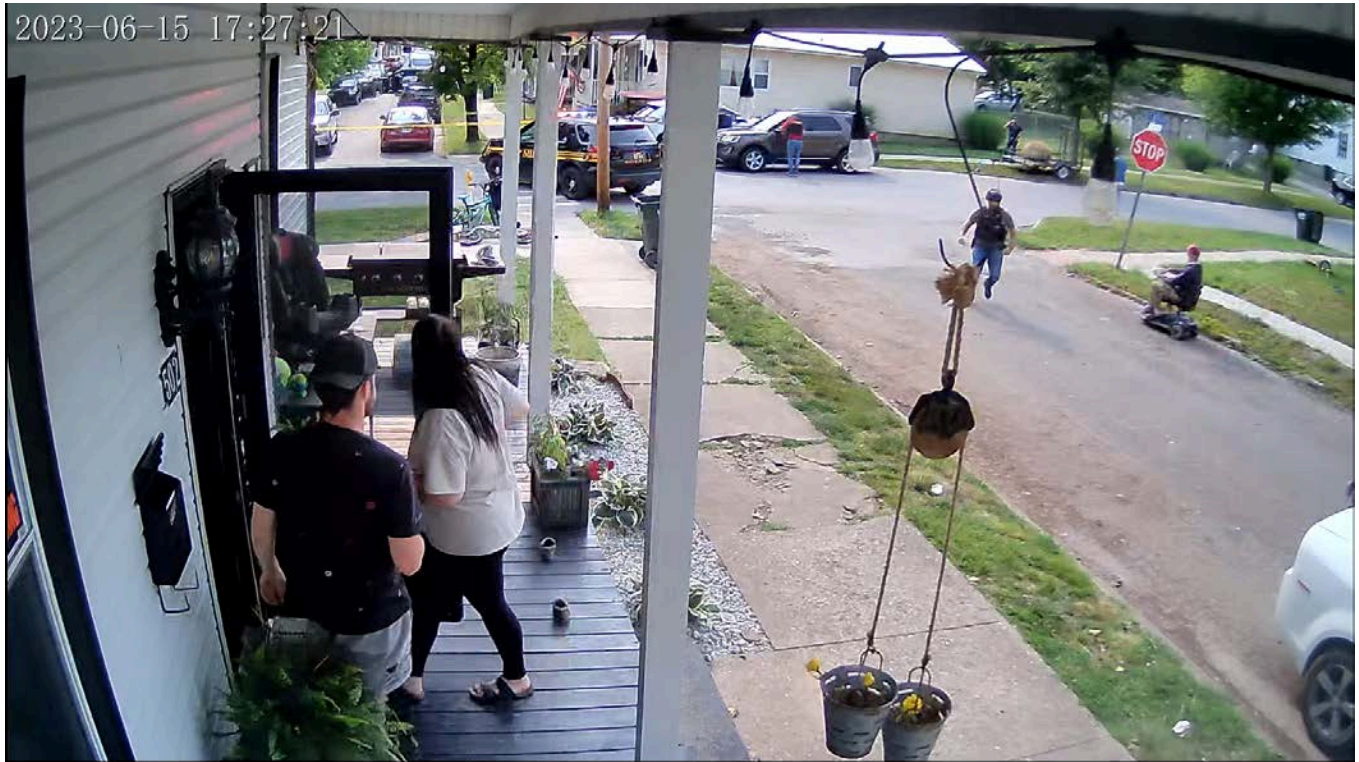
At approximately the 17:26:55 mark, a single gunshot could be heard. Soon afterward, one of the officers on the perimeter ran toward bystanders and yelled for them to get in the house.



Officer again telling bystanders to flee at 17:27:11 mark after gunshot was heard

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Beginning at approximately the 17:27:21 mark, five more shots could be heard in rapid succession as people were scrambling away from the scene.



Five more gunshots heard beginning at 17:27:21 mark

The video concluded at approximately the 17:27:35 mark. It was not possible to discern the origin(s) of the gunshots from the video. Likewise, it was unknown if the timestamps on the video were synchronized to the correct time.

The video clip was uploaded to the Matrix case file and attached to this report for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 20230616052618022_1296p (Video from 502 Foster Ave.)