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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 300 Wood Street Apt. A8, Mansfield, OH

Investigative Activity: Police Dash Camera Video Reviewed; iNPUT ACE
Involves: James Haynes (S), Officer Clay Blair (S), Officer Mark Boggs (S),
Mansfield Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 9/9/2021
Activity Location: BCI – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On September 9, 2021, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) was requested by BCI SA Cory Momchilov to use iNPUT ACE to evaluate dash camera video files from an officer-involved shooting in Mansfield, OH, that occurred on July 29, 2021.

SA Moran used iNPUT ACE to evaluate and work with two dash camera video files that were provided.

SA Moran documented his findings in an interactive iNPUT ACE report. SA Moran used iNPUT ACE to generate three video files and multiple marked images.

Please refer to the interactive iNPUT ACE report and non-interactive iNPUT ACE report (attached to this report) for details.

Items:

The dash camera video files, the video files and marked images generated by iNPUT ACE, and the interactive and non-interactive iNPUT ACE report were copied to a disc. The disc was submitted to the BCI case file as Item 62.

Attachments:

The non-interactive iNPUT ACE report was attached to this report.



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SA Moran placed two video files in iINPUT ACE. They were:

1. File Name - ClayBlair_202107291735_UnitS3_26071916
File Hash - 4c71ddfb1cb5a6797262110635ef930e9
Video Codec - h264
Frame Rate - 29.9724fps
Frame Count - 16868
Duration - 00:09:22:78
2. File Name - MarkBoggs_202107291736_Unit33_28736324
File Hash - 09ec721b51136fff4683b7d9bbaeaaad
Video Codec - h264
Frame Rate - 29.9719fps
Frame Count - 24748
Duration - 00:13:45:70



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Disclaimer and Additional Factors to Consider When Evaluating Video

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.

Video recording(s) captures light and creates a digital representation of reality. Video recordings are for storage and review. (Two-dimensional video compared to three-dimensional reality.) Video and audio 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 and audio recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer or subjects involved. 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.

Video and audio recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video and audio 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.

Video and audio recordings are only components of an investigation and should not be the only evidence relied upon. All available evidence, statements, and other information must be evaluated alongside the video recordings available.

Video Review Process

Subclips

SA Moran created shorter subclips for both video files. Both subclips were started from approximately the same frame when Ofc. Blair's right foot touched the ground as he walked into the first-floor stairwell. Both subclip videos consisted of 2283 frames.

File Name - ClayBlair_202107291735_UnitS3_26071916 frames 6292-8575.



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File Name - MarkBoggs_202107291736_Unit33_28736324 frames 3693-6246.

Below are the subclips:



F3963-F6246 - Ofc. Boggs



F6292-F8575 Ofc. Blair



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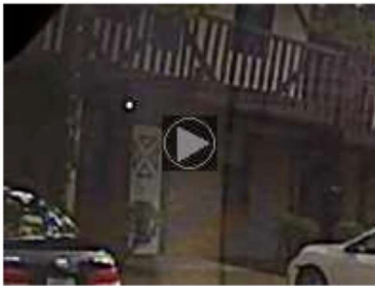
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Items Generated by iINPUT ACE

Cropped (1)

This video file was the subclip from Ofc. Blair's dash camera video file. A section of the left side of the video viewing area was cropped. This is where the encounter between officers and Haynes was partially observed on video. The video file was cropped using the iINPUT ACE Workflow Tab, Filter process, and Crop processing node.

Below is the video:



Ofc. Blair cropped video.



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Cropped (2)

This video file was the subclip from Ofc. Bogg's dash camera video file. A section of the video on the upper left side of the video viewing area was cropped. This is where the encounter between officers and Haynes was partially observed on video. The video file was cropped using the INPUT ACE Workflow Tab, Filter process, and Crop processing node.

Below is the video:



Ofc. Bogg's cropped video.



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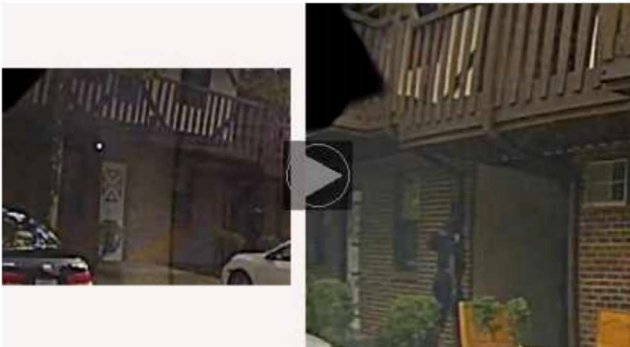
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Cropped Canvas Editor

This video file was created with the Cropped (1) and Cropped (2) video files. They were synced together based upon the best available visual cue available to SA Moran. SA Moran used the frame when Ofc. Blair's right foot landed on the ground as he walked into the first-floor stairwell of the apartment building. This was the closest physical landmark/location that was recorded by both dash cameras. The video files were synced and combined using the iINPUT ACE Workflow Tab, Filter process, and Canvas Editor processing node. The output was set to Best Quality.

Below is the video:



Cropped videos with canvas editor (combined). The videos were synced together to the best available visual cue (frame) of when Ofc. Blair's right foot landed on the ground as he walked into the first-floor stairwell.



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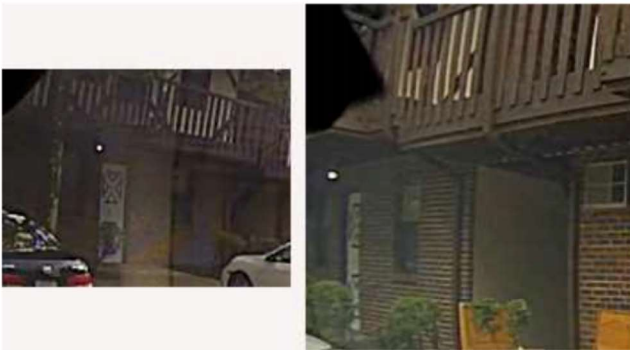


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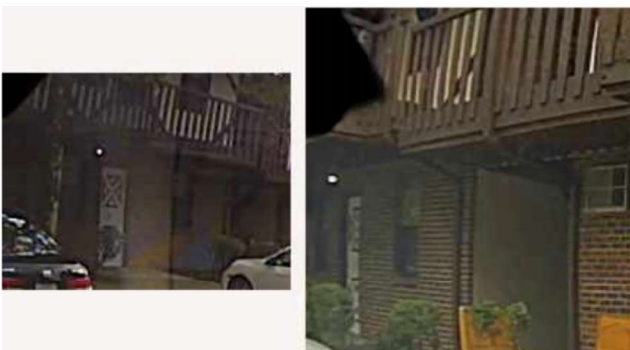
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Marked Images from Cropped Canvas Editor Video File

SA Moran reviewed the Cropped Canvas Editor video file and marked multiple frames (F) as images. They were:



F82 – Ofc. Blair and Ofc. Boggs walked into the first-floor stairwell and were out of camera view. Haynes exited the doorway of the apartment on the second floor and moved near the railing.



F151 – A voice was heard yelling, “Help!” Haynes moved back toward the doorway. Ofc. Blair and Ofc. Boggs were in the stairwell.



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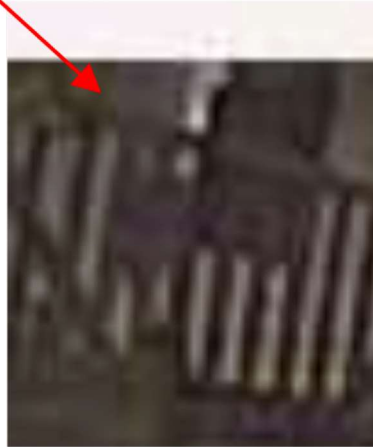


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F241 – One of the officers said, “Hey, put it down.” Multiple times. Haynes used his left hand and reached toward the apartment door.



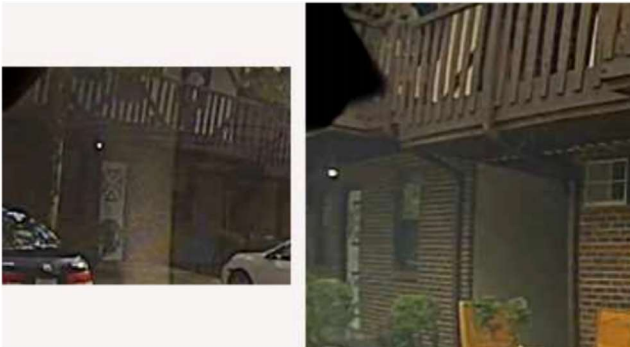


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F598 – Both officers continued yelling, “Drop the knife!” The officers also told Haynes, “Stop right there!” as Haynes walked toward them. Both officers moved from their positions and moved closer to the corner of the stairwell and walkway, possibly for cover and to create more distance between them and Haynes. The officers were still in close proximity to Haynes. Haynes approached the apartment window and used his left hand to strike the window causing it to break.



F637 – The officers told Haynes, “Stop!” and Haynes used his left hand to strike the window a second time.

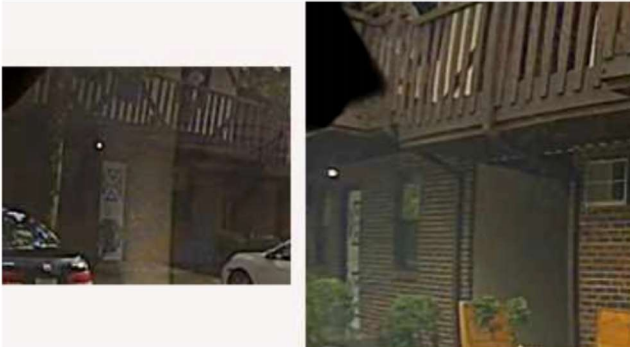


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F683 – The officers told Haynes, “Drop the knife!” multiple times. Haynes used his left hand to strike the window a third time. Glass was heard shattering and falling to the ground.



F711 – The officers told Haynes, “Drop the knife!” multiple times. Haynes used his left hand to strike the window a third time. Glass was heard shattering and falling to the ground.

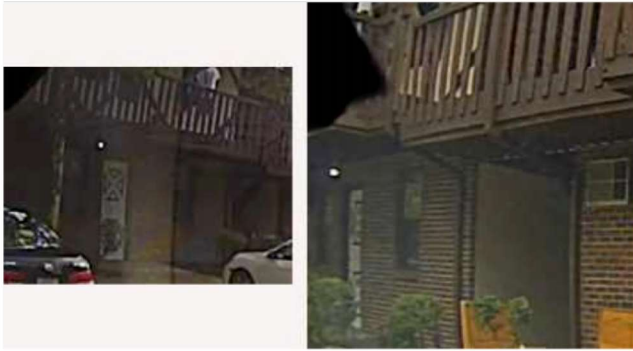


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F791 – Haynes pulled a piece of the window frame or screen off the window with his left hand.



F862 – Haynes used his left foot and kicked the window causing it to break.

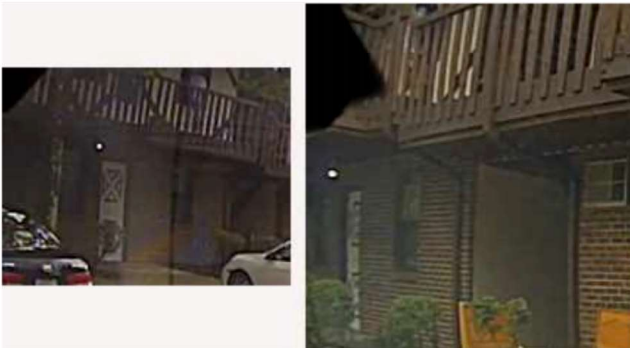


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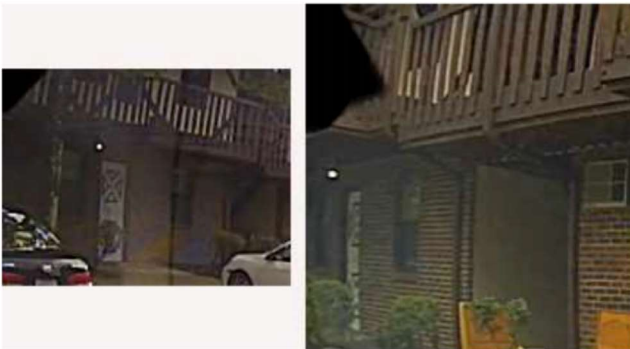


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F902 – Haynes started to enter the apartment through the broken window. One of the officers said, “Shoot him.” and the first gunshot was fired by one of the officers. There was no way to determine which officer fired first using the available video angles.



F932 – Haynes entered the apartment through the window. This was the approximate frame of the fourth gunshot fired by the officer(s). There was no way to determine which officer fired or in what sequence the officers fired four gunshots using the available video angles.



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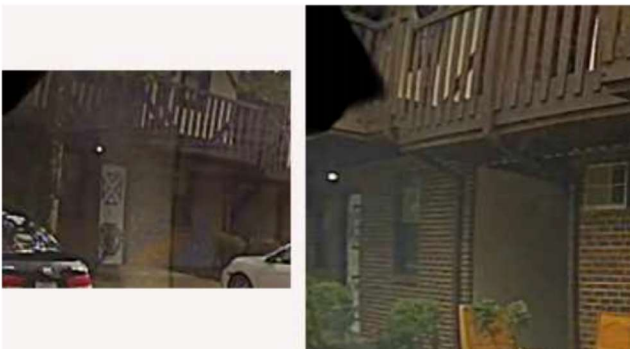


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F1122 – Haynes was inside the apartment and out of view of the cameras. The officers moved to the door of the apartment and announced, “Mansfield Police Department!” An officer radioed that shots were fired. One of the officers kicked the apartment door.



F1172 – Haynes was inside the apartment and out of view of the cameras. An officer announced, “Mansfield Police!” One of the officers kicked the apartment door.



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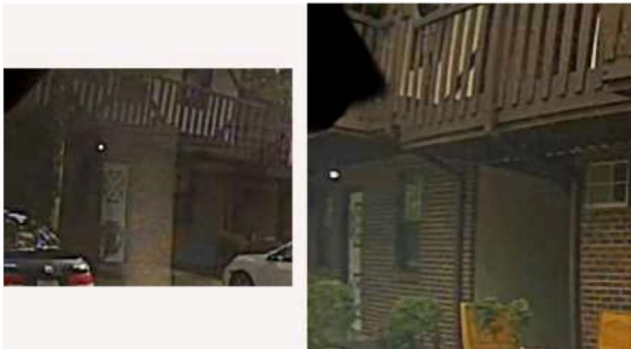


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F1279 – It appeared that both officers entered the apartment. The officers repeated, “Mansfield Police!” One of the officers said, “Put your fucking hands up now!”



F1420 – Voices were heard on the audio portion of the recording, but it was difficult to determine what was said. An officer repeated, “Mansfield Police!” This is the approximate frame of when the fifth gunshot was fired.

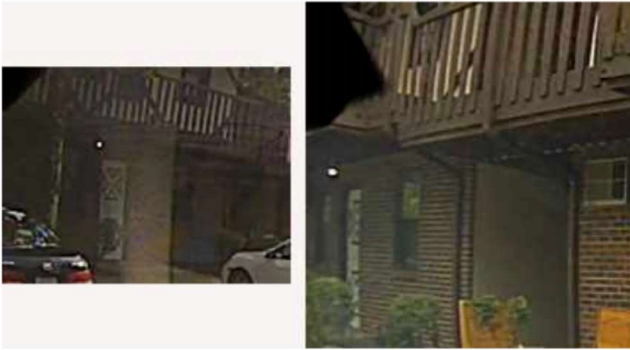


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F1525 – Multiple gunshots were heard from the previously marked frame (F1420) to this frame, which is the approximate frame of when the final gunshot was heard.



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Timing and Action Summary

Timing estimates were made using the total number of frames between the selected frames/images in 30fps ($1/30 = 0.0333333333333333$) seconds. Timing was rounded up or down to the nearest hundredth place decimal (example 0.36666674 was rounded to 3.7 seconds).

From the frame when the officers initially encountered Haynes (F151) to the approximate frame of the first gunshot fired by one of the officers (F902) consisting of about 751 frames ($902 - 151 = 751$). 751 frames is approximately 25.03 seconds in elapsed time ($751 \times 0.0333333333333333 = 25.03333333333333$). During this time, the officers provided multiple verbal commands to Haynes to drop the knife. Haynes moved near the apartment door and possibly tried to open it. Haynes walked toward the officers and then struck the apartment window three times with his left hand and then kicked it with his left foot causing it to break. Haynes also began to enter the apartment through the broken window during these frames and before the first gunshot was fired.

The initial four gunshots fired by the officers occurred approximately between frame 902 (F902) and frame 932 (F932) consisted of about 30 frames ($932 - 902 = 30$). 30 frames is approximately 1.00 second in elapsed time ($30 \times 0.0333333333333333 = 1$). During this time, Haynes entered the apartment through the broken window after striking and kicking it.

When the officers began to attempt to enter the apartment (F1122) to when the fifth gunshot was approximately fired (F1420) consisted of about 298 frames ($1420 - 1122 = 298$). 298 frames is approximately 9.93 seconds in elapsed time ($298 \times 0.0333333333333333 = 9.93333333333333$). During this time, the officers announced their presence numerous times, radioed that shots were fired, made entry into the apartment, and provided a verbal command to Haynes to drop the knife.

The multiple gunshots fired by the officers inside the apartment occurred approximately between frame 1420 (F1420) and frame 1525 (F1525) consisted of about 105 frames ($1525 - 1420 = 105$). 105 frames is approximately 3.50 seconds in elapsed time ($105 \times 0.0333333333333333 = 3.5$).



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The "Items Generated by iNPUT ACE" and interactive iNPUT ACE report were copied to a DVD and were submitted to the BCI case file as Item 62.

Attachments:

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