



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
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Narrative:

On August 24, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was notified by Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred in the Kroger parking lot located at 5991 South Sunbury Road in Westerville, OH. An unidentified female, who was later identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young), was confronted by BTPD officers regarding an accusation of theft from Kroger. During the encounter, Young was in the driver seat of a black Lexus sedan. Young reportedly attempted to flee the scene and struck a BTPD officer with her vehicle, and a BTPD officer discharged their firearm in response. Young was transported to Mount Carmel St. Ann's medical center with alleged gunshot wounds, where she was later pronounced deceased.

On August 25, 2023, (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) received electronically the below referenced body worn camera (BWC) footage from BTPD (BTPD) Sergeant Ben Newman (Sgt. Newman). BWC video files were received for BTPD Officer Connor Grubb (Ofc. Grubb) and Sergeant Erick Moynihan (Sgt. Moynihan), who were both involved in the aforementioned OICI. Other responding agencies included Westerville Division of Police (WPD), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Columbus Division of Police (CPD), Minerva Park Police Department (MPPD), Mifflin Township Police Department (MTPD), and Clinton Township Police Department (CTPD).

The following is a summation of information gathered from the BWC video footage. Please refer to the actual video recordings for complete and specific details of the events.

SA Douglass reviewed the BWC video of BTPD Ofc. Grubb and noted the following within the video footage:

- Video begins with Ofc. Grubb seated in his marked BTPD police vehicle.
- Ofc. Grubb arrives at the Kroger parking lot and exits the vehicle.
- Ofc. Grubb begins assisting a female subject with a vehicle lockout.
- Sgt. Moynihan arrives at Ofc. Grubb's location.
- Sgt. Moynihan can be seen approaching the black Lexus sedan after being alerted by a Kroger employee that Young had stolen items from the store.

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- Sgt. Moynihan can be heard instructing Young to exit the vehicle numerous times.
- Ofc. Grubb approaches Young's vehicle to assist Sgt. Moynihan.



- Ofc. walks along the driver side of Young's vehicle and positions himself in front of the vehicle on the driver side.

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- Young can be seen turning her steering wheel, Ofc. Grubb draws his firearm and aims in the direction of Young as he gives her verbal commands to get out of the car.



- Young accelerates towards Ofc. Grubb, screeching tires can be heard.
- Ofc. Grubb fires one shot at Young one-handed with his right hand, and his left hand on the hood of Young's vehicle as she accelerates towards him.

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- Young's vehicle continues to roll past Ofc. Grubb towards the Kroger Rx Walkup; a child can be seen in the crosswalk with a shopping cart.



- Ofc. Grubb announces via radio, "Shots fired," to dispatch.
- Ofc. Grubb and Sgt. Moynihan pursue the vehicle until it comes to a stop underneath the awning near the Kroger Rx Walkup.

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- Ofc. Grubb breaks the driver window of Young's vehicle; as he attempts to remove Young from the driver seat the vehicle accelerates away from Ofc. Grubb, who falls to the ground.
- Young is out of the vehicle; Sgt. Moynihan and Ofc. Grubb secure her with handcuffs before they begin rendering first aid; blood can be seen on Young's clothing.
- Ofc. Grubb requests emergency medical response to their location via radio dispatch.
- Sgt. Moynihan states "I need a chest seal," and Ofc. Grubb runs to his vehicle to retrieve medical supplies.
- Ofc. Grubb runs back to Young's location; a chest seal is applied to Young, who appears to have sustained a gunshot wound to her upper torso.
- Ofc. Grubb and Sgt. Moynihan check Young's back for an exit wound.
- Law enforcement officers from other responding agencies arrive to assist.
- Sgt. Moynihan can be seen administering CPR to Young; an unknown male assists aid.
- Ofc. Grubb repositions his vehicle as other law enforcement officers continue to arrive.
- Ofc. Grubb exits the scene with a deputy from FCSO as video ends.

SA Douglass reviewed the BWC video of BTPD Sgt. Moynihan and noted the following within the video footage:

- Video begins with Sgt. Moynihan seated in his marked BTPD police vehicle.
- Sgt. Moynihan arrives at the Kroger parking lot and exits the vehicle near Dollar Tree.
- Sgt. Moynihan speaks to a female subject regarding a minor vehicle accident which occurred earlier in the Kroger parking lot.
- Sgt. Moynihan returns to his vehicle and drives towards Kroger to Ofc. Grubb's location nearby, who is assisting an individual with a vehicle lockout.
- Young can be seen entering the driver seat of a black Lexus sedan.
- Sgt. Moynihan is notified by a female Kroger employee that Young had stolen items from the store.



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- Sgt. Moynihan approaches Young's vehicle, knocks on her window and instructs her to exit the vehicle five times.



- Ofc. Grubb can be seen approaching the vehicle to assist Sgt. Moynihan.
- Young partially rolls down her window and responds, "For what?"
- Sgt. Moynihan tells Young, "They said you stole stuff, do not leave."

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- Young denies stealing anything and appears to say, "No I'm not gonna do that," as Sgt. Moynihan and Ofc. Grubb continue to instruct her to exit the vehicle.
- Sgt. Moynihan grabs the top of Young's window as she refuses to comply.



- Audible tire screeching can be heard as Young accelerates towards Ofc. Grubb, who is standing in front of the vehicle; Sgt. Moynihan attempts to break the window.



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- Young's vehicle appears to strike Ofc. Grubb, who has his firearm pointed towards Young inside the vehicle; Young's vehicle is angled towards the storefront, a child can be seen in the background pushing a cart towards the store.



- One gunshot can be heard as Young accelerates away, Ofc. Grubb stays on his feet after being struck.
- Radio traffic from Ofc. Grubb can be heard announcing, "Shots fired," to dispatch.
- Sgt. Moynihan and Ofc. Grubb pursue the vehicle as it rolls away; Sgt. Moynihan instructs Young to stop the vehicle and continues to attempt to break the window.
- Ofc. Grubb can be seen attempting to open the vehicle door.
- Young's vehicle strikes the brick wall near the Kroger Rx Walkup and comes to a stop; Ofc. Grubb breaks the vehicle window.
- Ofc. Grubb opens the vehicle door; Sgt. Moynihan states, "Her foot's still on the gas."
- As Ofc. Grubb attempts to remove Young from the driver seat, the vehicle accelerates forward and strikes the pillar of a brick archway.
- Young falls out of the vehicle to the ground; Sgt. Moynihan and Ofc. Grubb handcuff Young and begin rendering first aid; blood can be seen on Young's clothing.
- Ofc. Grubb requests emergency medics via radio dispatch.
- Sgt. Moynihan asks Ofc. Grubb to get a chest seal; Ofc. Grubb runs to his cruiser.
- Sgt. Moynihan shuts Young's vehicle off.
- Ofc. Grubb returns; Sgt. Moynihan locates a gunshot wound on Young's chest and a chest seal is applied to Young's upper torso.
- Ofc. Grubb and Sgt. Moynihan check Young's back for an exit wound.
- An unknown male approaches and identifies himself as a physician.
- Sgt. Moynihan gives their location to radio dispatch.
- Sgt. Moynihan asks the unknown male physician to check Young's pulse.
- The male physician states he his not getting a pulse and Sgt. Moynihan begins CPR.
- A responding WPD officer arrives with additional medical supplies and applies a new chest seal to Young.

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- Sgt. Moynihan continues CPR until another responding officer takes over.
- Sgt. Moynihan remains on scene for several minutes until Westerville EMS medics arrive.

All video files from this incident can be accessed electronically on Evidence.com, a website operated by Axon to store and maintain BWC video files. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

References:

BWC Video Files – Blendon Twp PD

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Screenshot 2023-10-10 141411 Grubb
Attachment # 02: Screenshot 2023-10-10 141846 Grubb
Attachment # 03: Screenshot 2023-10-10 142124 Grubb
Attachment # 04: Screenshot 2023-10-10 145051 Grubb
Attachment # 05: Screenshot 2023-10-10 145154 Grubb
Attachment # 06: Screenshot 2023-10-10 150157 Grubb
Attachment # 07: Screenshot 2023-10-09 111941 Moynihan
Attachment # 08: Screenshot 2023-10-09 131418 Moynihan
Attachment # 09: Screenshot 2023-10-09 132238 Moynihan
Attachment # 10: Screenshot 2023-10-09 132633 Moynihan
Attachment # 11: Screenshot 2023-10-09 133612 Moynihan
Attachment # 12: Screenshot 2023-10-09 141100 Moynihan

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