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2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Officer [REDACTED] Body-Worn Camera Review  
Activity Date: August 24, 2023  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

**Narrative:**

While Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) was on the scene of this incident, he was advised that Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT) member, Officer [REDACTED] (Officer [REDACTED] was wearing a body-worn camera that possibly captured portions of the incident. SA Momchilov was further advised that Officer [REDACTED] is a Boardman Police officer and the body-worn camera belonged to the Boardman Police Department.

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, SA Momchilov contacted Chief Todd Werth (Chief Werth) of Boardman Police Department. SA Momchilov was advised by Chief Werth that that Officer [REDACTED] was wearing his body-worn camera at the time of the shooting, however, it appears that Officer [REDACTED] s body-worn camera was inadvertently shut off prior to shots being fired. Chief Werth further explained his department was in the process of using the "record after the fact" function of the body-worn camera to capture additional footage. Chief Werth requested that SA Momchilov send him an email requesting Officer [REDACTED] s body-worn camera footage.

On August 24, 2023, at approximately 1050 hours, SA Momchilov sent Chief Werth the following email:

Chief,

Ohio BCI is conducting an investigation into the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on August 23, 2023, in Howland Township. It is my understanding that Boardman Officer [REDACTED] was wearing a body-worn camera that may have captured some portion of the incident. Per our conversation earlier, it is also my understanding that Officer [REDACTED] s body-worn camera footage did not capture that actual shooting incident, however, that footage may be able to be retrieved due to a feature in the body-worn camera.

I am requesting all body-worn camera footage available and any footage that may be retrieved in the future.

Thank you and please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Cory

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On August 24, 2023, at approximately 1332 hours, SA Momchilov received the following email from Chief Werth:

Senior Special Agent Momchilov,

Per your request, below is a link to body worn camera (BWC) footage from a BPD officer involved in the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team's operation in Howland. It's my understanding, which is backed up by our officers BWC footage that he did not fire his weapon during the exchange with the subject.

After conducting an initial review of the BWC footage, it was apparent that the BWC was inadvertently shut off during the entry (possibly by being bumped). With our officer's permission we utilized the "record after the fact" function of our system to capture additional BWC footage which did show the exchange of gunfire.

The below link is to two (2) videos. The first is the video that shows the approach of the officers and partial entry into the target house. The second video shows the same footage, with an additional (continued) portion pulled from the BWC record after the fact feature.

**The BWC footage is provided at your request. It should be noted that we consider Officer [REDACTED] a victim as outlined in ORC 2930.01. Any dissemination of the BWC footage which would tend to identify Officer [REDACTED] should be restricted per ORC 2930.07. We respectfully request that the Boardman Police Department be notified of any dissemination of this footage made outside of Youngstown PD prior to its release. We are also providing a copy of the BWC footage to Youngstown PD (Lt. Brian Butler, Internal Affairs) at their request.**

If you need a downloaded version please contact BPD Cpt. McDonnell (cc'd here).

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need anything else.

The email sent by Chief Werth also contained a link which allowed SA Momchilov to download two body-worn camera footage files:

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**Duration:** 12 minutes and 19 seconds

00\_1d\_96\_17\_e3\_c9-0091380329\_BWC [REDACTED]\_20230823\_0634\_Stream0

**Duration:** 1 minute and 25 seconds

The second body-worn camera footage file appears to be a continuation and extended version of the first video file.

**Body-Worn Camera Footage Review**

00\_1d\_96\_17\_e3\_c9-0091407508\_BWC [REDACTED]\_20230823\_0634\_Stream0

**Duration:** 12 minutes and 19 seconds



The beginning of the body-worn camera footage (time-0634:00 hours) appears to show MVCRT members on the northeast corner of the residence. Approximately 22 seconds into the video, a voice of a loudspeaker is heard requesting that "Randall" come to the front door and that "Nobody is here to hurt you."

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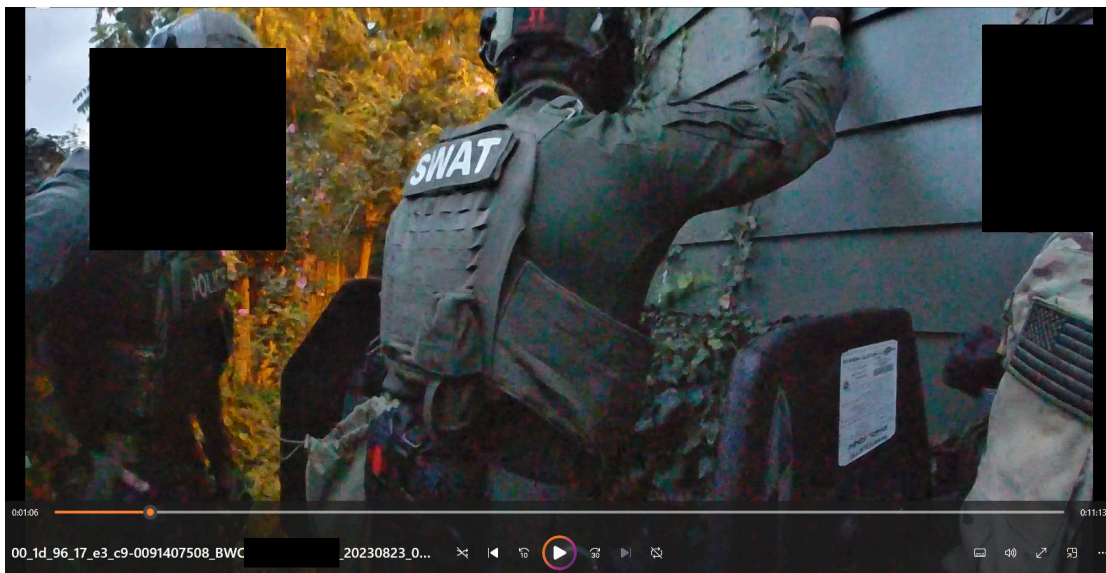
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Approximately 58 seconds into the footage (0634:59 hours) MVCRT begin a countdown starting with 5.



At the end of the countdown, team members begin saying "Execute, execute, execute." Moments later an explosion is heard followed by a burst of light (rear door being breached by explosives).

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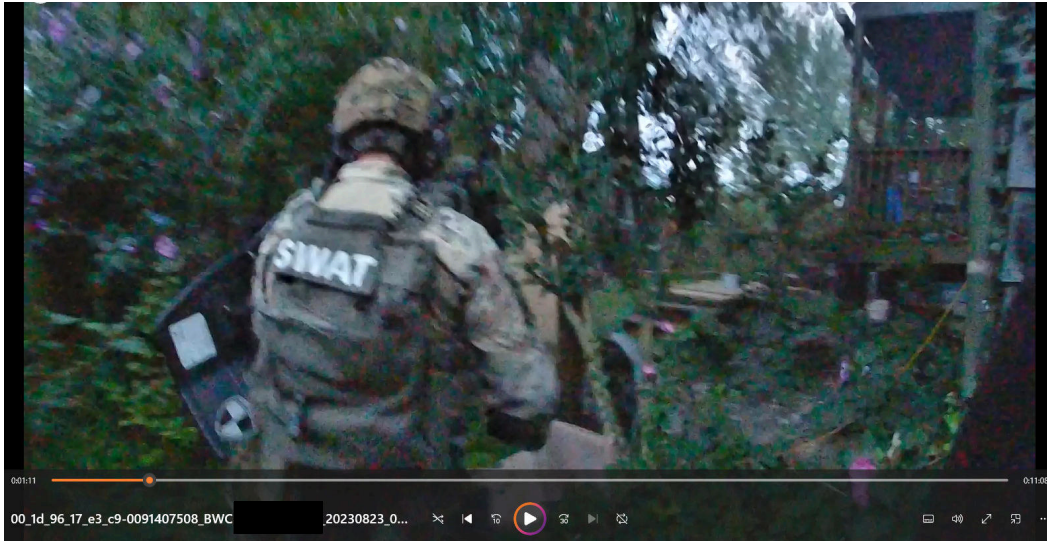
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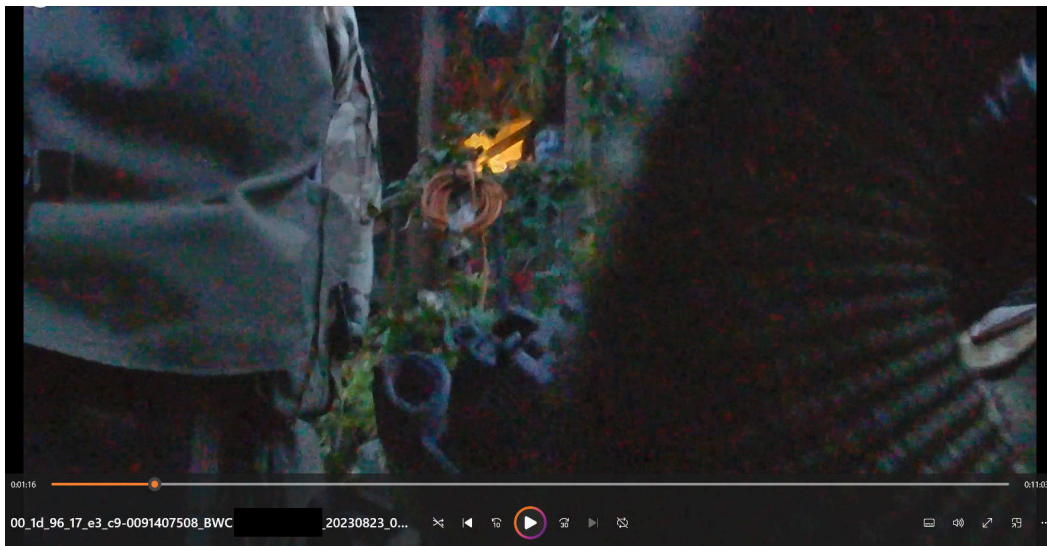
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Approximately 1 minute and 11 seconds into the footage, team members began approaching the rear of [REDACTED]



Approximately 1 minute and 16 seconds into the footage, as a team member is walking up the steps to the rear of the residence, a team member is heard yelling, "Shotgun, Shotgun, shotgun, shotgun."

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Starting at approximately 1 minute and 22 seconds into the footage, the following dialog is heard between team members.

Unknown Team Member: I don't see it.

Unknown Team Member: Where?

Unknown Team Member: It's in his hand. It's in his hand.

Unknown Team Member: Where is he? Where is he?

Unknown Team Member: He's in the back, he's in the back. Or the front of the house, front of the house.

Unknown Team Member: HR lets go. HR lets go.

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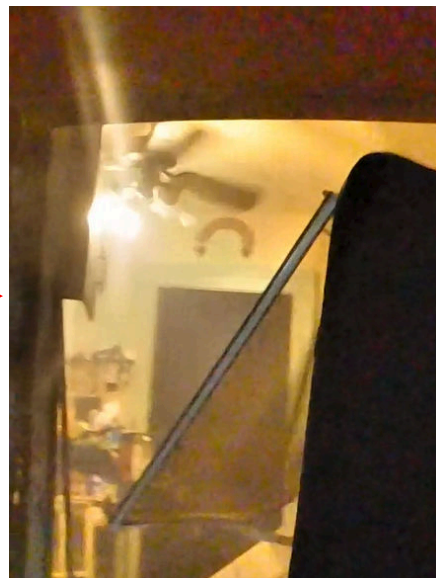
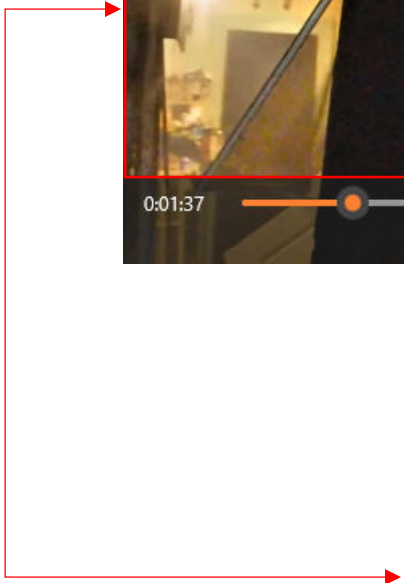
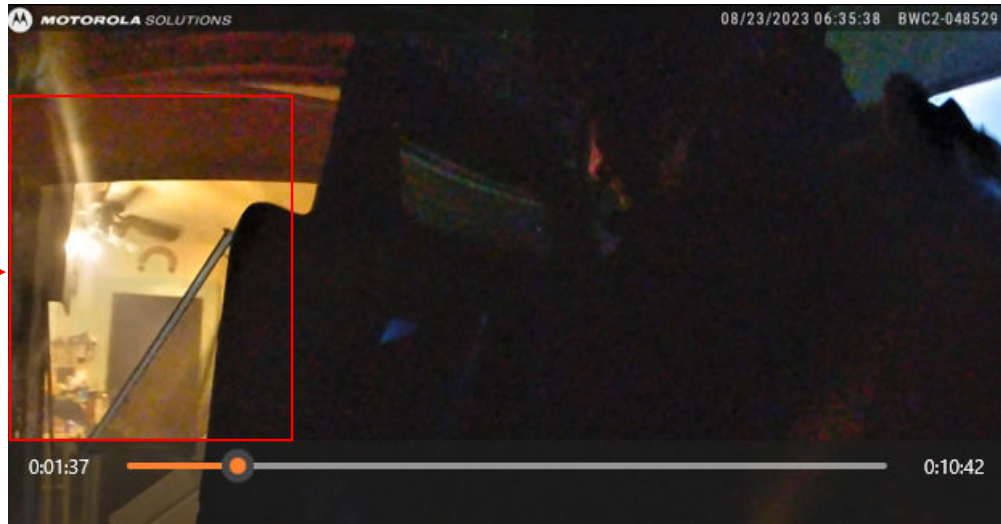
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Enlarged image of screen door area that is obstructing entry.

Approximately 1 minute and 37 seconds into the footage, it appears that team members are attempting to make entry into the residence. However, the outer screen door appears to be obstructing them.

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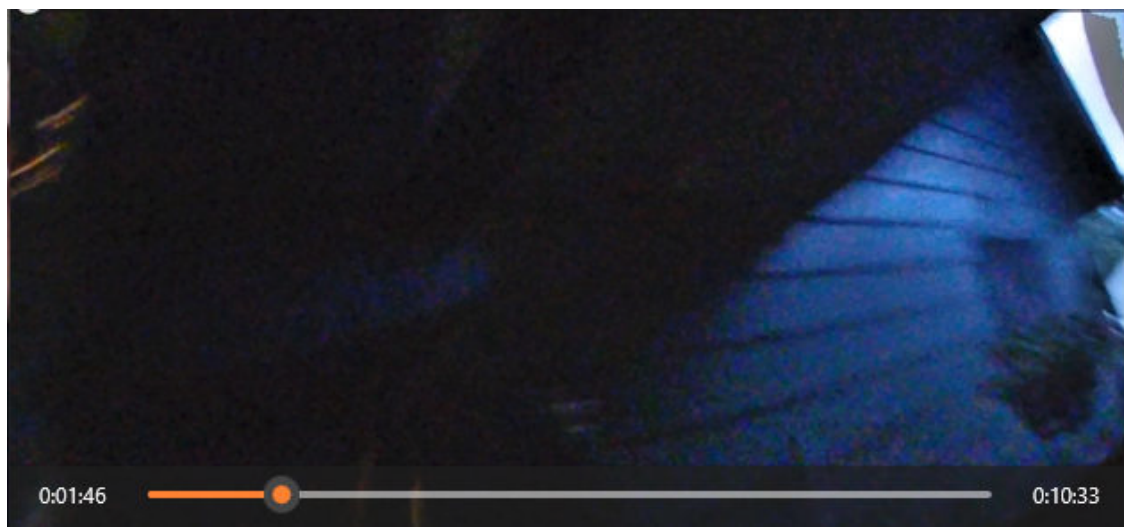
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Approximately 1 minute and 44 seconds into the footage, prior to making entry into the residence, a team member is heard yelling, “drop the gun.’



Approximately 1 minute and 46 seconds into the footage, the sound consistent with a gunshot is heard. That sound is followed by numerous other sounds that are consistent with gunfire. It then appears that Officer [REDACTED] is in distress and states, “Ah, fuck, I’m hit. Fuck him. Let go, HR let go.”

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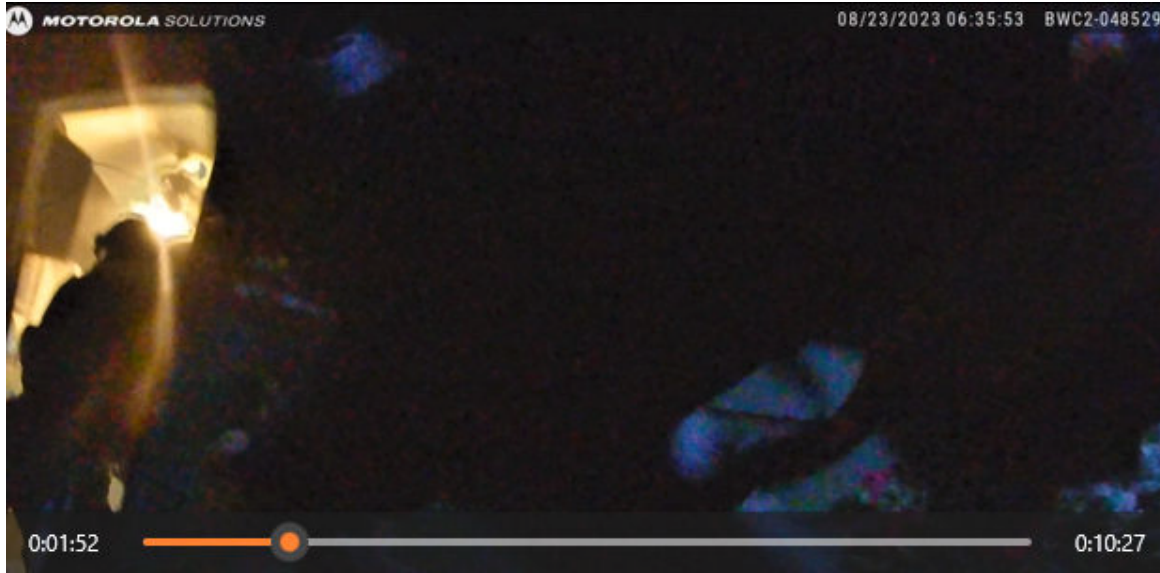
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Approximately 1 minute and 52 seconds into the footage, team members are observed making entry into the residence.

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Enlarged image of team members in kitchen area.

Approximately 1 minute and 55 seconds into the footage, team members are observed in the kitchen area of the residence. Moments later, Officer [REDACTED] can be heard stating, "Yes, I'm hit."

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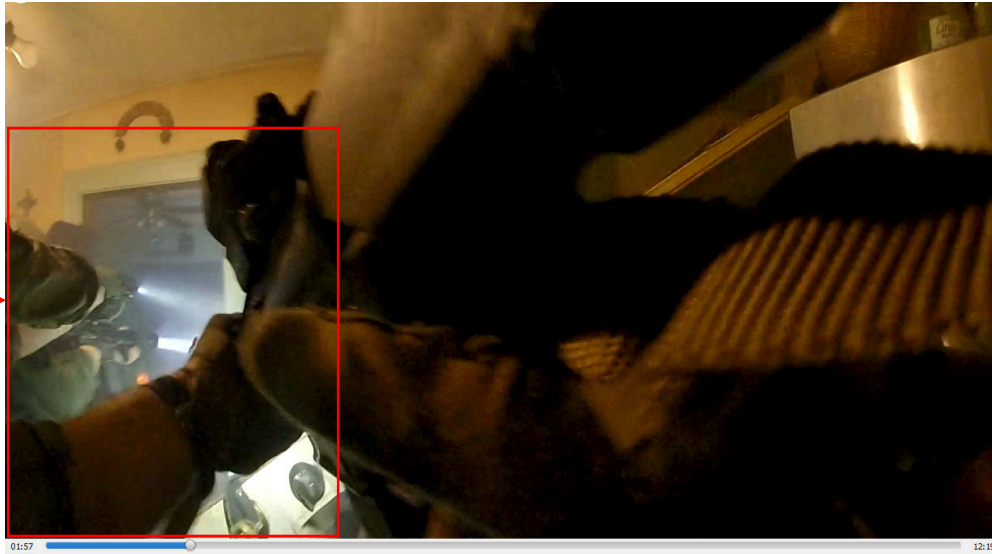
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Enlarged image of team members in the threshold area.

Approximately 1 minute and 57 seconds into the footage, team members are observed in the threshold area that separates the kitchen from dining room area of the residence. A team member is heard yelling, "Show me your hands."

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Enlarged image of possible white colored cloud emitted from firearm

Moments after “show me your hands”, a possible white colored cloud is emitted from a team member’s firearm, followed by the sound of continuous gunfire.

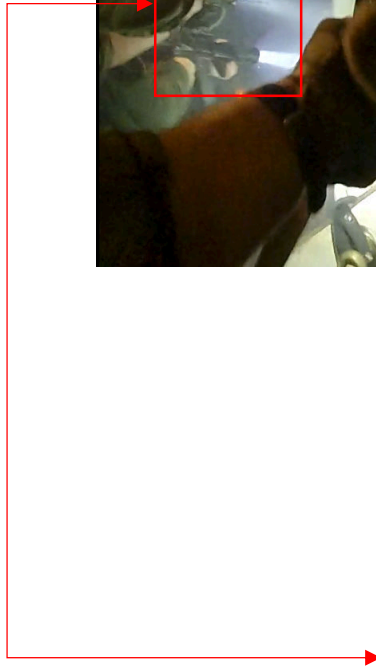
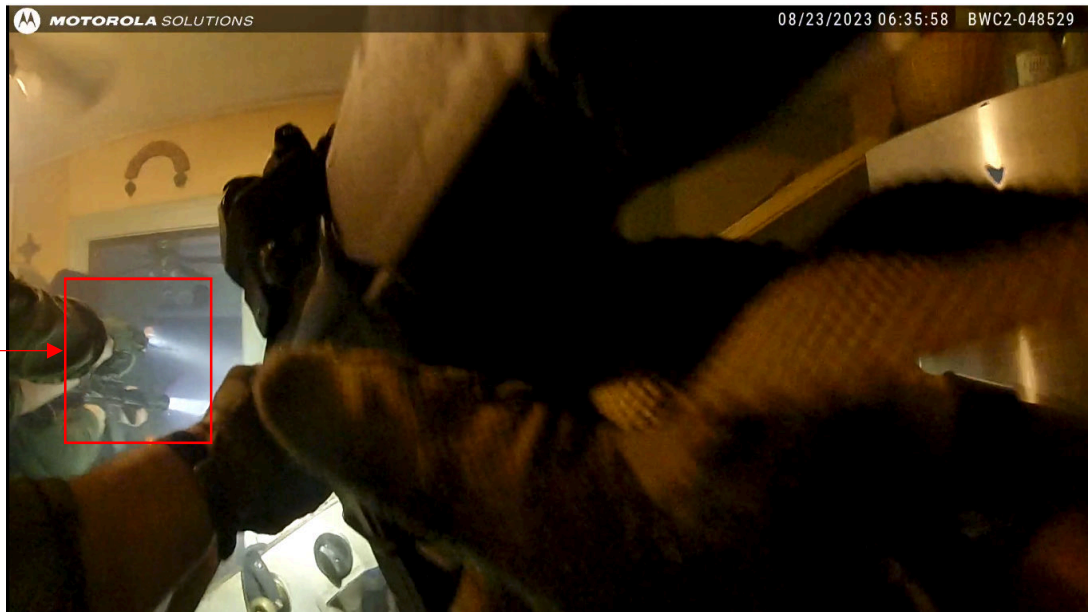
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Enlarged image of possible muzzle flash

Moments later, a possible muzzle flash is also observed.

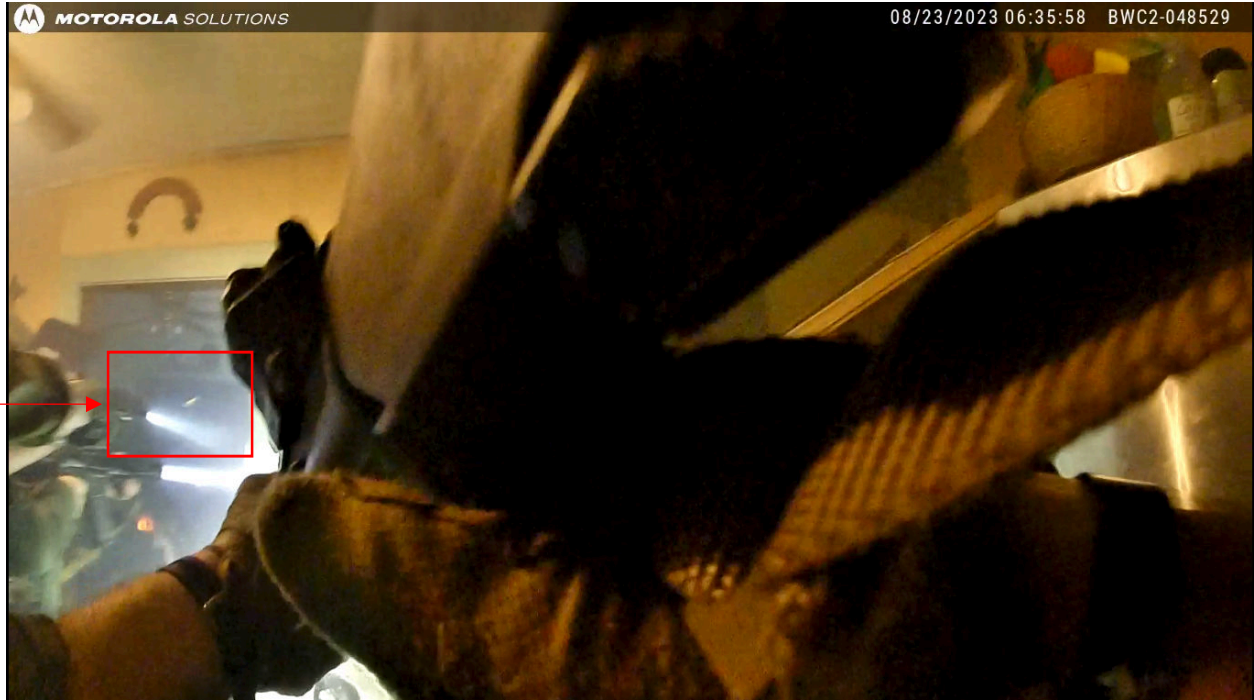
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A cartridge casing observed ejecting from a firearm

Approximately 1 minute and 58 seconds into the footage, as gunshots are heard, a shell casing is observed being ejected.

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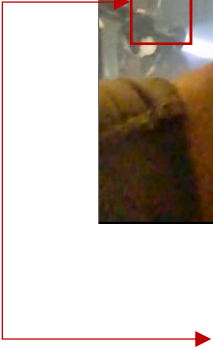
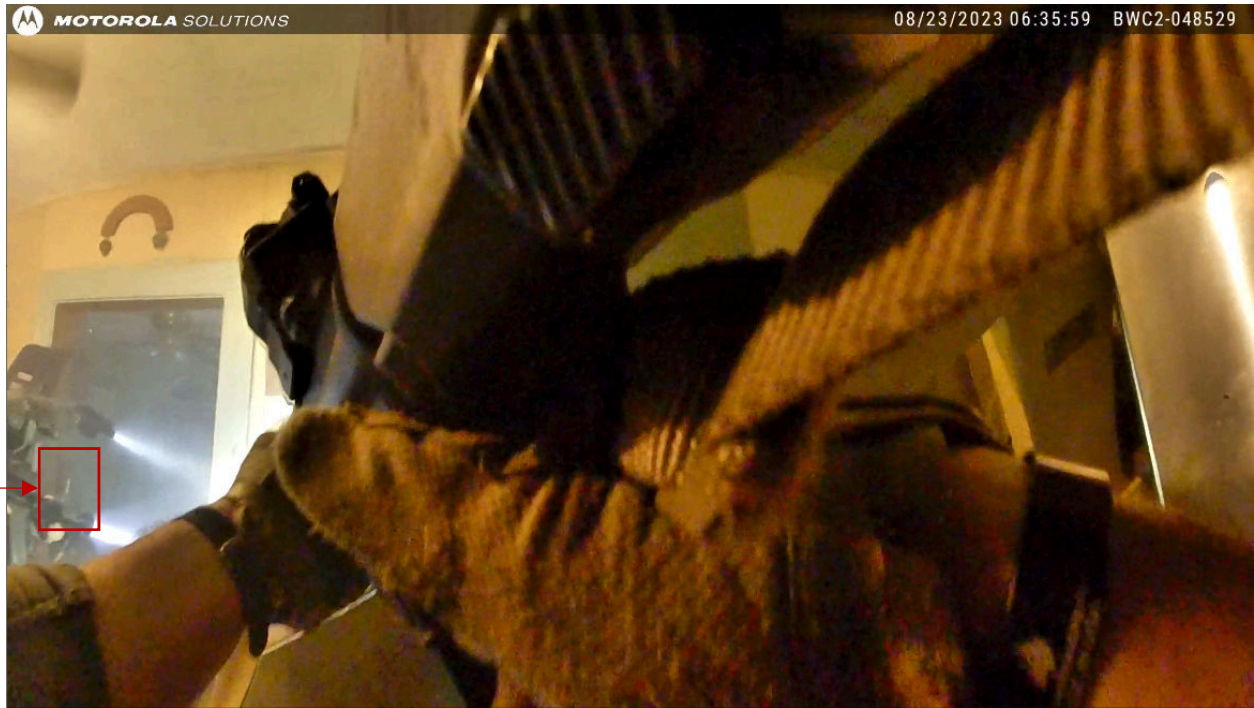
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Possible ejected  
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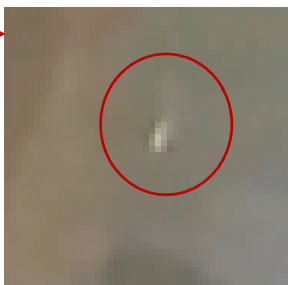
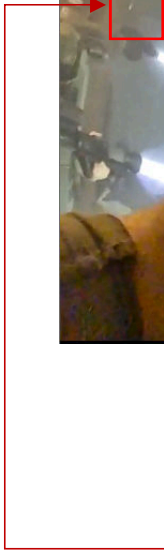




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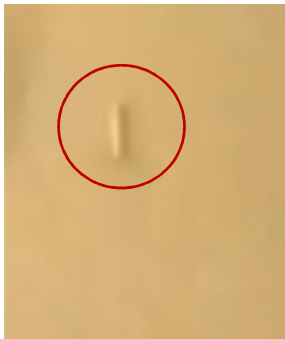
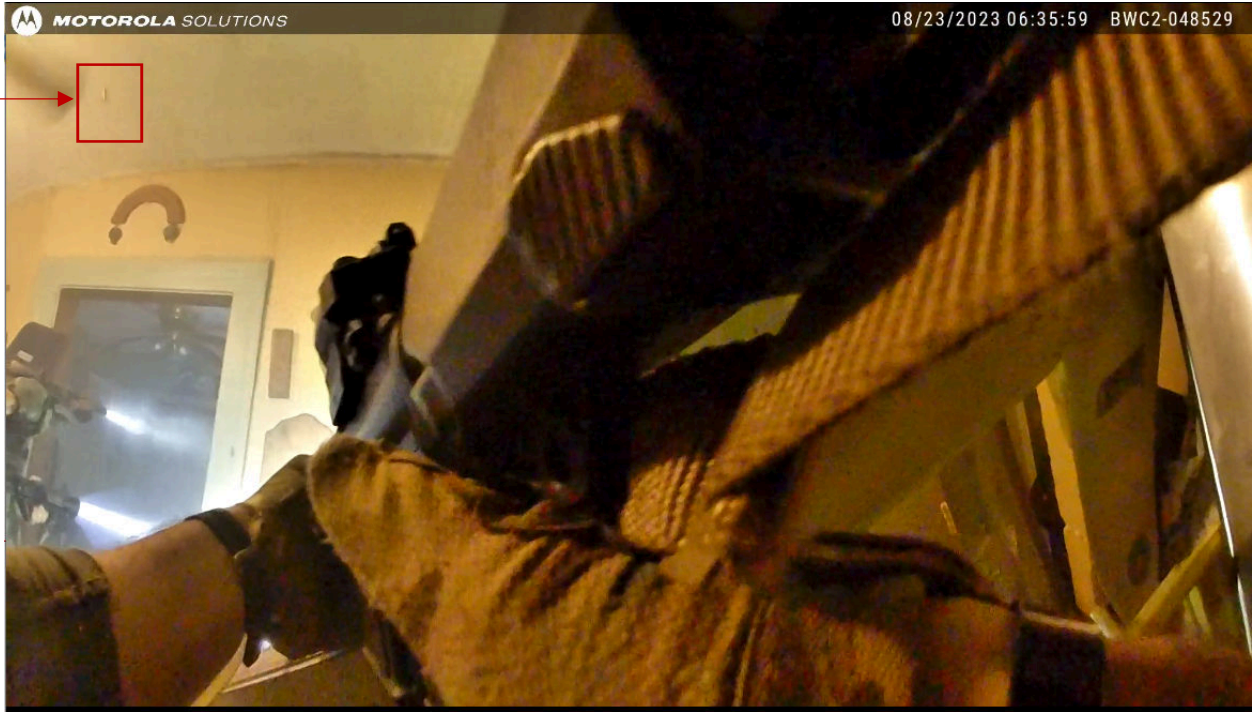
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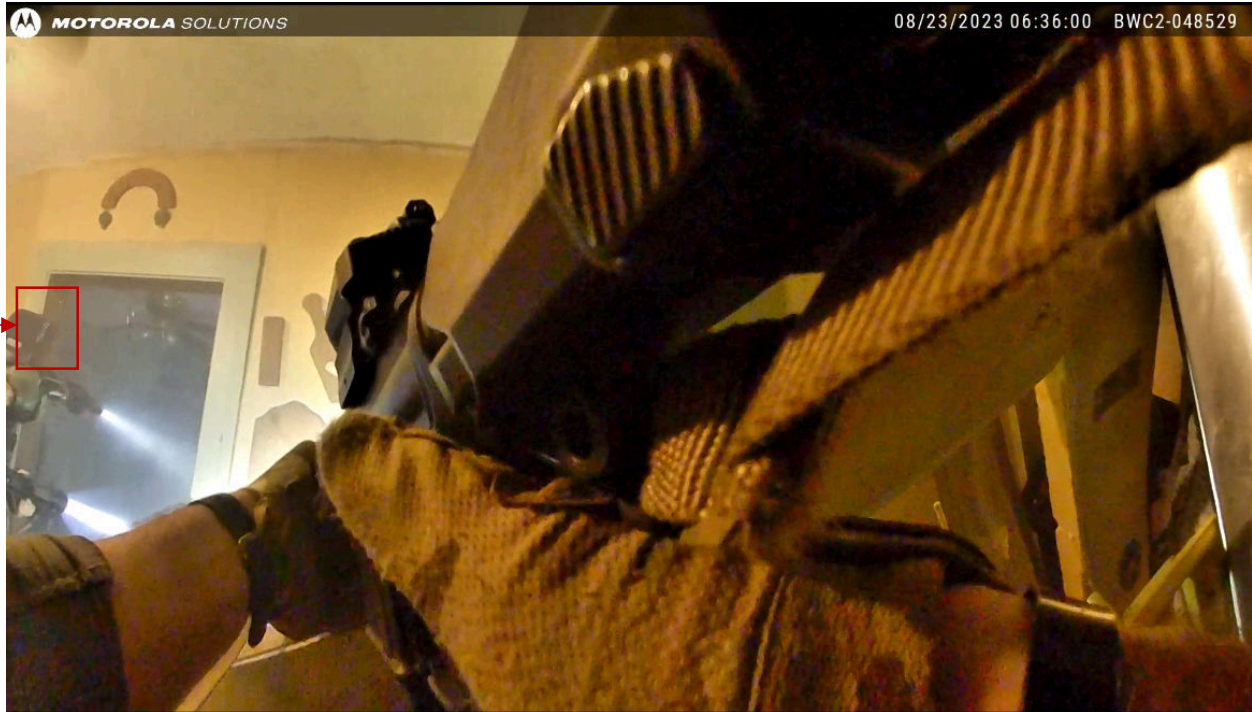
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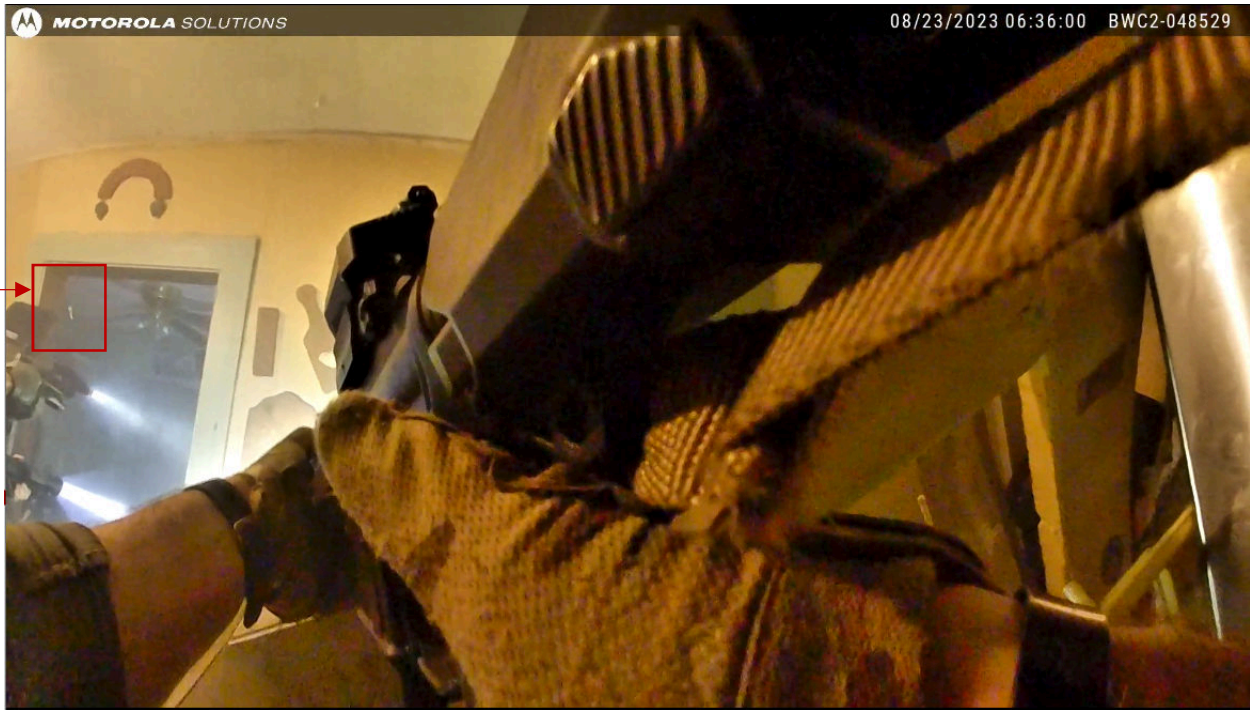
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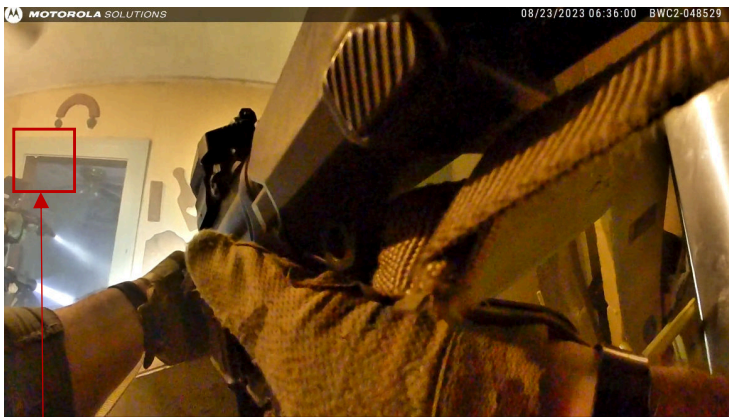
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Possible muzzle flash



Possible ejected cartridge casing

Approximately 2 minutes into the footage, a possible muzzle flash is observed followed by possible cartridge casing.

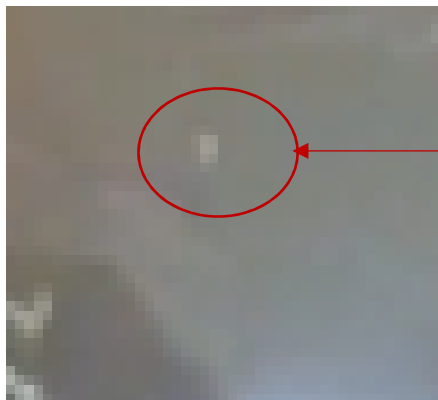
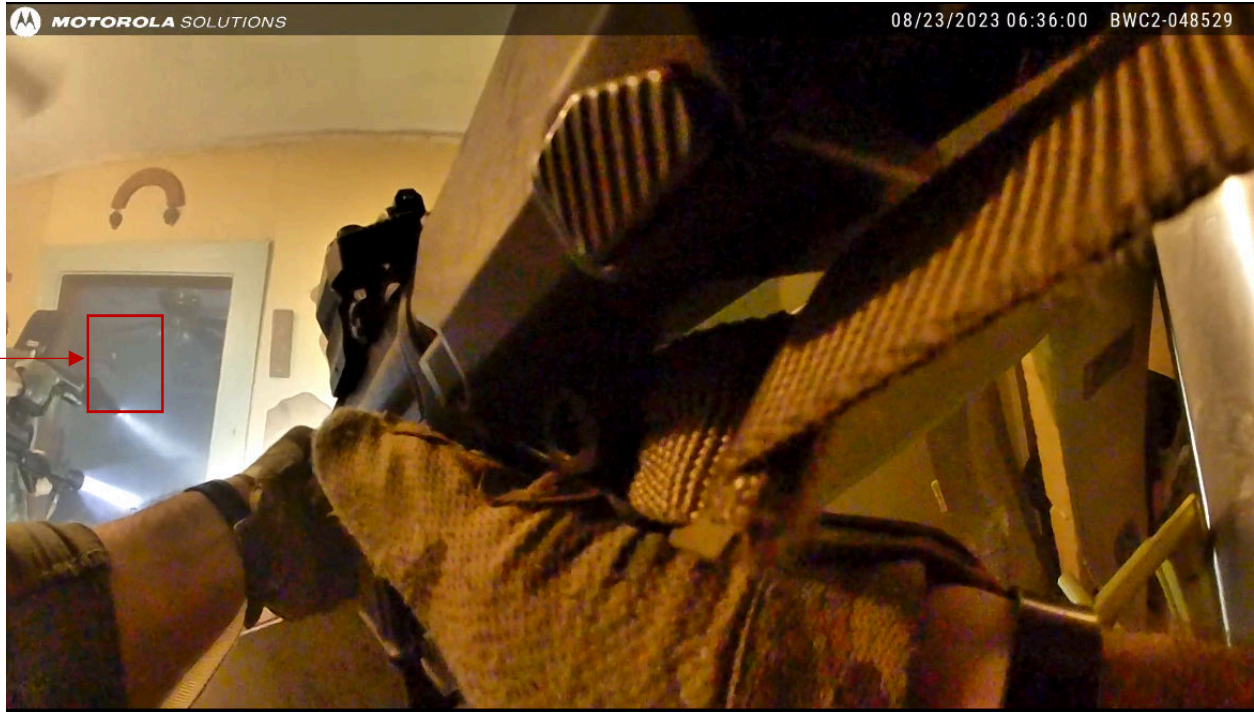
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Beginning at approximately 2 minutes and 1 second into the footage, it appears that team members began making entry into the kitchenette/living room area.

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Team members continue pushing into the living room area.

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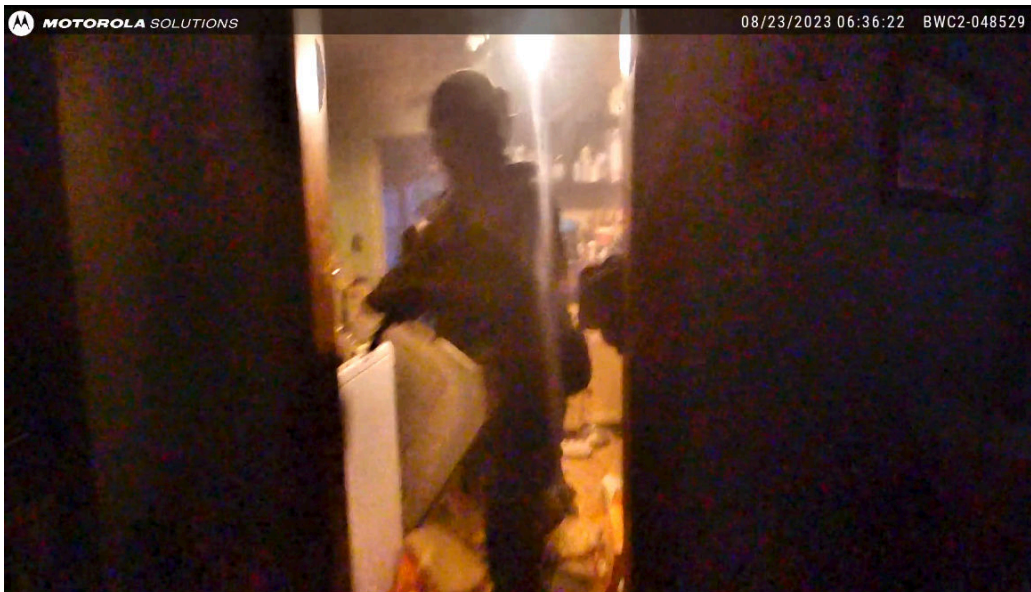
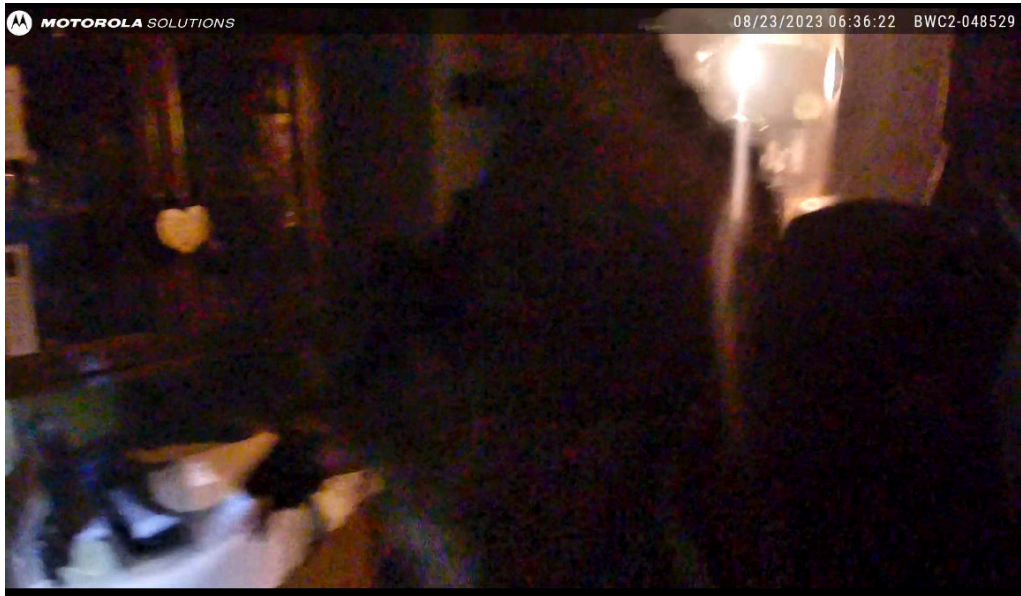
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Approximately 2 minutes and 19 seconds into the footage, Officer [REDACTED] tells other officers that he's "been hit" and begins to extract himself from the residence.

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The reader of this Investigative Report is encouraged to view Officer [REDACTED]'s body-worn camera footage in its entirety for further details and clarification.

A copy of Officer [REDACTED]'s body-worn camera footage was placed onto a DVD; the DVD was placed into the item section of the physical case file, labeled as Item E.

**Items**

- Officer [REDACTED]'s Body-Worn Camera Footage

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