



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



2025-2000  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - Tiedeman Road at I-480  
West, Brooklyn, OH 44144, Cuyahoga County

**Investigative Activity:** Cellphone Video Review – Officer Desmarteau  
**Involves:** Patrick Kerr (S), Thomas Desmarteau (W)  
**Activity Date:** 07/08/2025  
**Activity Location:** BCI Richfield, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH  
44286  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher received video footage from Parma Police Department Officer Thomas Desmarteau (Officer Desmarteau). SA Fletcher was informed that the videos and photos contained footage from a cellphone camera recorded by Officer Desmarteau.

SA Joe Lamping reviewed the photos/video recordings and noted the following:

Four still images and two videos were captured by Officer Desmarteau. They were taken from behind a Brooklyn, Ohio welcome sign on the Southeast corner of Tiedman Road and the Interstate 480 Westbound exit ramp. The images and videos were titled in sequence: IMG\_0121.jpeg, IMG\_0122.jpeg, IMG\_0123.jpeg, IMG\_0124.jpeg, IMG\_0125.MOV, and IMG\_0126.mov.

The first photo, IMG\_0121.jpeg, showed the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT (SEB SWAT) team staged behind a Lenco Bearcat. Additionally, an individual, identified as Patrick Kerr (Kerr) was observed standing near a Ford F-150 with heavy front end crash damage. Kerr was standing between the truck's open driver's side front door and an open rear door, facing officers, with a black object in his right hand which was pointed towards his head:

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*Snippet from IMG\_0121.jpeg*

The other three photos were more focused on Kerr who was standing in a similar position as the first photo. In the final photo, only the top of Kerr's head and his feet are visible. The images were included below in the order they were captured:



*Snippet from IMG\_0122.jpeg*

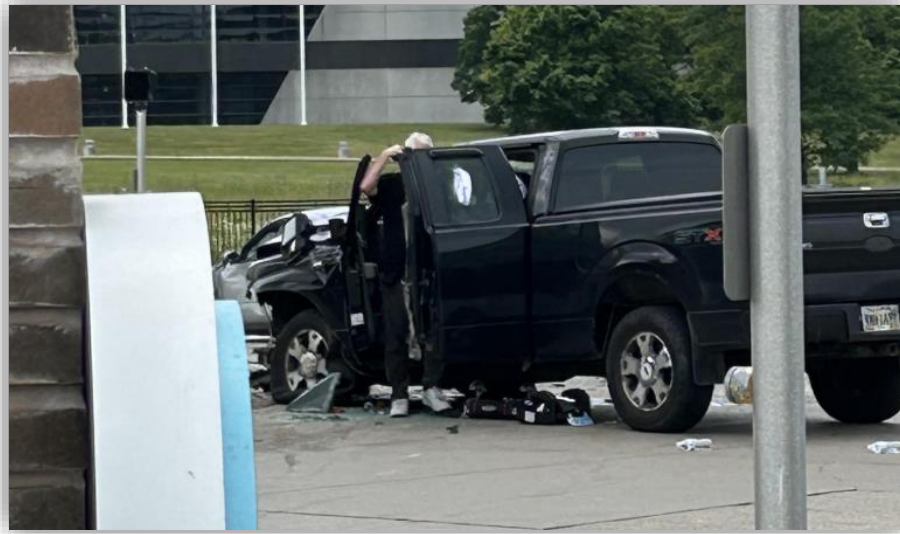
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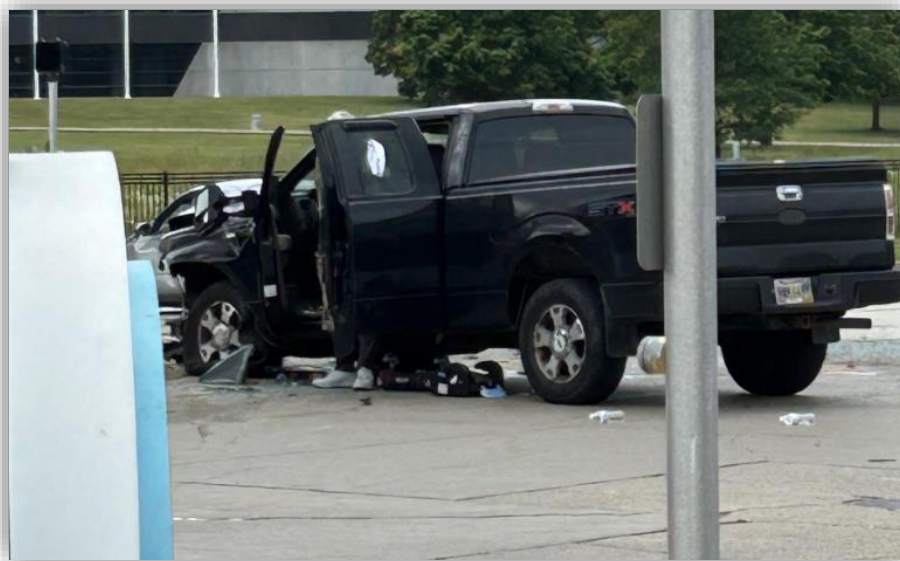
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*Snippet from IMG\_0123.jpeg*



*Snippet from IMG\_0124.jpeg*

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**IMG\_0125.mov**

The first video captured by Officer Desmarteau is eleven seconds in length. It showed Kerr standing between the doors of the truck with a black object in his right hand pointed towards his head. Kerr was mostly concealed behind the rear truck door for the length of the video. At the start his right hand is observed holding a black object towards his head. As the video progressed, Kerr turned counterclockwise. The object in his hand was not visible, but it appeared that he was still holding something to his head due to the angle of his right arm, pictured below:



*Enlarged snippet from IMG\_0125.mov*

**IMG\_0126.mov**

The second video, captured by Officer Desmarteau, is five seconds in length. The video begins with Kerr standing between the open doors of the truck with an object in his right hand pointed towards his head, and a white cloth or shirt covering the lower half of his face. Kerr stepped out to his right, away from the doors, and then backwards away from Officer Desmarteau's position. As Kerr walked backwards, someone yelled, "put the gun down." Kerr turned his back to Officer Desmarteau, and when he did, what appeared to be a less lethal round was fired towards him. Several loud percussive sounds, consistent with gunshots or less lethal munitions, are heard within one second of one another at roughly the 3-second mark in the video. Officer Desmarteau dropped the camera angle towards the ground as Kerr went out of view. Two still images were included below which show Kerr's position at the start of the video and him walking away from Officer Desmarteau's position.

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*Snippet #1 IMG\_0126.mov*



*Snippet #2 IMG\_0126.mov*

**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  
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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 images and videos were uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item C - Cellphone Videos and Photos where they can be reviewed in their entirety. The snippets obtained from the images and videos were attached to this report.

**References:**

Reference Item C - Cellphone Videos and Photos - Stored in Axon Justice

**Attachments:**

1. A collection of snippets from the media captured by Officer Desmarreau

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