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2023-0795  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield  
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**INVESTIGATION REGARDING:**  
 Officer-Involved Critical Incident (Shooting)

**INVOLVES:**

- Subject – Fred Wild III (Deceased)
- Involved Officer – Sergeant [REDACTED] Brookfield Township Police Department
- Involved Officer – Sergeant [REDACTED] Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Involved Officer – Deputy [REDACTED] Trumbull County Sheriff's Office
- Involved Officer – Officer [REDACTED] Vienna Township Police Department
- Involved Officer – Officer [REDACTED] Vienna Township Police Department

**CASE NUMBERS:**

- 2023-0795 – BCI Special Investigations Unit, BCI Crime Scene Unit, BCI Cyber Crimes Unit,  
 BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit
- 23-32790 – BCI Laboratory
- 23-001421 – Brookfield Township Police Department, Vienna Township Police Department
- 23-03300 – Trumbull County Sheriff's Office
- 23-150001-0401 – Ohio State Highway Patrol

**INCIDENT DATE AND TIME:**  
 Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at about 0116 hours

**SUMMARY REPORT DATE:**  
 Friday, July 21, 2023



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## Investigative Request

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at about 0217 hours, the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) requested assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) with investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding an incident and subsequent officer-involved shooting incident.

The incident occurred at about 0116 hours at a cabin on a residential property located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403, in Trumbull County. The incident involved a male subject, Fred Wild III (Wild), and multiple officers from various law enforcement agencies. They were identified as:

- Involved Officer – Sergeant [REDACTED] Brookfield Township Police Department
- Involved Officer – Sergeant [REDACTED] Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Involved Officer – Deputy [REDACTED] Trumbull County Sheriff's Office
- Involved Officer – Officer [REDACTED] Vienna Township Police Department
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Below is an overhead map of the area:



*Source: Bing maps. Overhead map of area near 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403.*

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## Preface

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the March 21, 2023, incident and officer-involved shooting that occurred in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred during the incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident. This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident.

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## **Investigative Team**

BCI Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) from the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was assigned as the lead agent on March 21, 2023. Assistance was provided by BCI SA Nick Valente, BCI SA John Tingley, BCI SA Joe Goudy, BCI SA Cory Momchilov, BCI SA Matt Armstrong, and BCI SA Arvin Clar. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Jon Lieber.

BCI SA Dan Boerner and BCI Crime Scene Technician (CST) Michael Rostocil of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) processed the scene.

BCI SA Bill Conn of the Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) performed an analysis of a cell phone.

Various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

Additionally, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) Forensic Video Analyst (FVA) David Loomis performed analysis of multiple video and audio files related to the incident.





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## Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation by the investigative team in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interviews of the five officers that discharged their weapons.
- Recorded interviews of five officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information.
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent.
- Special Agent attendance to post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased.
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports.
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject.
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- Review of all available in-car cameras involved in the incident.
- Review of all available body-worn cameras involved in the incident.
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident.
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting).
- 3D scans / model of incident area (performed by Ohio State Highway Patrol).
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence.
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis (performed by Ohio State Highway Patrol).
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident.
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident.
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident.
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement.
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present.
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  - Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  - Firearm operability testing
- Obtained search warrant to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
  - Cellular phone

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- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any).
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers.
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons.
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review.
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

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## Incident Summary

On March 20, 2023, at about 2342 hours, the Brookfield Township Police Department (BTPD) received a call from Brian Adkins (Adkins) regarding the whereabouts of Fred Wild III (Wild). BTPD officers met with Adkins and he told them that Wild had stolen a truck and was staying in a cabin on the west side of his property located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield, Township.

Earlier that day, Wild led officers from multiple law enforcement agencies on a vehicle pursuit throughout Trumbull County. Wild eluded apprehension. After that incident, Wild stole a truck from a residence in Brookfield Township and drove it to Adkins' residence. Officers were aware that Wild had active warrants for his arrest in Liberty Township, Mentor, and Lake County.

BTPD officers requested assistance from other law enforcement agencies. This included the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), the Vienna Township Police Department (VTPD), and the Lordstown Police Department (LPD). The officers met and discussed a plan to approach and apprehend Wild at the cabin.

On March 21, 2023, at about 0116 hours, the officers traveled to the property and parked their vehicles on the roadway. The officers walked west along a dirt driveway toward the cabin. The area around the cabin was a wooded area and was very dark. As they officers approached the cabin, music was heard. Wild was alerted to the presence of the officers and stood up inside the cabin.

Officers were on the south side of the cabin and officers were on the east side of the cabin. Officers activated their weapon-mounted flashlights and began providing verbal commands to Wild. Wild opened a cabin window and jumped through the window directly into the open driver's side window of the stolen truck that was parked in a very close proximity to the south side of the cabin. Officers continued providing verbal commands to Wild as he started the truck.

After Wild started the truck, he revved the engine and drove the truck forward. The rear tires spun and kicked up gravel. Wild struck several trees in front of him with the snowplow attached to the front of the truck. Officers continued providing verbal commands. Two or three officers were in close proximity to the front snowplow and bumper of the truck as Wild accelerated forward.

Five officers fired rifles at Wild and the truck as he drove forward. Wild was struck multiple times and somehow applied the brakes as he died. It was believed that he died quickly based

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upon the activity, locations of his wounds, and as officers checked him immediately after the incident it was clearly apparent that he was deceased. When paramedics arrived, Wild was officially pronounced deceased.

## Crime Scene Processing

BCI CSU SA Dan Boerner (Boerner) and BCI CST Michael Rostocil (Rostocil) processed the scene. They received assistance from OSHP Trooper Steven Tucci (Tucci).

### Scene Processing – Area Near Cabin and Near Truck

On March 21, 2023, SA Boerner and CST Rostocil photographed the scene. Multiple items of evidence were located and collected at the scene. The items collected were:

1. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
2. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
3. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
4. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
5. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
6. Fired cartridge casing, FC 223 REM
7. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 5.56 NATO
8. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 5.56 NATO
9. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 5.56 NATO
10. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 223 REM
11. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 223 REM
12. Fired cartridge casing, HORNADY 223 REM
13. Eyeglasses (likely belonging to Wild)
14. Wallet (belonging to Wild)
15. Hat (likely belonging to Wild)
16. Cell phone (likely belonging to Wild)
17. Boots (likely belonging to Wild)
18. Pants (likely belonging to Wild)
19. Socks (likely belonging to Wild)
20. Fired projectile from passenger side hood of truck
21. Rifle, Aero Precision, serial no. [REDACTED] (used by VTPD Officer [REDACTED] transferred from OSHP Trooper DePizzo
22. Rifle, Aero Precision, serial no. [REDACTED] (used by TCSO Deputy [REDACTED], transferred from OSHP Trooper DePizzo

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- 23. Rifle, Windham Weaponry, serial no. [REDACTED] (used by VTPD Officer [REDACTED], transferred from OSHP Trooper DePizzo
- 24. Rifle, Daniel Defense, serial no. [REDACTED] (used by BTPD Sergeant [REDACTED], transferred from OSHP Trooper DePizzo
- 25. Rifle, Aero Precision, serial no. [REDACTED] (used by OSHP Sergeant [REDACTED], transferred from OSHP Trooper DePizzo

The scene was documented with a drone and overhead diagrams were created. Below is an overhead diagram with evidence placards:



*Source: 2023-0795 Overhead diagram w-placards*

For more details, please refer to BCI report, “2023-03-21: CSU Scene Processing” and the associated photographs.

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### Scene Processing – Truck

On March 22, 2023, SA Boerner and CST Rostocil photographed the truck. The vehicle, a blue 2-door Chevy 1500 pickup truck bearing Ohio registration #EHM9704 (VIN: 1GCEK14W5TZ185621), registered to a William Shafer, was located inside a locked garage at the BTPD. CST Rostocil photographed the exterior of the vehicle and interior of the vehicle as it was found. It is important to note that the driver side door window was rolled down, the passenger side door window was reported to have been broken out or shot out by the officers, the rear middle window was reported to have been shot out, the front windshield was intact with suspected ballistic impacts.

The vehicle was examined for suspected ballistic impacts and several suspected ballistic impacts were observed. The suspected ballistic impacts were photographed as they were found. The horizontal angle of impact and vertical angle of impact of the suspected ballistic impacts suitable for analysis were documented using an angle finder and protractor.

A red snowbrush with a suspected ballistic impact was located near the rear window of the truck. It was collected as evidence.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, “2023-03-22: CSU Vehicle Processing” and the associated photographs.

### Autopsy Attended – Items Collected

On March 21, 2023, CST Rostocil and SA Goudy attended Wild's autopsy conducted by the Trumbull County Coroner. The following items were collected as evidence:

1. One pair of boots
2. One tan T-Shirt
3. One blue pajama pant
4. Scalp hair – from the back of the head
5. Metal fragments from clothing
6. Cut fingernails – left hand
7. Cut fingernails – right hand
8. Metal fragments from back
9. Metal fragments from neck
10. Metal fragments from chest
11. Metal fragments from thorax

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- 12. DNA Card
- 13. Metal fragments from brain

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-21: Autopsy Attended Report."

### BCI Laboratory Analysis

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted, as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

On March 27, 2023, CST Rostocil submitted 24 evidence items to the BCI Laboratory in Richfield.

On June 15, 2023, SA Moran received an email notification from the BCI Laboratory (Lab) that a lab report was ready to be downloaded for BCI Lab case number 23-32790. The BCI Lab report originated from the Firearms section and was authored by Forensic Scientist Dylan Matt. The lab items and results were:

Location at Scene	BCI CSU #	Matrix #	BCI Lab #	Item Description	BCI Lab Results
Hunting Trail	1	001	1	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 17 (BTPD Sgt. ██████'s rifle)
Hunting Trail	2	002	2	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 16 (VTPD Ofc. ██████'s rifle)
Hunting Trail	3	003	3	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 16 (VTPD Ofc. ██████'s rifle)
Hunting Trail	4	004	4	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 16 (VTPD Ofc. ██████'s rifle)
Hunting Trail	5	005	5	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 16 (VTPD Ofc. Jarett

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					██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	6	006	6	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 16 (VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	7	007	7	One (1) 5.56x45mm fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab Item 14 (VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	8	008	8	One (1) 5.56x45mm fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab Item 14 (VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	9	009	9	One (1) 5.56x45mm fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab Item 14 (VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	10	010	10	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 18 (OSHP Sgt. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	11	011	11	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 18 (OSHP Sgt. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Hunting Trail	12	012	12	One (1) 223 Remington fired cartridge case.	Source Identification to BCI Lab item 18 (OSHP Sgt. ██████ ██████ s rifle)
Chevy Pickup 1996/Chevrolet – C1500/EHM9704 (Hood)	20	020	13	One (1) fired bullet.	Inconclusive
From Trp. Brian DePizzo	21	021	14	One (1) Aero Precision 5.56x45mm semi-automatic firearm, model M4E1, serial number ██████████ one (1) magazine, sixteen (16) 5.56x45mm cartridges and eleven (11) 223 Remington cartridges.	Operable  Source Identification for BCI Lab items 7, 8, and 9

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				(VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████'s rifle)	
From Trp. Brian DePizzo	22	022	15	One (1) Aero Precision 5.56x45mm semi-automatic firearm, model M4E1, serial number ██████ one (1) Vortex magnifier, one (1) magazine and twenty-eight (28) 223 Remington cartridges.  (TCSO Dep. ██████ ██████'s rifle)	Operable
From Trp. Brian DePizzo	23	023	16	One (1) Windham Weaponry 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model WW-15, serial number ██████ one (1) magazine and twenty-five (25) 223 Remington cartridges.  (VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████'s rifle)	Operable  Source Identification for BCI Lab items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
From Trp. Brian DePizzo	24	024	17	One (1) Daniel Defense 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model DDM4, serial number ██████ two (2) magazines and fifty-nine (59) 223 Remington cartridges.  (BTPD Sgt. ██████ ██████'s rifle)	Operable  Source Identification for BCI Lab item 1
From Trp. Brian DePizzo	25	025	18	One (1) Aero Precision 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model M4E1, serial number ██████ one (1) magazine and twenty-	Operable  Source Identification for BCI Lab items 10, 11, and 12

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				five (25) 223 Remington cartridges.  (OSHP Sgt. ██████████ ██████████'s rifle)	
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (clothing)	-	031	19	Two (2) small metallic fragments.	Unsuitable (two small metallic fragments)
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (back)	-	034	20	One (1) bullet jacket fragment and five (5) small metal fragments.	Inconclusive (bullet jacket fragment)
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (neck)	-	035	21	One (1) bullet jacket fragment, one (1) small copper fragment and seven (7) small metal fragments.	Inconclusive (bullet jacket fragment)
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (chest)	-	036	22	One (1) fired bullet, one (1) bullet jacket fragment and two (2) metal fragments.	Inconclusive (fired bullet and bullet jacket fragment)  Unsuitable (two metal fragments)
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (thorax)	-	037	23	Two (2) bullet jacket fragments.	Unsuitable (two bullet jacket fragments)
Autopsy – Fred Wild III (brain)	-	039	24	Two (2) small metal fragments and fourteen (14) small fragments of unknown composition.	Unsuitable (two metal fragments and 14 small fragments of unknown composition)

### Interviews of Other Persons

BCI agents interviewed a family member and associates of Wild. LPD Captain Chris Bordonaro interviewed Wild's former employer.

#### Mason Baumbach – Wild's Son

On March 24, 2023, SA Moran interviewed Wild's son, Mason Baumbach (Baumbach), by phone. Baumbach explained that Wild had been involved with vehicle pursuits with the police in the past. Baumbach said Wild was a "paranoid schizophrenic" and an "alcoholic." Baumbach indicated that Wild was not taking any medications for paranoid schizophrenia and Wild was never diagnosed by a doctor. Baumbach said he has been told by doctors that Wild's "writings"

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are similar to those of a paranoid schizophrenic and Wild has signs of being a paranoid schizophrenic. Baumbach said in the past Wild had all of his family members' phones "tapped" and thought the government placed microphones in the power outlets. SA Moran asked Baumbach about Wild's alcoholism. Baumbach said Wild has struggled with alcoholism his entire life and Wild was an alcoholic.

Baumbach said he last spoke with Wild on March 17, 2023. Baumbach said Wild was at his house and was drinking. Wild tried to convince Baumbach to get in his truck with him so they could ride around a lake. Baumbach said he had to contact the Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) and when they arrived Wild led the officers on a vehicle pursuit. Baumbach said he contacted the LTPD for a "welfare check" on Wild. Baumbach said he had contacted the police three times in the last two weeks requesting a welfare check on Wild.

Baumbach said he had "writings" from Wild and he believed that Wild was not trying to harm anyone but he was trying to get away and "run forever." Baumbach said Wild only owns "black powder" weapons. Baumbach also said there were crossbows in the cabin and if Wild had wanted to harm the police, he would have shot them. SA Moran asked Baumbach about Wild's "writings" and if they were old or were recent. Baumbach said the writings were recent and were from March 12, 2023. Baumbach said there were more writings in Wild's Dodge truck that were more recent. Baumbach said he was trying to figure out how to get access to the truck and that Wild would have hidden the writings in there.

Baumbach said Wild displayed signs of paranoid schizophrenia over the past two months. Wild also had mood swings and possibly "schizoaffective disorder." Baumbach said Wild's mood swings were sometimes "manic" and "depressive." Baumbach said Wild would be happy, then angry, and then sad, and would not want to do anything for "a week." Wild would then be mad that he was not doing anything "and then go off and do something really crazy and then regret it later." SA Moran asked, "So a wide array of emotions over a short period of time?" Baumbach replied, "Yes."

For more details, please refer to "2023-03-24: Phone Interview with Mason Baumbach."

### **Brian Adkins – Property Owner and Associate of Wild**

On March 23, 2023, SA Valente and SA Clar interview Brian Adkins (Adkins) at his residence located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403. Adkins said he knew Wild for many years. He said Wild abused alcohol and was likely schizophrenic and was supposed to be taking medication for it. Adkins recalled Wild being treated in the "psych ward" for his mental

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health issues in the past. Adkins recalled past incidents where Wild acted recklessly, including an incident where Wild drove a truck through his own home while upset about a divorce he was going through at the time.

Beyond suffering from schizophrenia and being a heavy drinker, Adkins believed Wild to be an honest and non-violent person who was a very good carpenter. Adkins did not believe Wild was paranoid but thought he could be when not taking medication. Adkins did not believe Wild held any negative beliefs or ill will against law enforcement.

On the date that Wild fled from the LTPD, Wild went to Adkins' property in his black truck and went to one of the cabins located on the property. Adkins then found Wild, who was drinking a beer and accompanied by his dog, near one of the cabins. Wild told Adkins he had just been in a police pursuit and fled to Adkins' property to hide. Adkins talked to Wild briefly and left the back of the property thinking Wild would soon leave. Sometime later that evening Adkins noticed Wild was still at the back of his property, and noting the cold weather, went to check on him. Wild told Adkins he could not leave because he was out of gas. Adkins retrieved a red gas can containing gas and placed it on the rear bumper of Wild's truck.

The next day Adkins noticed Wild was still at the back of his property and "that's when the real goofiness started." Adkins recalled that Wild began spray painting orange zebra stripes and a large heart with arrows on his truck. Wild also used a bungee cord to affix his front bumper to the truck which was falling off the vehicle.

Adkins learned from Baumbach that Wild was involved in a pursuit on March 20, 2023. Around this same time Adkins got an alert on his phone about a police chase from Lordstown, Ohio to Brookfield Township, Ohio and immediately believed the alert was about Wild. Adkins then called his wife and told her to lock the doors, not knowing what state of mind Wild was in.

At 1800 hours, Adkins returned home and checked his security cameras. He saw Wild driving a stolen truck belonging to William Shafer along his driveway toward the west of his property. Adkins encountered Wild on his property. Adkins told Wild he was spiraling out of control and needed to get help. Wild told Adkins he did not want to go to jail. Adkins told Wild he needed to go to a hospital. Wild asked Adkins to give him some work to do so that he could make money to buy a plane ticket and flee (to an unknown location). Adkins did not give Wild any work or money. Adkins told Wild the police knew where he was or would find out soon. Adkins told Wild "they're going to shoot you" while referring to the police finding him. Adkins stated he repeated this comment to Wild a second time. Adkins told Wild if police came to the home

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looking for Wild he would not tell the police he was on the property but would not stop the police from searching the property for him. Adkins gave Wild some coffee and cigarettes and told Wild he needed to leave the property. Adkins then returned to the home and later that evening called the police non-emergency number to request to meet with a police officer at a warehouse near his home.

Adkins then met with a police officer at a nearby warehouse and told the officer that Wild was hiding at the back of his property. During the conversation Adkins told the officer and a second officer who arrived shortly thereafter, they would not be able to drive down his driveway without Wild noticing their presence and being alerted. Adkins told the officers that Wild had a history of mental problems, had previous arrests for drunk driving and domestic violence, currently had a stolen truck, was schizophrenic, and "out of his mind." Adkins stated the officers began calling for additional police help to locate and arrest Wild. Adkins gave the officers a description of the area where Wild was. Adkins offered to lend the police night vision to help locate Wild which they declined.

After speaking with the officers Adkins returned to his home. Shortly thereafter he noticed police staging in the street in front of his house. Knowing they were there to locate and arrest Wild, Adkins went outside and sat on his back porch to observe with binoculars. Adkins then observed a motion light on one of the buildings behind his home go off. Due to the lack of light Adkins could not see anything else that happened. Adkins did however hear, seconds later, what he believed to be police giving Wild orders to "get down, get down." Adkins could not make out exactly what was being said. Almost immediately after hearing the police yelling orders, he heard the sound of gravel being flung backwards by truck tires. Adkins heard the sound of gunfire immediately afterwards. Adkins could not tell how many shots were fired but recalled it was multiple shots all in very quick succession which began "not even one to two seconds" after he heard the gravel being flung out from the tires of the truck.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-23: Interview of Brian Adkins."

### **Katy Wheeler – Wild's Girlfriend**

On March 21, 2023, SA Valente and SA Goudy interviewed Katy Wheeler (Wheeler ) at her residence in Mentor, Ohio. Wheeler initially said she last communicated with Wild on March 20, 2023 at 1310 hours via text message. Agents informed Wheeler of Wild's death. After informing Wheeler of Wild's death, Wheeler stated she received a text from Wild earlier in the morning stating it was "all her fault" and that she didn't know what that meant at the time.

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Wheeler said the text thread between her and Wild on March 20, 2023, was mostly humorous. Wheeler told agents about Wild's mindset and that he was "delusional" and "manic." She explained that Wild told her he was "hearing voices." Wheeler said Wild was infatuated with Alanis Morrisette and believed they would be "together one day." Wheeler said she noticed Wild's behavior changing in the fall of 2022.

Wheeler did not believe that Wild was seeing a doctor for any mental health issues. Wheeler was asked if she had ever heard Wild say anything negative about law enforcement or make any threats towards them. Wheeler stated she did not hear Wild say anything negative about law enforcement. Wheeler further stated Wild has been arrested many times, "for his own stupidity," but never made mention about harming any law enforcement.

Wheeler said Wild called her on March 16, 2023, and asked her to pick him up at Bare Root Landscaping because he was depressed and lonely. When she picked Wild up, she noticed he had been drinking. They stayed at a hotel in the area overnight. The next day, Wheeler thought that Wild somehow broke his hand. They went to a hospital, but Wild did not want to wait in the emergency room so they left.

They obtained a new key for Wild's truck and went back to Bare Root Landscaping where Wild's truck was located. She stated back in February, Wild was charged with an OVI and other charges. He was arrested again for felony vandalism shortly thereafter. After the arrest, Wheeler stated she got his truck out of impound. Wheeler further stated when she got the truck it had a lock on the steering wheel because it was up for forfeiture. Wheeler stated Wild was able to cut the lock off the steering wheel and continued to drive despite not having a valid license. The truck was supposed to stay in Wheeler's driveway, but Wild drove off with it.

Wheeler stated sometime last week, Wild was involved in a trespassing complaint in Liberty Township. When the police arrived, Wheeler stated Wild fled from the police and got away from them. Wheeler stated Wild went to a friend's house to hide. When asked about his friend's house, Wheeler stated his friend's name is "Brian."

SA Goudy asked Wheeler if she could recall picking Wild up because he ran out of gas, she stated he tried to get his son, Baumbach, to do that. When Wheeler was asked if she knew why he ran out of gas, she stated he texted her on March 18, 2023 stating, "so I got the high-speed cop chase I wanted. I got away fast they fucked up trying to pin me in. I was gone. But now what. truck only goes 115. kinda disappointed. Government shuts it down. another 100 mph I'd

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be good. 215 mph at least I'd be faster than nascar. oops they could track my phone. I better not dial 911." Wheeler stated after he fled from the police, he stayed overnight in the woods.

Wheeler stated, "Um, he's been paranoid. He thinks, er, he...he thought that his life was like that movie the Truman show...He literally thought someone was filming his life and that it was like scripted somehow and he thought other people controlled his life. He thought he was alien or something. He really believed all of this too. Um, you know, definitely paranoid and delusional these past several months. But like I said, I didn't think it was to the point that he would harm anybody or himself or get shot. it was harmless stuff like the texts I showed you with the saw horse, it was nothing violent."

For more details, please refer to BCI reports, "2023-03-22: Audio Interview – Katy Wheeler" and "2023-03-27: Audio Interview – Katy Wheeler Follow-up."

#### **Richard Proverbs – Former Employer and Associate of Wild**

On March 21, 2023, LPD Captain Chris Bordonaro (Bordonaro) interviewed Richard Proverbs (Proverbs). Proverbs was the owner of Bare Root Landscaping and employed Wild.

Proverbs said Wild applied for a carpentry job with his company in 2019. He said Wild was in trouble multiple times for DUIs and it affected his employment because he was in jail. Proverbs employed Wild when he was not a "loose cannon" and "reckless" with his drinking. Wild did "odd things" and talked about "weird stuff like building submarines." Proverbs said Wild's son, Baumbach, recently told him that Wild was supposed to be taking medication. Proverbs said Wild has not been employed by his company since October or November of 2022.

Wild told Proverbs that he was dating a female named "Katy" and she lived in Mentor, Ohio. Proverbs said Katy recently showed up at his business in the last week to get keys made for Wild's truck. Proverbs said Wild stayed in different locations. Wild sometimes stayed with his mother in Girard, Ohio and he sometimes stayed in a camper on Proverbs' property. Proverbs said he did not have any issues with Wild as an employee of his company.

Proverbs said Wild came back to his company at the end of February 2023 and worked for four days. Wild left for the weekend and did not return. Proverbs checked court websites and learned that Wild had been arrested for a DUI in Mentor, Ohio. Proverbs called Wild after he was released and Wild did not answer and did not return any calls.

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Proverbs stated Wild “showed up unannounced” about a week before March 20, 2023. Wild “sporadically” helped Proverbs and some other employees with working on Proverbs’ house. Proverbs approached Wild and mentioned that he was not completing work tasks. Wild “disappeared” for a couple days and he called another employee, Jeff Fox (Fox), and told him that he ran out of gas. Proverbs spoke with Wild and Wild was “crying” about his truck running out of gas. Wild said his truck was going to be towed and he needed Proverbs to lend him money for the tow. Fox picked Wild up and brought him back to Proverbs’ property. Proverbs met Wild and said they could go fill up his truck with gas. Wild said he also lost the keys to the truck. Proverbs arranged for Wild’s truck to be towed back to his business.

A few days later, Katy came to Proverbs’ business and said she was looking for Wild. Proverbs found Wild “passed out” in his truck on the business property. Wild had been drinking at a local bar. Proverbs spoke with Wild and he said he was probably going back to Mentor with Katy. Proverbs left and returned a short time later. Proverbs saw Wild and Katy and Wild said he was going to the hospital because he broke his hand.

In the days after that incident, Wild continuously was found asleep on a couch inside Proverbs’ business. Proverbs said Wild was drunk and passed out. On March 17, 2023, Proverbs paid Wild for the work he performed and told Wild to leave the business. Proverbs believed that Wild went to a local bar and paid his tab.

On March 19, 2023, Wild texted Proverbs and said he was staying at an Airbnb. Wild sent a photo of a structure with green foam insulation (likely the cabin on Brian Adkins’ property). Proverbs said Wild texted him so much that he silenced his notifications.

On March 20, 2023, Proverbs saw Wild’s truck at his business. Proverbs went inside and saw Wild asleep on the couch. Proverbs told Wild that he could not stay there and had to leave. Proverbs left and returned a short time later and Wild’s truck was there, but he could not find Wild. Proverbs left the business and later received a text from another employee that Wild was at the business.

Proverbs returned to his business at about 1400 hours and Wild was “ranting and raving.” Proverbs told Wild he had to leave or he would call the police. He provided Wild with some gas for his truck and Wild was screaming at him about paying him for work that he did not do that day. Proverbs asked Wild what work he performed for payment and Wild “lost it.” Wild was “throwing tools” and was “freaking out.” Proverbs was not scared of Wild, but he was worried about the safety of his family.

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Proverbs spoke about some past incidents involving Wild. Proverbs said Wild was arrested for throwing something through a window at a Menards store. He was also involved in a pursuit in Liberty Township a few days before the incident on March 20, 2023. Proverbs said Wild possibly had a "musket" because that was the only firearm he could legally own. Proverbs said Wild told him stories over the past several years. He recalled a story about Wild driving his truck through his house while he was getting divorced.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-06-22: Records Received from the LPD."

## Dispatch Recordings and Radio Traffic

SA Momchilov reviewed dispatch recordings and radio traffic recordings from multiple law enforcement agencies involved with the incident.

### Recorded Call – Brian Adkins

On March 20, 2023, Adkins contacted dispatch by phone and requested to speak with an officer at 1266 State Route 7.

### Radio Traffic – BTPD

There was radio traffic from BTPD Sergeant (Sgt.) [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] and Officer (Ofc.) Joshua Ellwood-Bellas (Ellwood-Bellas) on March 20-21, 2023, about Wild having active warrants.

At 0104 hours, Sgt. [REDACTED] requested "Signal 5" radio traffic (emergency traffic).

At 0116 hours. Sgt. [REDACTED] radioed, "[REDACTED] shots fired, shots fired."

### Radio Traffic and Recorded Call – VTPD and LTPD

There was radio traffic and a recorded call between dispatch and VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] about the BTPD requesting assistance with locating and apprehending Wild.

There was radio traffic about potential criminal charges and warrants for Wild from the LTPD.

At 0116 hours, Ofc. [REDACTED] radioed, "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] shots fired, shots fired."

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### Radio Traffic and Recorded Call – TCSO

There was a recorded call between dispatch and Sgt. Carr about Wild and the BTPD requesting assistance with locating and apprehending Wild.

At 0026 hours, Deputy [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) radioed that he was with the BTPD officers on State Route 7.

At 0116, Deputy [REDACTED] radioed, “[REDACTED] (inaudible) shots fired.”

### Radio Traffic – OSHP

There was radio traffic about the BTPD requesting assistance from the OSHP with locating and apprehending Wild. There was radio traffic about OSHP troopers meeting with other law enforcement officers on State Route 7. There was radio traffic about shots being fired.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, “2023-03-31 Radio Traffic and Dispatch Related Information.”

## Law Enforcement Agency Reports and Documents

BCI agents collected and reviewed multiple reports and documents from the law enforcement agencies involved with the incident.

### Use-of-Force Policy – BTPD

On March 22, 2023, SA Tingley received the use-of-force policy utilized by the BTPD at the time of the incident.

### Use-of-Force Policy – OSHP

On March 27, 2023, SA Tingley received the use-of-force policy utilized by the OSHP at the time of the incident.

### Use-of-Force Policy – TCSO

On March 28, 2023, SA Tingley received the use-of-force policy utilized by the TCSO at the time of the incident.

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### Use-of-Force Policy – VTPD

On March 28, 2023, SA Tingley received the use-of-force policy utilized by the VTPD at the time of the incident.

### Report – BTPD Incident No. 23-001414

This report was dated March 20, 2023, at 2225 hours. William Shafer reported his 1996, Chevrolet truck, stolen from his residence located at 324 South Albright McKay Road, Brookfield, Ohio 44403. The incident occurred sometime between 1730 hours and 2100 hours. Shafer believed that Wild was person who stole his truck because of the vehicle pursuit Wild was involved with earlier that day that ended in Brookfield Township.

### Report – BTPD, TCSO, and VTPD Incident No. 23-001421

This report was dated March 20, 2023, at 2344 hours. Brian Adkins called and indicated he had information about the pursuit that occurred earlier that day.

### Report – OSHP Incident No. 23-150001-0401

This report was dated March 21, 2023, at 0009 hours. The BTPD requested assistance apprehending a suspect. An officer-involved shooting occurred during the apprehension.

### Report – LTPD Incident No. 23-0002901

There was a Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) incident report from an incident on March 18, 2023 at 1200 hours. It was regarding an unwanted person at a residence. Wild's son, Baumbach, contacted the LTPD about Wild being at his residence and having an active warrant. The incident resulted in a vehicle pursuit involving Wild, but he was not apprehended.

There was a copy of the warrant filed with the Girard Municipal Court on March 20, 2023. The warrant was for Wild for Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of Police Officer from the incident that occurred on March 18, 2023.

## Subject Information – Fred Wild III

This section contains information about the subject, Fred Wild III (Wild).



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**Autopsy Attended**

On March 22, 2023, SA Goudy and CST Rostocil attended Wild's autopsy at the Trumbull County Regional Medical Center that was conducted by the Trumbull County Coroner's Office. As a result of the autopsy, the following items of evidence were collected and transferred to the custody of SA Goudy:

1. One pair of boots
2. One tan T-Shirt
3. One blue pajama pant
4. Scalp hair – from the back of the head
5. Metal fragments from clothing
6. Cut fingernails – left hand
7. Cut fingernails – right hand
8. Metal fragments from back
9. Metal fragments from neck
10. Metal fragments from chest
11. Metal fragments from thorax
12. DNA Card
13. Metal fragments from brain

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-22 Autopsy Attended Report."

**Autopsy Report and Results**

On May 1, 2023, SA Goudy received Wild's autopsy report from the Trumbull County Coroner's Office. SA Goudy reviewed the report and noted the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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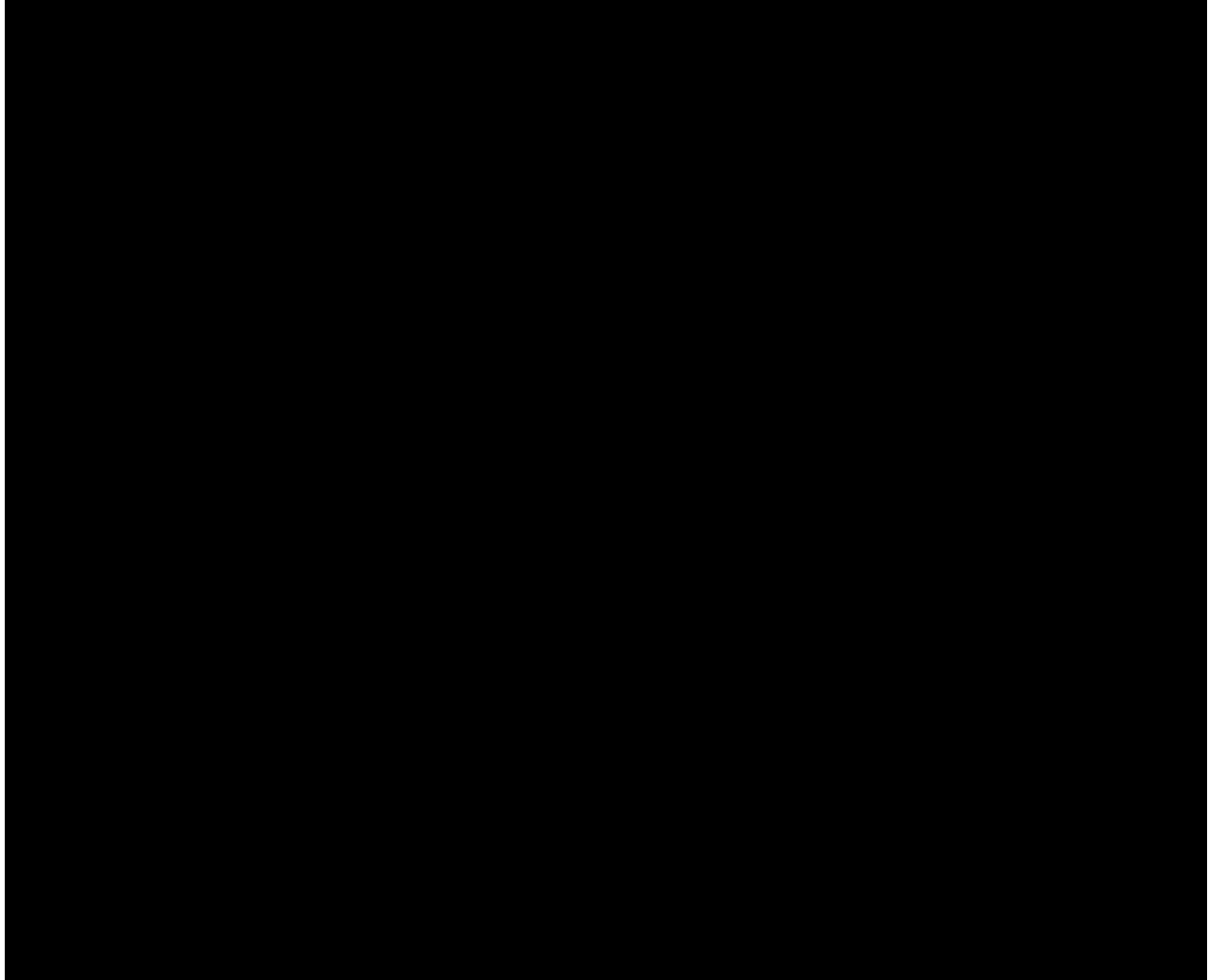


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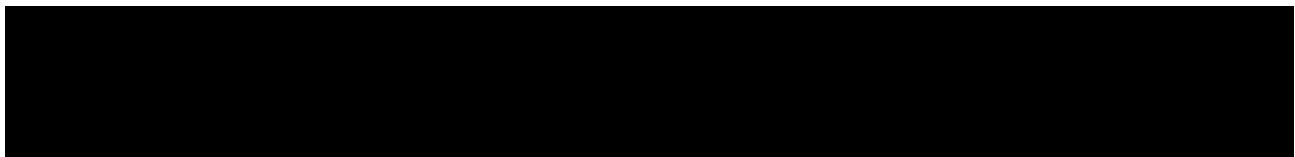


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Wild's autopsy report had the following information listed in a section labeled, "SUMMARY & OPINION":



Wild's toxicology report showed positive results for the following:



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For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-05-02 Autopsy Review Report."

**Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG)**

SA Moran reviewed a 63-page PDF document labeled, "Fed Wild Workup." The document included information about Wild's criminal history records and open/close-source database inquiries. SA Moran noted the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wild's Criminal History showed the following information:

[REDACTED]

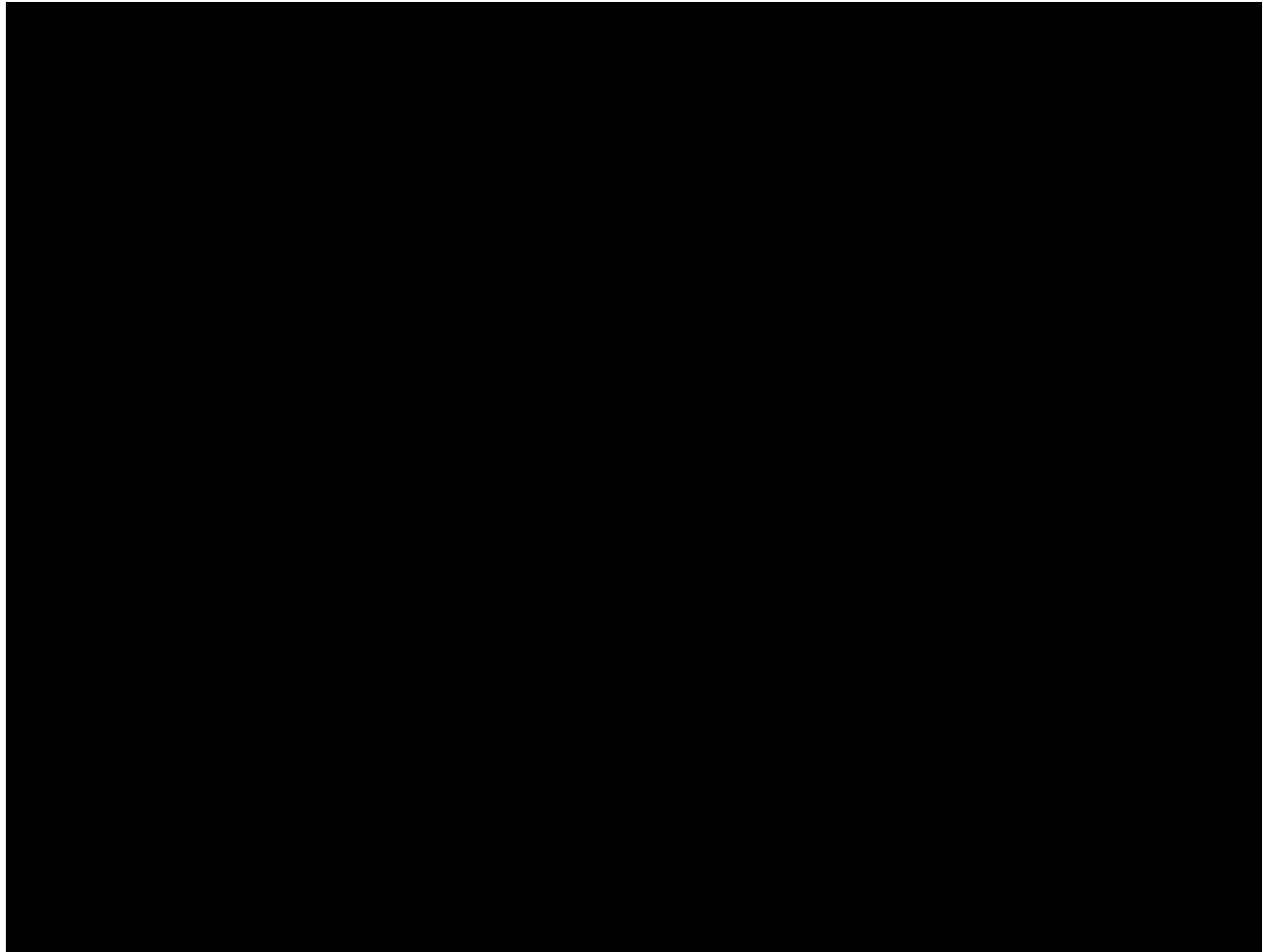
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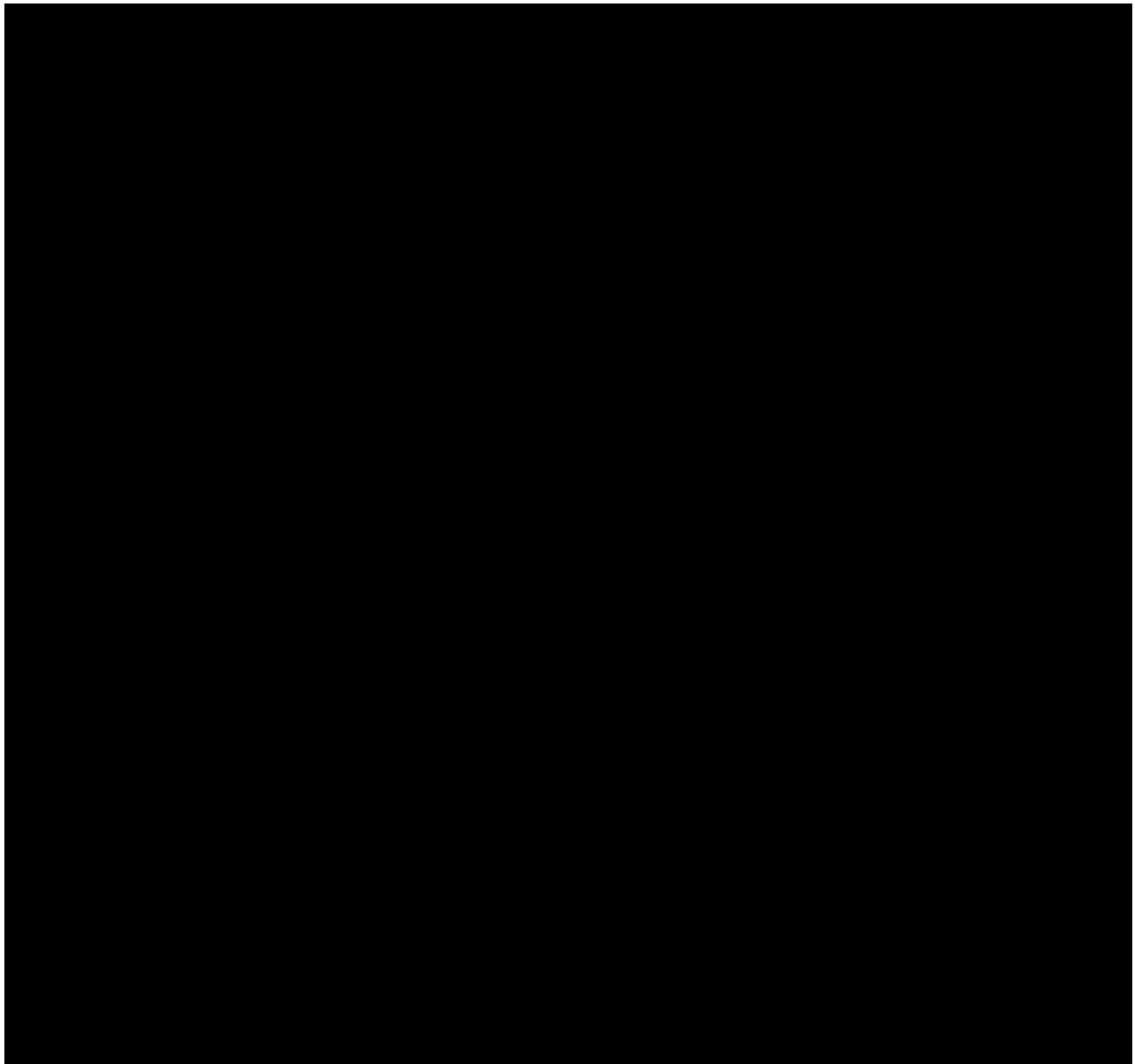
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**Computerized Criminal History (CCH)**

Wild's CCH also showed that he was "wanted" for the warrant from the Mentor Police Department for vandalism.

Wild's CCH information showed the following:



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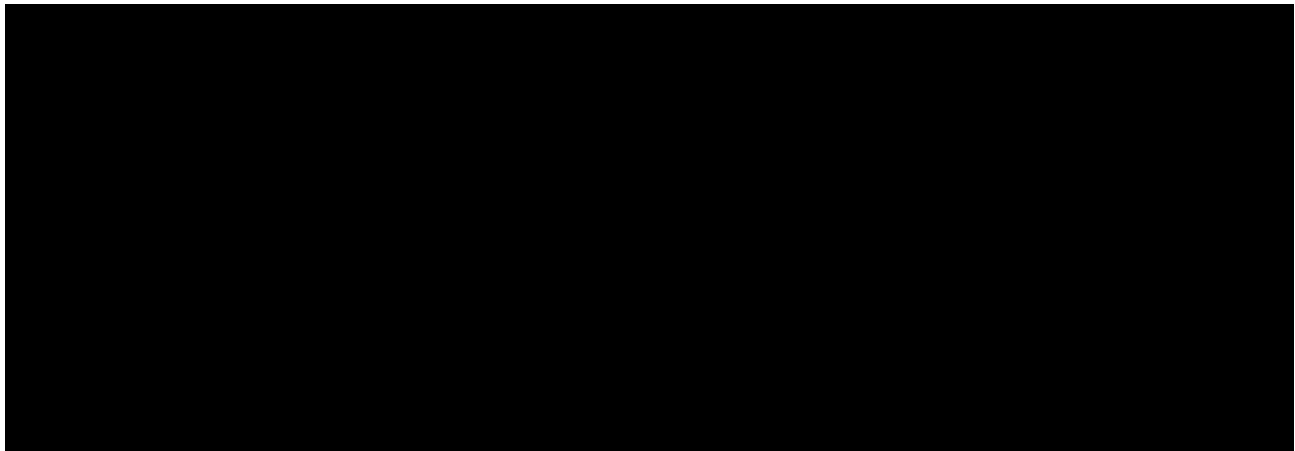




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For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-22: Subject – Fred Wild II – CCH and Background Info."

### [2010 Dodge Truck](#)

On March 30, 2023, SA Moran went to the BTPD to search Wild's 2010 Dodge truck, black colored, with Ohio temporary license plate P630794 attached.

SA Moran collected and photographed some potentially relevant documents with Wild's writings on them. Below are some of the potentially relevant documents:

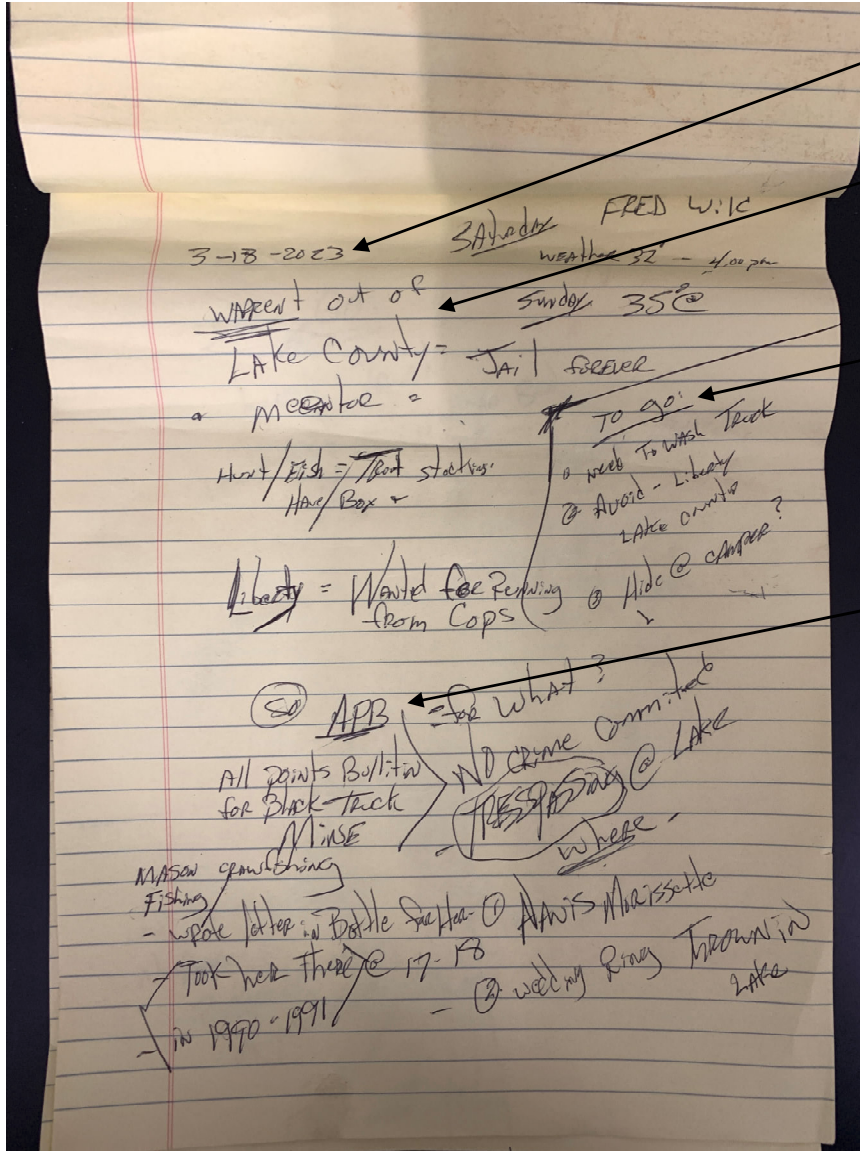


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Date: 3-18-2023

Warrant out of Lake County = Mentor = Jail forever

- To go:
1. Need to wash truck
  2. Avoid - Liberty Lake County
  3. Hide @ Camper

APB = for what?  
 All Points Bulletin for Black Truck Mine  
 No crime committed  
 Trespassing @ Lake where -

Photo: "Document from Dodge Truck - IMG\_3408"

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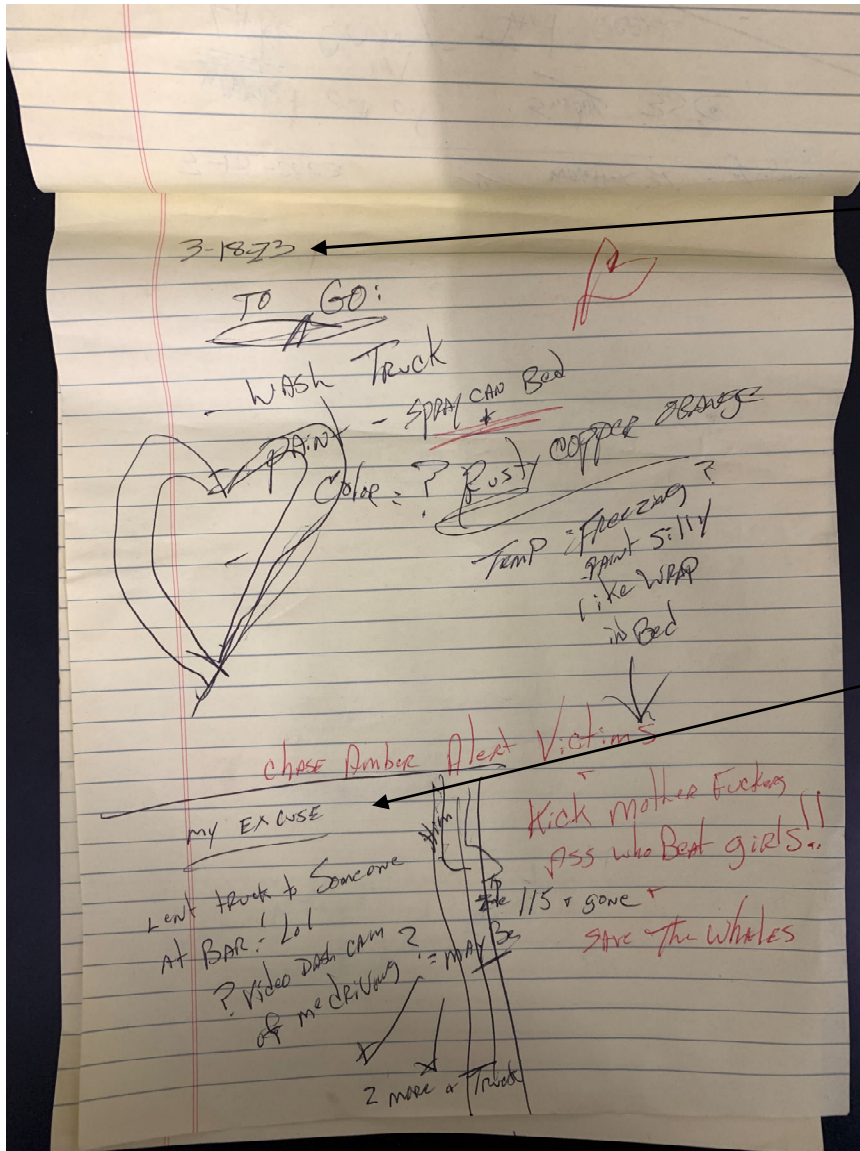


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Date: 3-18-23

My excuse  
 Lent truck to someone at bar! LOL  
 ? Video dash cam of me driving? = Maybe

Photo: "Document from Dodge Truck – IMG\_3409"

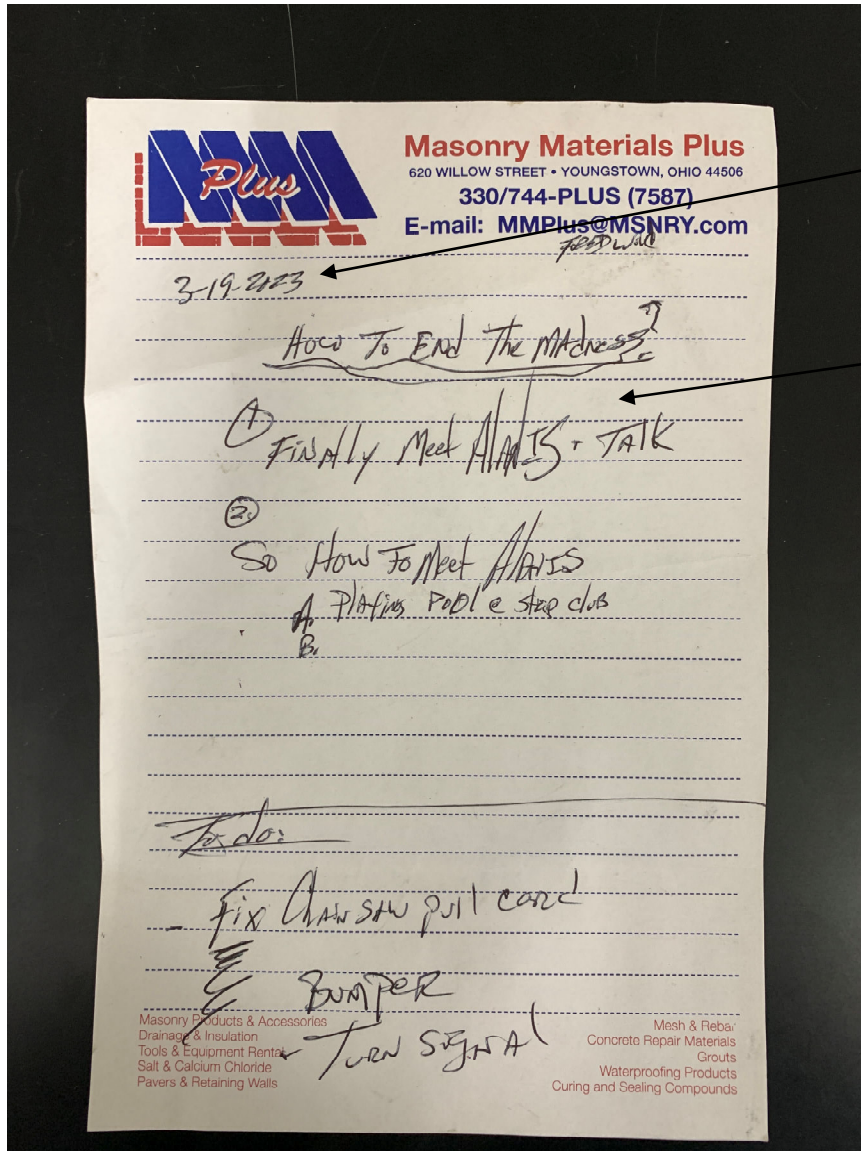
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Date: 3-19-2023

How to end the madness?  
 1. Finally meet Alanis + talk  
 2. So how to meet Alanis  
 A. Playing pool @ strip club  
 B.

Photo: "Document from Dodge Truck – IMG\_3398"

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-30: Search of Subject's 2010 Dodge Truck."

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**Cell Phone**

On March 24, 2023, SA Moran submitted Wild's cell phone to the BCI Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) for analysis. SA Bill Conn (Conn) used Mobile Forensic Software to unlock the cell phone and a Full File System Extraction was performed. A Cellebrite Reader report was created for review.

The Apple ID was [fwild4650@gmail.com](mailto:fwild4650@gmail.com) and the phone number was 330-265-9309.

SA Moran used the "Timeline" function of Cellebrite Reader to review the data. There were 133,979 total entries. SA Moran filtered the results from March 17, 2023 through March 21, 2023. There were 28,367 total Timeline entries (including duplicates) during this time period.

**March 17, 2023**

This was the date that Wild's son, Mason Baumbach (Baumbach), last spoke with Wild.

There were 8,404 entries (including duplicates) on this date.

There were text messages from Wild's girlfriend, Katy Wheeler (Wheeler).

**March 18, 2023**

There were 6,554 entries on this date.

There were text messages between Wild and a contact labeled, "Bugs." The phone number, [REDACTED] belongs to Baumbach.

There were text messages between Wild and Wheeler.

**March 19, 2023**

There were 11,055 entries (including duplicates) on this date.

There were messages between Wild and Wheeler.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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March 20, 2023

This was the date of the pursuit in Lordstown, Ohio.

There were 2,325 entries on this date.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Between 1411 hours and 1454 hours there were multiple "Locations" entries. This was during the time that Wild led the Lordstown Police Department and other law enforcement agencies on a lengthy vehicle pursuit.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

March 21, 2023

This was the date of the incident and officer-involved shooting in Brookfield Township, Ohio.

There were 29 entries on this date.

There was nothing relevant to the investigation.

For more details, please refer to BCI reports, "2023-07-27: Receipt of Cell Phone Extraction Data for Evidence Item 016" and "2023-07-12 OIC Forensic Report."

## Witness Officer Interviews

This section contains information from an interviews of law enforcement officers who were present at the scene and witnessed the incident.

### LPD Ofc. Ted Drewek's Interview

On March 21, 2023, SA Moran interviewed Lordstown Police Department (LPD) Officer (Ofc.) Ted Drewek (Drewek) at the BTPD. SA Moran asked Ofc. Drewek to provide details of the incident that occurred. Ofc. Drewek said he was in dispatch at the LPD when they received a call from Trumbull County dispatch requesting assistance for a call in Brookfield Township. Ofc. Drewek said the LPD was contacted due to being involved in a vehicle pursuit earlier that day with the subject. Ofc. Drewek also had access to a thermal monocular.

Ofc. Drewek went to an area near the scene and met with other law enforcement officers from

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different agencies. A briefing occurred and an overhead map was shown of the property and of a cabin in the woods where the subject was likely located. They discussed how they would walk down the "gas well driveway" and who would "flank" the structure. There was information that the cabin was "12 by 12", had only had one door, but multiple windows.

Ofc. Drewek said about "six or eight" officers began walking down the driveway. Police cruisers were parked on the road (in front of the property along State Route 7). Ofc. Drewek saw light and "heat" coming from a cabin in the woods through the lens of the monocular. Ofc. Drewek heard "loud music playing" and was not certain if the subject had other people with him.

Ofc. Drewek said as they approached the cabin, he saw a truck parked very close to the cabin. The truck was facing east. Ofc. Drewek believed that other officers in the woods stepped on some branches causing them to break and it possibly alerted the subject to the presence of the officers. Other officers said the subject was facing north, but Ofc. Drewek could not see him through the thermal monocular. Ofc. Drewek said he was on the south side and was using the thermal monocular to look into the truck and attempting to look into the cabin.

Ofc. Drewek began to walk around the southwest to west side of the cabin when he heard other officers begin to yell, "Police!" Ofc. Drewek was not using his thermal monocular at this time. He said the subject jumped through the cabin window directly into the driver's side front seat of the truck. The snow plow on the front of the truck was up and Ofc. Drewek wondered if the subject planned his actions and escape.

Ofc. Drewek said the subject started the truck and "plowed through some trees" and a "couple" of officers moved out of the way of the truck "and then shots were fired." Ofc. Drewek did not know how many gunshots were fired. Ofc. Drewek estimated the truck moved forward about "30 feet" with a "full gas pedal." Ofc. Drewek saw tire tracks on the ground that showed the sudden acceleration of the truck. Ofc. Drewek could hear the "engine revving" and the music was still playing. Ofc. Drewek said he was not certain how the subject knew the officers were there. He added that "it happened so quick" and was glad that no officers were struck in a potential crossfire situation.

Ofc. Drewek confirmed that he did not fire his weapon during the incident because he was holding his flashlight and the thermal monocular. He did not have the opportunity to even draw his pistol from the holster. Ofc. Drewek reiterated that the incident happened "quick" and estimated about 15-20 seconds elapsed from the time the subject entered the truck to when it came to a stop.

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SA Moran asked Ofc. Drewek about the moments when the truck hit the trees and the officers who were moving out of the way. Ofc. Drewek said he knew that officers were around the cabin, but he was not exactly certain where all the officers were located. He did not know if any officers were in front of the truck. Ofc. Drewek said he was positioned near the rear passenger side of the truck when it started moving. After the truck stopped, Ofc. Drewek said the cabin needed to be cleared and other officers checked the cabin.

Ofc. Drewek was not equipped with a body-worn camera (BWC) because the LPD does not issue them to officers.

#### **BTPD Ofc. Joshua Ellwood-Bellas' Interview**

On April 3, 2023, SA Valente and SA Goudy interviewed BTPD Ofc. Joshua Ellwood-Bellas (Ellwood-Bellas). Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas confirmed that he did not fire a weapon during the incident.

Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas said he participated in a search for the subject, Wild, during the day on March 20, 2023. During the initial search Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas participated in, he was told the subject may be in possession of a muzzle loader as the subject was believed to have one with him when he fled from police. Since a muzzle loader was not recovered from the subject's truck when it was searched, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas believed it was possible the subject may still be in possession of that weapon.

Later that evening, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas accompanied BTPD Sgt. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) while he spoke with Brian Adkins about Wild's location on the property located at 1433 State Route 7. Other law enforcement officers from other agencies arrived.

The assembled group of law enforcement devised a plan to approach and attempt to apprehend the subject. The plan was for two officers/troopers to position themselves on all sides of the cabin before making the subject aware of their presence. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas reported he was paired up with OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas and Sgt. [REDACTED] were assigned to position themselves near a window on one of the backsides of the cabin, though Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas could not recall specifically which side of the cabin he was assigned to watch during the beginning of the interview.

The group of officers and troopers drove to the property where the subject was located. The group of officers and troopers walked up the driveway "which was a good distance" [6:05 mark

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of video]. As the group approached the cabin where the subject was located, they could hear music coming from inside the cabin. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas stated the group “never made it to that part. We never got close enough that we could actually surround the windows before he would noticed that we were there” [7:13 mark of video].

Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas recalled the subject, upon seeing the officers, jumped out the window of the cabin and into the truck. Some of the officers then began to attempt to break the passenger window of the truck. The subject “started the truck and then he started driving forward and I was more focused on trying to get out of the way of the truck” [8:18 mark of the video].

While detailing the activity of the involved parties further, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas stated Sgt. [REDACTED] was the first person he heard giving the subject commands. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas did not hear the subject respond to those commands. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas reported that at the time Sgt. [REDACTED] began giving the subject commands, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas had not yet reached his assigned position at the (north) side of the cabin. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas was still approaching the (east) side of the cabin from the driveway/woods alongside the driveway. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas, from his position in front of the truck, saw the subject enter the truck, saw the headlights of the truck turn on and heard the engine start. Based on the location Ellwood-Bellas pointed to on the overhead image of the scene, he was likely within a few car lengths distance of the truck and directly in front of its presumed path.

Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas heard and saw the vehicle begin to accelerate very quickly after it was started. When asked what action he took if any at that moment, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas stated “I wanted to get out of the way. That was, that was my main concern, was getting out of the way of the truck so that I could not get hit” [14:01 mark of video]. Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas believed he was in the path or potential path of the truck at that moment. When asked if he thought the subject saw him in the path or potential path of the truck, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas stated “I would say yes” [14:30 mark of video]. When asked to clarify if the truck began to accelerate towards him before or after he began to move out of the truck’s likely path of travel, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas was unable to say with certainty which was accurate but did state “it would probably be really close” [14:54 mark of video]. When asked what he thought or felt at the moment the truck began moving forward, Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas stated “I wanted to get out of the way of the truck so I didn’t get hit. That was my, that was my biggest concern, so I didn’t get hit” [15:15 mark of the video]. Ellwood-Bellas later reiterated that he felt if he didn’t move out of the way of the truck when it began to move towards him he would have been hit.

Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas was equipped with a BWC during the incident.

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### OSHP Trooper Kevin Brown's Interview

On April 11, 2023, SA Moran and SA Goudy interviewed OSHP Trooper Kevin Brown (Brown). Trooper Brown confirmed that he did not fire a weapon during the incident. Trooper Brown said dispatch radioed to troopers that the BTPD requested assistance from the OSHP due to learning of the location of a male subject (Fred Wild III) in a shed on private property in Brookfield Township.

Trooper Brown met with other law enforcement officers from different jurisdictions at a location on the roadway near the driveway of the residence where the shed was located. Trooper Brown recommended that some officers stay with their cruisers while the perimeter team surrounded the shed. The officer in their cruiser(s) could then drive along the driveway in a marked unit and turn the emergency lights on and use the "PA system" to call the subject out in case there was a barricade situation. Trooper Brown was assigned to stay with his cruiser near the driveway on State Route 7.

Trooper Brown said that OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] was designated to be the only OSHP trooper to use the radio and when they were in position, OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] would radio for Trooper Brown to drive his cruiser along the driveway toward the shed. SA Moran asked Trooper Brown if he heard anything or heard any radio traffic. Trooper Brown said he did not recall hearing any radio traffic before the incident. He said he was inside his cruiser with the window down and "heard multiple shots." Trooper Brown drove his cruiser quickly to the cabin. He did not hear anyone say anything before he heard the gunshots. He believed he was too far away on the road to hear anyone.

SA Moran asked Trooper Brown what he saw when he drove his cruiser to the area near the cabin and incident. Trooper Brown saw the truck in the driveway and the officers were walking around with "a deer in the headlight look" and they were not "really saying anything." Trooper Brown asked what happened and did not receive a definitive response. He checked on the officers for any injuries and none appeared to be injured. He observed the deceased subject in the truck. Trooper Brown instructed the involved officers to place their weapons that were fired into his cruiser to secure them.

Trooper Brown said he was equipped with a BWC during the incident.

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### OSHP Sgt. Timothy Grimm's Interview

On April 11, 2023, SA Moran and SA Goudy interviewed OSHP Sgt. Timothy Grimm (Grimm). Sgt. Grimm confirmed that he did not discharge a firearm during the incident. Sgt. Grimm said he was at a Speedway gas station speaking with a TCSO deputy and a Champion Police Department (CPD) officer when they were notified about the assistance requested in Brookfield Township. Sgt. Grimm explained when he reported to work that night, he was notified about the vehicle pursuit earlier that day where the subject fled and was unable to be located.

Sgt. Grimm said there was a briefing where BTPD officers explained that they met with the homeowner who told them that he saw the subject drive to the property in a truck. The homeowner approached the subject and asked him to leave. The subject refused to leave and said he was going to stay overnight. The homeowner knew the truck that the subject was driving was stolen. The homeowner said he believed the truck was parked at the "back" of the property and was some distance behind the cabin on the property.

The officers planned how eight officers were going to walk back to the cabin, surround it, and call the subject out. Sgt. Grimm explained that it was dark outside and the officers were not going to use any lights. It was decided that Trooper Brown would stay back by State Route 7 in his cruiser and he would drive toward the cabin when the officers surrounded it and started calling the subject out. Trooper Brown was going to give orders over the "PA" system of his cruiser.

The officers began to walk down an "access road" toward the cabin. Sgt. Grimm heard a "radio blaring" and saw lights from the cabin. Sgt. Grimm saw the truck parked "right up against this hunting shed." He estimated it was a "couple inches" away from the structure and part of the truck was blocking the door to the cabin. Sgt. Grimm said it was a "well thought out process" because the subject likely knew it would be hard for law enforcement to access the interior of the cabin.

Sgt. Grimm moved to the right (to the north) as they approached the cabin. Other officers moved toward the front (to the south) of the cabin. As they moved into position, the subject stood up inside the cabin and saw the officers outside. Officers identified themselves and provided verbal commands to the subject to "get his hands up." Sgt. Grimm saw the subject jump through the cabin window directly into the driver's side of the truck. The officers near the truck continued providing verbal commands and tried to break the passenger side window of the truck.

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Sgt. Grimm saw Trooper Boyle was near the “corner” of the cabin and OSHP Sgt. ██████ was in between Sgt. Grimm and Trooper Boyle. The subject started the truck and began “driving erratically towards all officers that were on scene.” Sgt. Grimm said he could tell by the subject’s “demeanor” that he was likely “under the influence of something.” The subject stared “straight forward” and had “zero regard for anybody’s life.” Sgt. Grimm added, “His intent was that he was getting out of there at any cost.”

Sgt. Grimm said the subject began to drive the vehicle forward and toward Sgt. ██████ and that is when “shots were fired.” Sgt. Grimm explained that he could not fire his weapon because there was an officer in front of him and he did not have a clear line of sight. Other gunshots were fired and the truck came to a stop. Officers approached the truck and made sure the scene was secured and the subject was no longer a threat.

Sgt. Grimm added that there was a potential threat to Trooper Brown as he was driving on the driveway toward the cabin because the subject had a snow plow on the front of truck and Sgt. Grimm believed the subject’s intent was to “get away at any cost.” Sgt. Grimm said the subject did not have “any regard for anybody’s safety.” The scene was secured and BCI was contacted.

SA Moran asked Sgt. Grimm what he believed might have happened to any officers that were near the truck. Sgt. Grimm stated, “Um, like I said, his, the way he was driving if there was anybody, officers, that would have been, that were in front of him, I mean, it’s dark out, we’re not, we weren’t sure exactly where everybody was at at the time, he was, he was going to run anybody over that he, that got in the way.” Sgt. Grimm continued, “They would have been seriously injured or killed.”

SA Moran asked Sgt. Grimm about the manner that the subject started to drive the truck. Sgt. Grimm said he heard the “engine rev up” and he heard the “tires spinning through the mud.” Sgt. Grimm said he did not recall the subject striking anything with the truck. He added, “Everything kind of happened so fast.” Sgt. Grimm said after the incident he saw a few small trees that had been knocked down by the truck, but he did not recall that during the incident.

SA Moran asked Sgt. Grimm about the positions of the officers. Sgt. Grimm said he knew where the OSHP troopers were, but he was not certain of where the other officers were located. SA Moran asked Sgt. Grimm if he could tell where the gunshots were fired from. Sgt. Grimm said one of the first gunshots was near the area where Sgt. ██████ was located and the subsequent gunshots were from behind the truck. Sgt. Grimm said it was a possibility that Sgt. ██████ fired first because the subject drove the truck “straight at” Sgt. ██████

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Sgt. Grimm said he was equipped with a BWC during the incident.

### OSHP Trooper Scott Boyle's Interview

On April 11, 2023, SA Moran and SA Goudy interviewed OSHP Trooper Scott Boyle (Boyle). Trooper Boyle confirmed that he did not discharge a firearm during the incident. Trooper Boyle said he spoke with a Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) one or two nights before the incident and the LTPD officer mentioned the subject Fred Wild, being in the area and having felony warrants. The LTPD officer told Trooper Boyle that the LTPD was also likely going to request felony warrant(s) for Wild. The next day, Trooper Boyle learned about the vehicle pursuit involving Wild and multiple law enforcement agencies in Trumbull County.

At the start of Trooper Boyle's shift before the incident, OSHP dispatch informed him that the BTPD had information about Wild's location from a homeowner in the area. There was information that Wild was a "flight risk" and told the homeowner that he would leave the property in the morning. Trooper Boyle and other OSHP troopers went to Brookfield Township and met with other law enforcement officers from other agencies at a mechanic shop near the homeowner's property. They spoke about a plan and viewed an overhead map, but it was difficult to see the exact layout of the property and buildings. Trooper Boyle said he was going to cover the east side of the building with OSHP Sgt. Grimm.

The law enforcement officers parked their cruisers on the road in front of the residence and walked about ¼ of a mile down a road on the property. Trooper Boyle could hear music "playing in the distance." Trooper Boyle recalled a "spotlight" activating as the law enforcement officers were walking on the road on the property and he was worried Wild might see them coming. They continued moving into the wood line and Trooper Boyle saw a light emanating from a window. Trooper Boyle said during the briefing, law enforcement officers discussed that the stolen vehicle that Wild had was likely parked further back on the property. Trooper Boyle said they approached the cabin and he had "no idea" that Wild had the truck parked next to the cabin.

Trooper Boyle said a "stick snapped" and he saw Wild approach a cabin window and look out of it. Wild bent down and possibly saw a law enforcement officer because "he jumped through the window of the cabin and then through the window of the truck." Other officers activated lights and Trooper Boyle saw the truck parked next to the cabin for the first time. Trooper Boyle said he was trying to "process" what was happening

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Trooper Boyle said he saw the other officers moving toward the truck and he moved to an area near the front of the truck. He stated (09:06), "And I'm standing right in front of the snow plow and I pull up on him (raised hands and arms as if raising a rifle up), as I do that I see him putting the truck in drive so I start rolling out of the way and I hear him smashing the throttle. He's you know, peeling out, um, I mean, just roasting the tires and he's peeling out so I get out of the way and then right as that was, all happened I was still moving to the side um, I heard the shots being fired."

Trooper Boyle said the reason he did not shoot was because the truck was moving and he was concerned about "crossfire." He also said he was "pinned up against the cabin." Trooper Boyle said Wild "somehow" stopped the truck and officers approached and cleared the vehicle. Trooper Boyle checked Wild for weapons and a pulse. Trooper Boyle said he saw a bullet wound to the back of Wild's head and it was clear he was deceased. Trooper Boyle and another officer cleared the cabin.

Trooper Boyle stated, "I mean, I felt threatened um, when I ran up to the front of the truck." SA Moran asked, "What do you think could have happened to you if you didn't move or move out of the way?" Trooper Boyle responded, "I would have got tore up underneath that plow um, he had it raised just enough, yeah, it wouldn't have been good." Trooper Boyle stated (17:28), "So I know he was in like, flight mode um, he was trying to get the hell out of there. He wasn't responding to anything anybody had to say um, he was just trying to get the hell out of there. So, I mean, he didn't care what was in front of the truck or anything." SA Moran asked Trooper Boyle about the acceleration of the truck. Trooper Boyle said he could hear the "tires spinning" and he could hear "rocks getting thrown up." He also heard the "rev of the engine."

Trooper Boyle said he was not certain of who was around his location, but he remembered seeing OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] standing on a pile of rocks or pallets nearby (made a motion to his left and slightly behind). Trooper Boyle pointed to an area on the overhead scan map where the rocks or pallets were located (near the front of the truck when it was parked). He recalled seeing Sgt. [REDACTED] after he cleared out of the way of the truck and turned to his left and saw Sgt. [REDACTED] on the rocks or pallets. Trooper Boyle stated, "I would say he had some threat his way as well."

Trooper Boyle indicated that he wanted to review his BWC video. SA Moran used Axon Investigate to play Trooper Boyle's BWC video. (File Name: Axon\_Body\_3\_Video\_2023-03-21\_0108\_X60A2773V.mp4.) Trooper Boyle showed SA Moran some moments at the BWC video timestamp of 01:16:19 where his BWC recorded Wild driving the truck forward. These

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moments also recorded Sgt. [REDACTED]'s position in close proximity to the front of the truck just before the gunshots were fired.

SA Moran asked Trooper Boyle if there was anything else that clarified or confirmed his memory of the incident after reviewing his BWC video. Trooper Boyle stated, "Yeah, that was the first time that I actually got to see Sgt. [REDACTED] that he was actually in the way of the plow there so, um, I mean, I'm surprised he didn't get hit by the plow." Trooper Boyle added, "He had a direct threat towards him."

Trooper Boyle said he was equipped with a BWC during the incident.

## Involved Officers

This section contains extremely abbreviated versions of the interviews of the involved officers. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview. This section also contains information about the involved officers' personnel files and training files.

### BTPD Sgt. [REDACTED]'s Uniform During Incident

On March 21, 2023, SA Moran took photographs of Sgt. [REDACTED] and the uniform he was wearing during the incident. See the image below:



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Source: Photo labeled, "Photo - Front - BTPD Sgt. [REDACTED] - IMG\_3355"

### [BTPD Sgt. \[REDACTED\] s Interview](#)

On April 3, 2023, SA Valente and SA Goudy interviewed Sgt. [REDACTED] at the Brookfield Township Administration Building. He has been a law enforcement officer for eight years.

Sgt. [REDACTED] was on-duty at the time of the incident and he was scheduled to work from 2300-0700 hours that night. He drove BTPD cruiser [REDACTED] a marked BTPD Dodge Charger white colored, with an overhead light bar. He wore his standard BTPD uniform and a jacket that had a badge and BTPD patches on it. His pistol was in a holster on his duty belt and he carried other common law enforcement equipment on his duty belt. He was wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. Sgt. [REDACTED] had no physical disabilities at the time of the incident.

Sgt. [REDACTED] used a rifle during the incident. It was a Daniel Defense, 5.56mm. He is right-handed. He carried using a single point sling. He carried the rifle with no round in the chamber and a magazine inserted with 30 cartridges. He carried one extra ammunition magazine with 30 cartridges in it. He carried a total of 60 cartridges during the incident.

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Sgt. █████ said his Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate was valid and current. He said he received use-of-force training in November 2022.

### Summary of Sgt. █████'s Interview Regarding Incident

SA Valente asked Sgt. █████ to provide details about the incident on March 21, 2023.

Sgt. █████ said he attended training during the afternoon hours on March 20, 2023, and he learned about a vehicle pursuit that started in Lordstown and ended in Brookfield Township. They ended training and went to assist with the search for the subject involved but were unable to locate him.

Sgt. █████ reported for his regular duty shift at 2300 hours that evening and he learned about a vehicle that was stolen near the area where the pursuit subject was last seen. Other BTPD officers told Sgt. █████ that the stolen vehicle subject was the same subject from the vehicle pursuit, Fred Wild III. Sgt. █████ went to Wild's father's home to attempt to gather information about Wild's location. Wild's father said Wild was possibly with a friend named "Brian" and he lived on State Route 7. Sgt. █████ also learned about an active warrant for Wild.

Sgt. █████ located information about Brian Adkins (Adkins). A short time later, Adkins contacted the BTPD and requested to meet with officers. Adkins informed Sgt. █████ that Wild was a family friend and he saw the new story about the vehicle pursuit earlier that day and believed Wild was the subject. Adkins reviewed his home surveillance videos and saw a blue truck driving along his driveway at about 1800 hours. Adkins knew the truck belonged to William Shafer.

Adkins went to the rear of his property and found Wild there. Wild told him he fled from the police, stole the truck, and was hiding on Adkins' property. Adkins told Sgt. █████ about the property and how Wild was located at the rear of the property. Sgt. █████ then requested and was granted permission by Adkins to search the hunting cabin to locate the subject. Sgt. █████ asked Adkins if he had seen the subject with any weapons or if there were any weapons inside the hunting cabin. Adkins told Sgt. █████ he did not see the subject in possession of any weapons. Regarding the cabin, Adkins said "Um, he's like you know it's a hunting cabin, so I'm pretty certain there's crossbows in there is what he said. Um, he doesn't think there's any firearms but he wasn't certain. There was definitely ammunition."

Sgt. █████ requested assistance from other law enforcement agencies to assist with searching for Wild. BTPD Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas, two TCSO deputies, four OSHP troopers, two VTPD officers,

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and one LPD officer arrived to assist. The officers met and discussed the property and formulated a plan to try to apprehend Wild.

The officers walked along the lengthy driveway at 1433 State Route 7. They saw a light coming from a cabin and could hear music. The truck was parked in close proximity to the cabin with the driver's side window lined up with the cabin window. The truck was blocking the door to the cabin. Sgt. [REDACTED] saw Wild through the cabin window. Someone stepped on a stick and Wild was alerted to the presence of the officers and looked out the window. Sgt. [REDACTED] activated his rifle-mounted flashlight and ordered Wild to show his hands. Wild opened the cabin window and dove into the open driver's side window of the truck.

Sgt. [REDACTED] then walked in front of the truck with the intent to grab the subject before he could fully get into the truck from the hunting cabin. As Sgt. [REDACTED] began to walk in front of the truck he realized he would not be able to get between the truck and hunting cabin and began backing up to his original position. Sgt. [REDACTED] stated "So he starts, I think the truck started when I was still, I don't remember when it started. I was either in front or I had moved, but I basically aborted that plan. I said I'm getting out of the way 'cause he's gonna try and leave. So, I stepped back to the passenger side. Um, were still yelling 'show us your hands.' I could hear somebody beating on the passenger window of the truck." Sgt. [REDACTED] continued, "So the truck fires up and it starts moving as soon as it starts. Um and when he went forward I remember he hit a little like a tree that was there and ran it right over. I stepped out of the way. My first thought was I'm getting out of the way of this thing and I focused on him and just assumed were going to have to run down this driveway and it's going to start a pursuit with these guys waiting. You know, obviously, pretty quickly, uh, I heard a gunshot and as soon as I heard that first shot that's when I kinda like realized, took my attention off of me being, you know, out of the way and realized there' still people in the way. Um, at some point in there I fired my weapon, when I was, yeah, I want to say I was standing close to, I don't know, close to where that dirt is basically the corner of those woods."

Sgt. [REDACTED] stated when he fired his weapon the line of travel for his bullet(s) would have begun at the back-right corner of the vehicle and gone diagonal to the front left of the vehicle. Sgt. [REDACTED] described the truck as having stopped pretty quickly. Sgt. [REDACTED] then ran up to the passenger window and looked in while giving orders and felt "it was pretty clear he was probably deceased." Sgt. [REDACTED] then broke the passenger window of the vehicle to gain entry as the door was locked. Once he broke the window, Sgt. [REDACTED] looked inside, assumed the subject was deceased, then reached inside the truck, smacked the shifter into park, and turned off the

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truck. After checking to see if anyone (besides the subject) was injured Sgt. [REDACTED] called for EMS to respond.

When asked what he presumed was happening when he heard the first gunshot, Sgt. [REDACTED] stated "that's what alerted me to like, you know, oh shit, there's people standing in front of that. Like I got out of the way but they did not. Um, so, my thing was, he started moving. Once he started moving, went right over that little tree with that plow, that's when I perceived a threat towards, not me but the people that were still out in front of the truck. It was pretty clear that the guy intended to get away." Sgt. [REDACTED] did not know who fired first and could not see where all of the officers were located.

Sgt. [REDACTED] believed he fired one or two gunshots. When asked what his concerns were regarding what could have happened when the truck began to accelerate and he fired his weapon, Sgt. [REDACTED] stated "That's when, I didn't perceive a threat against me but I perceived a threat against the people that were still in front so I thought he was gonna run somebody over."

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-04-03: Interview of Brookfield Township Sergeant [REDACTED]"

#### [BTPD Sgt. \[REDACTED\] s Personnel File](#)

Sgt. [REDACTED] was hired by the BTPD in July 2016 as a part-time officer. In November 2017, Sgt. [REDACTED] received a full-time position with the BTPD. There was no record of any discipline related to the use-of-force noted in his personnel file.

#### [BTPD Sgt. \[REDACTED\] s Training File](#)

Sgt. [REDACTED] attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Training class BAS14-068 at Youngstown State University. Sgt. [REDACTED] also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination and was issued Peace Officer Certificate [REDACTED] by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

Based on the records received, it is noted that Sgt. [REDACTED] was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

Sgt. [REDACTED] has completed multiple law enforcement training classes in a variety of law enforcement-related topics.

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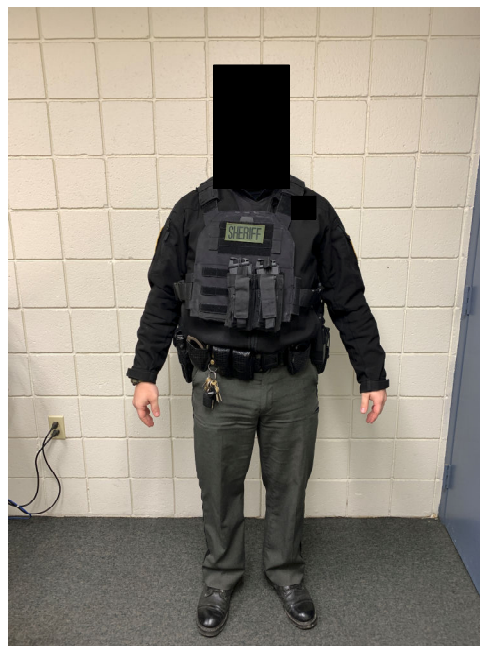
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In October 2022, Sgt. [REDACTED] qualified with his patrol rifle that he used during the incident.

### TCSO Deputy [REDACTED] Uniform During Incident

On March 21, 2023, SA Moran took photographs of Deputy [REDACTED] and the uniform he was wearing during the incident. See the image below:



Source: Photo labeled, "Photo - Front – TCSO Deputy [REDACTED] - IMG\_3351"

### TCSO Deputy [REDACTED] s Interview

On April 3, 2023, SA Valente and SA Goudy interviewed TCSO Deputy [REDACTED] at the TCSO. He has been a law enforcement officer for 10 years.

Deputy [REDACTED] was on-duty at the time of the incident and he was scheduled to work from 2300-0700 hours that night. He drove TCSO cruiser [REDACTED] a marked TCSO Ford Explorer, black colored, with an overhead light bar. He wore his standard TCSO uniform and a jacket that had a badge and TCSO patches on it. He also wore an external ballistic vest. His pistol was in a holster on his duty belt and he carried other common law enforcement equipment on his duty belt. He was not wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. Deputy [REDACTED] had no physical disabilities at the time of the incident.

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Deputy █████ used a rifle during the incident. It was an Aero Precision, 5.56mm. He is right-handed. He carried it at a low ready in his hands. He did not use the single point sling attached. He carried the rifle with one round in the chamber and a magazine inserted with 30 cartridges. He carried two extra ammunition magazines with 30 cartridges in it. He carried a total of 91 cartridges during the incident.

Deputy █████ said his Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate was valid and current. He said he receives use-of-force training yearly.

### Summary of Deputy █████ s Interview Regarding Incident

SA Valente asked Deputy █████ to provide details of the incident that occurred on March 21, 2023.

Deputy █████ said he received a phone call from another officer at the beginning of his shift. The officer told Deputy █████ about the pursuit that occurred earlier that day and how the subject was possibly armed with a “muzzle loader.”

Deputy █████ met with two OSHP troopers at a gas station and they received a request from the BTPD to assist with locating the pursuit subject. Deputy █████ went to an area on State Route 7 and met with other officers for a briefing. Deputy █████ learned that Adkins informed officers that the subject, Wild, was on his property and had a stolen truck near the rear of his property.

The officers walked along the long driveway toward the rear of the property. They approached a cabin and saw the truck parked in very close proximity to it. Deputy █████ and Sgt. █████ tried to approach the cabin door but it was blocked by the truck. Someone stepped on a branch and it snapped. The sound possibly alerted Wild inside the cabin and he stood up and looked out the window. An officer activated a flashlight and Deputy █████ said he yelled, “Police!”

Wild dove through the cabin window directly into the driver’s side front seat of the truck. The subject then dove out the window of the cabin and into the truck very quickly. Deputy █████ then began using the barrel of his gun to try and break out the passenger window of the truck but was unsuccessful. Deputy █████ described the look on the subject’s face at the time by stating “I’ve seen some looks in people’s faces but I will not forget the look on this guy. Like, looking as fast as all this had transpired, I remember just looking at him and like he had like this different look into his eyes, like, I don’t know how to describe it the best but it was, it was a look of uh, he had a uh objective he wanted to, to get and he just, there was, there was nobody home. I don’t

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know if that makes sense. Um, but he was, he was fumbling around trying to get the keys going and I kept striking the passenger window with my AR15 and somehow during this point that's when my magazine fell out. I didn't know that and I'll never forget how strong that window was."

Deputy ██████ said Wild started the truck and revved the engine and began accelerating forward. Deputy ██████ said he was not the first officer to shoot. He did not fire additional rounds because he realized that he accidentally dropped the magazine out of his rifle. When asked if he pulled the trigger a second time or how he figured out the weapon was not working, Deputy ██████ stated he did pull the trigger a second time and the trigger was really tight, he then looked at the rifle from the side and confirmed the magazine was no longer seated in the rifle.

Deputy ██████ stated "he (Wild) was an imminent threat and if we did not discharge our firearms to protect the troopers, and you know, I'll refer to them as my friends because I'm good friends with all them guys, you know, there isn't many people on midnight shift, especially in the areas we patrol. So, if somebody's coming it's gonna be those guys. If we did not discharge our weapons to protect them from serious physical harm I believe he would have seriously injured one of them or killed one of them, I mean he ran over a tree." He continued, "Because I thought he was gonna run over the guys I was with. Seriously, physically injure them or kill 'em, I mean, the guy, he uh, and we all knew that he was in two uh, two chases, he ran from 'em, he had the felony warrants, I mean we all knew that this guy was a severe flight risk. And the fact that he was in a stolen truck and ya know committing a B and E none the less. We knew this guy was gonna do whatever he could to escape."

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-04-03: Interview of Trumbull County Sheriff's Deputy ██████"

#### [TCSO Deputy ██████ s Personnel File](#)

Deputy ██████ was hired by the TCSO as a Special Deputy in September 2011. He became a full-time deputy in January 2015. There was no record of any discipline related to the use-of-force noted in his personnel file.

#### [TCSO Deputy ██████ s Training File](#)

Deputy ██████ attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

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(OPOTA) Basic Training BAS11-076 at Kent State University. Deputy [REDACTED] also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination and was issued Peace Officer Certificate [REDACTED] by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

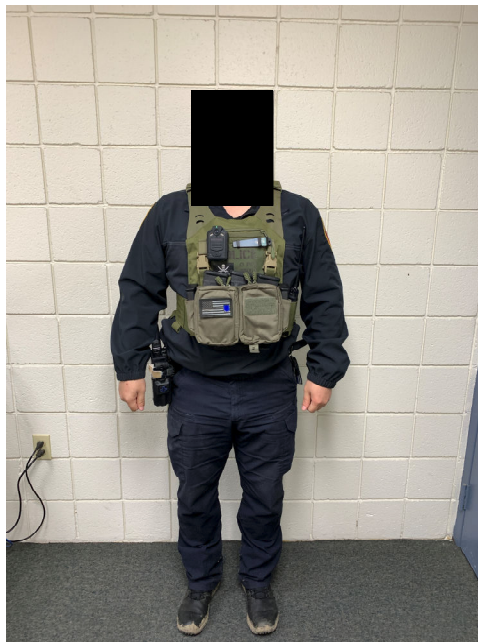
Based on the records received, it is noted that Deputy [REDACTED] was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

Deputy [REDACTED] has completed multiple law enforcement training classes in a variety of law enforcement-related topics.

In September 2022, Deputy [REDACTED] qualified with his patrol rifle that he used during the incident.

#### VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] s Uniform During Incident

On March 21, 2023, SA Moran took photographs of Ofc. [REDACTED] and the uniform he was wearing during the incident. See the image below:



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### VTPD Ofc. ██████'s Interview

On April 5, 2023, SA Moran and SA Momchilov interviewed Ofc. ██████ at the VTPD. He has been a law enforcement officer for 6 ½ years.

Ofc. ██████ was on-duty at the time of the incident and he was scheduled to work from 2300-0700 hours that night. He drove VTPD cruiser ██████ a marked VTPD Ford Explorer with an overhead light bar. He wore his standard VTPD uniform that had a badge and VTPD patches on it. He also wore an external ballistic vest. His pistol was in a holster on his duty belt and he carried other common law enforcement equipment on his duty belt. He was wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. Ofc. ██████ had no physical disabilities at the time of the incident.

Ofc. ██████ used a rifle during the incident. It was a Windham Armory, .223 caliber. He is right-handed. He carried it using a single point sling that was attached. He carried the rifle with no round in the chamber and a magazine inserted with 30 cartridges. He carried three extra ammunition magazines with 30 cartridges in it. He carried a total of 120 cartridges during the incident.

Ofc. ██████ said his Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate was valid and current. He said he reviewed the use-of-force policy issued by the VTPD.

### Summary of Ofc. ██████'s Interview Regarding Incident

SA Moran asked Ofc. ██████ to provide details about the incident that occurred on March 21, 2023.

Ofc. ██████ said he arrived at the VTPD at about 2300 hours and met with VTPD Ofc. ██████. At about 2330 hours, he left the VTPD and dispatch called him about the BTPD having information about the location of the subject that was involved in a vehicle pursuit earlier that day. The BTPD requested additional officers from the VTPD, OSHP, LPD, and the TCSO.

Ofc. ██████ met with other officers on State Route 7. Sgt. ██████ showed the officers an overhead map of the residence and property at 1433 State Route 7. Sgt. ██████ told the officers that the male homeowner told him that he observed a truck with a plow attached at the rear of the property and the truck was reported stolen earlier that day. There was a hunting cabin along the right side of the property driveway leading to back of the property and was about ½ mile back. The plan was to surround the cabin and call the male subject out "peacefully and have him surrender himself."

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The officers moved their cruisers closer to the residence and parked them along the roadway. Ofc. ██████ put on his tactical vest and attached his BWC to his vest. When he exited his cruiser, he “charged” his patrol rifle and turned on and checked his optic. The officers moved down the property driveway. Two officers had “thermals” to try to assist with visibility. The officers saw the cabin and light from the cabin with the thermal monoculars.

As they approached a pond near the cabin, Ofc. ██████ heard “loud music” coming from the truck parked nearby. Ofc. ██████ said he could not see the cabin because it was “pitch black.” As Ofc. ██████ and the officers moved closer to the cabin, he saw the truck parked in close proximity to the south side of the cabin. Ofc. ██████ used an overhead diagram map to draw the location of the truck. Ofc. ██████ said TCSO Deputy ██████ moved closer and saw the male subject inside the cabin. The male subject was facing north and away from Ofc. ██████ and Deputy ██████. Ofc. ██████ let other officers nearby know that the male subject was inside the cabin.

Ofc. ██████ said there were other officers moving inside the “tree line” and pointed to the east and north side of the cabin on the overhead diagram map. Ofc. ██████ said an officer stepped on a stick and the male subject “jumped up and looked out the window.” The male subject likely saw Ofc. ██████ and Deputy ██████ standing on the south side of the cabin. Ofc. ██████ and the other officers turned on their flashlights, announced the presence of law enforcement, and provided verbal commands. Ofc. ██████ said the male subject “immediately jumped through the window into the cab of the truck.” Ofc. ██████ and Deputy ██████ moved toward the truck; the passenger window was rolled up and they used their rifles to hit the window in an effort to break it, but it did not break.

Ofc. ██████ stated, “And he started up the truck and there um, he um, there was a couple officers this way (pointed to area in front of truck on overhead diagram map) over in front of the truck giving commands as well, and he started the truck, immediately slammed on the gas, spinning the tires, me and the deputy are still trying to break the window and as soon as he got traction, me and the deputy backed off. So, I’d say we were standing roughly close to the roadway, I’m not for sure, but it was close to the roadway that we were standing and he took off through the tree line and ran over a couple trees and was um, actively going straight towards another officer, I believe it was a state trooper, at the time I believed that the state trooper’s life was in immediate danger and I discharged my rifle at the time.” Ofc. ██████ marked two positions (with dots) on the overhead scan map that were in the property driveway on the south

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side of the cabin indicating that was his location, Deputy ██████'s location. Ofc. ██████ stated, "I took a shot right through the back window."

Ofc. ██████ said there were five officers shooting and it seemed that the officers started and stopped shooting at about the same time. Ofc. ██████ checked on the other officers and saw Ofc. ██████ standing near the door of the truck and checked on him. Ofc. ██████ radioed that shots were fired and to notify supervisors. Ofc. ██████ and an OSHP trooper checked for a pulse on the male subject. Sgt. ██████ was able to break the passenger side window to cover the male subject while they checked for a pulse. Sgt. ██████ radioed and requested an ambulance.

SA Moran asked Ofc. ██████ what he thought was going to happen to the trooper in front of the truck. Ofc. ██████ replied, "I thought he was going to run him over with the blade in the truck. Hit him, hit him with the blade and run him over with the truck." SA Moran asked what that would have done to the trooper. Ofc. ██████ answered, "Kill him." SA Momchilov asked Ofc. ██████ what his point of aim was. Ofc. ██████ said he looked through the "back window right at the back of his head" and that was where he was aiming. SA Moran asked Ofc. ██████ about the moments when he decided to fire. Ofc. ██████ stated, "I'd say as soon as he ran over the tree and um, I saw there, there was no care of what he was going towards or at or who, I made my decision to fire my weapon."

SA Moran asked Ofc. ██████ if he knew who was the first officer that fired. Ofc. ██████ said he did not know who was the first officer that fired. During the incident, Ofc. ██████ was aware that Deputy ██████ fired because he was next to him. He did not know about any other officers that fired until after the incident when Trooper Brown asked who fired.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-04-05: Interview of VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████"

#### **VTPD Ofc. ██████'s Personnel File**

Ofc. ██████ had worked at a number of police departments prior to VTPD including: Braceville Township Police Department, Orwell Police Department, Newton Falls Police Department, and Champion Police Department. Ofc. ██████ began his employment with the VTPD in April 2021 as a part-time officer. Ofc. ██████ then became a full-time officer with the VTPD in August 2022. There was no record of any discipline related to the use-of-force noted in his personnel file.

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### VTPD Ofc. ██████'s Training File

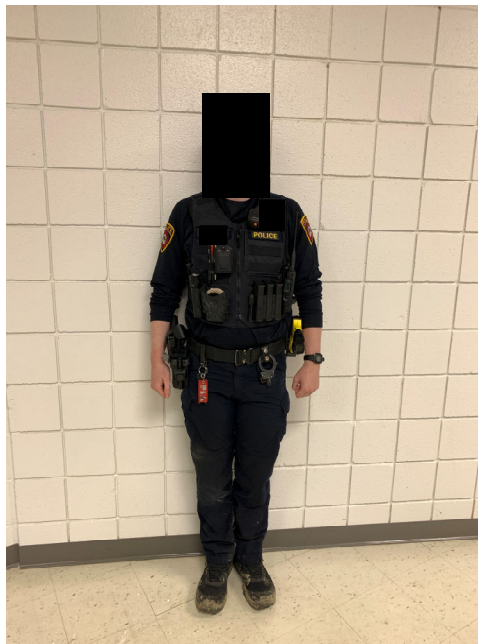
Ofc. ██████ attended and successfully completed the OPOTA Basic Training class BAS17-011 at Youngstown State University. Ofc. ██████ then took and passed the OPOTA Certification Examination and was issued Peace Officer Certificate ██████ by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

Ofc. ██████ has completed multiple law enforcement training classes in a variety of law enforcement-related topics.

In August 2022, Ofc. ██████ qualified with a patrol rifle.

### VTPD Ofc. ██████ Uniform During Incident

On March 21, 2023, SA Moran took photographs of Ofc. ██████ and the uniform he was wearing during the incident. See the image below:



Source: Photo labeled, "Photo – Front – VTPD Ofc. ██████ – IMG\_3343"

### VTPD Ofc. ██████'s Interview

On April 5, 2023, SA Moran and SA Momchilov interview Ofc. ██████ at the VTPD. He has been a law enforcement officer for 2 years.

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Ofc. ██████ was on-duty at the time of the incident and he was scheduled to work from 1900-0300 hours that night. He drove VTPD cruiser ██████ a marked VTPD Ford Explorer with an overhead light bar. He wore his standard VTPD uniform that had a badge and VTPD patches on it. He also wore an external ballistic vest. His pistol was in a holster on his duty belt and he carried other common law enforcement equipment on his duty belt. He was wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. Ofc. ██████ had no physical disabilities at the time of the incident. He was wearing contact lenses at the time of the incident.

Ofc. ██████ used a rifle during the incident. It was a Aero Precision, .223 caliber. He carried it right-handed. He carried the rifle with no round in the chamber and a magazine inserted with 30 cartridges. He carried no extra ammunition magazines during the incident.

Ofc. ██████ said his Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate was valid and current. He said he reviewed the use-of-force policy issued by the VTPD.

### Summary of Ofc. ██████'s Interview Regarding Incident

SA Moran asked Ofc. ██████ to provide details about the incident that occurred on March 21, 2023.

Ofc. ██████ said he heard about the subject, Wild, because VTPD Ofc. Antonel assisted the Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) with a vehicle pursuit involving Wild on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Ofc. ██████ also communicated with BTPD Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas on March 20, 2023, about the pursuit that occurred that day involving Wild. Later that day, Ofc. ██████ assisted BTPD officers and went to Wild's father's house in an attempt to locate Wild. They spoke with Wild's father and he told the officers that Wild was likely staying on the property located at 1433 State Route 7.

Ofc. ██████ said that Ofc. ██████ reported to work later that evening. Ofc. ██████ saw the call involving the homeowner contacting the BTPD about Wild's location. The BTPD asked for assistance from the VTPD. Ofc. ██████ went to the briefing area with the other officers, but was called away for an alarm call. After clearing the alarm call, he returned to the briefing area for a few minutes and the officers drove their cruisers to the area in front of 1433 State Route 7. Ofc. ██████ said he could not figure out how to open the trunk of his cruiser and the extra rifle

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magazine in the car was empty. The group of law enforcement officers began walking down the driveway and Ofc. ██████ was left behind. Ofc. ██████ asked OSHP Trooper Brown and TCSO Sgt. Carr where the group went and they told him they went down the driveway.

Ofc. ██████ hurried and caught up to the group of officers. All of the officers were quiet. As he was some distance away from the cabin, he heard music playing, likely from the truck parked near the cabin. He recalled seeing light coming from the cabin. Ofc. ██████ was with the OSHP troopers on the north side of the driveway near the woods and continued to approach the cabin. Ofc. ██████ said there was prior information that Wild possibly had a “muzzle loader.” Ofc. ██████ momentarily took cover behind a tree. He saw the truck was parked in very close proximity to the cabin. Ofc. ██████ said an officer (unknown) stepped on a stick and it was “really loud.” A short time later, he heard the officers on the south side of the truck and cabin screaming. He saw officers on the south side of the truck using their rifles to strike the passenger window of the truck while providing verbal commands.

Ofc. ██████ said he was on the north side with the OSHP troopers and they were “still in front of the truck.” He recalled seeing a “pile of bricks” near the truck and cabin. Ofc. ██████ saw Wild inside the truck while the officers were trying to break the window. Ofc. ██████ said Wild was “lurching forward and backwards” with the truck in an effort to escape.

Ofc. ██████ stated, “One of the troopers, he was, I would say like, maybe, I don’t know what you want to call it (stood up, held both hands a few inches apart near his right thigh), like this, about this close like, from getting clipped by the front of the plow while it was moving forward and back. I think, I don’t know, it looked like one of the tires might even have lifted on the front of the bricks. He went pretty forward and he almost hit that one trooper and from what I remember like, seeing him like, everyone was still around the truck and like, there was no like, he, from how he was driving there was just no, I don’t, he didn’t care that there was anyone around him. He was just going. And there wasn’t, I had a good feeling like, a feeling that nothing was going to really stop him. That he was going to, he didn’t care if there was officers right next to the truck, they’re hitting those windows, he’s going forward, he’s going back, he’s going to do anything he can to get out of there as fast as he can.”

Ofc. ██████ continued, “And during this I, that’s when I start hearing like, the gunshots going out.” Ofc. ██████ described hearing the gunshots in “strings of like, two or three.” Ofc. ██████ said he had moved further east along the “path” (driveway) near the brick pile. He believed someone fired in close proximity to him because his “ears started ringing.” He said Wild “got around the path” and Ofc. ██████ believed “he backed up more before going forward and hitting that

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trooper.” Ofc. ██████ said Wild was able to move the truck “further down the road, that path.” Ofc. ██████ did not recall how many gunshots were fired but believed two or three people fired. He did not know if officers fired or if Wild fired.

Ofc. ██████ stated, “He keeps going down the pathway um, I know at one point he keeps going he gets to roughly a little ways past me and I end up, I think I end up taking aim, I made a kind of conscious decision and I was like, ‘Well, I watched him almost hit one of the troopers,’ I, from talking to Trooper Brown and the Trumbull County sheriff, they were, what they were going to do right before we came up to this, I know I forgot this part, but they uh, they were supposed to come down this trail after we tried to apprehend him and they’ll like, block him.” Ofc. ██████ said they were going to use their cruisers to block Wild in and they were supposed to drive “down the path” and it was “kind of tight” especially with the plow on the front of Wild’s truck. Ofc. ██████ continued, “I made the conscious decision, I was like, ‘Well, I watched him almost just run over a trooper, just narrowly that he stepped out of the way of getting hit with the end like, the corner of that snow plow.’ Um, I was concerned that from they already fired on him I, for that, for all I knew I wasn’t totally sure if it was friend or fod... I know for a fact it was one of the officers obviously fired from that much gunfire. I didn’t know exactly. Fred also might have been armed, but I did know he almost run over one of the troopers. I was, even from where I was, there was still risk of he, he could have, I wasn’t behind bricks or trees anymore ‘cause I started backing out of there to avoid getting hit that, I said, ‘Well, he could still turn at me, he could still, we still have the guys coming down the pathway like, a snow plow into like, you know, a Dodge Charger that could easily kill somebody.’ He could, even if they’re not down the path, he could still run into one of them when they try to stop him out on seven, so I made the conscious decision, I aimed at, around his passenger window to his back window and I fired uh, uh, probably two to three rounds.”

Ofc. ██████ believed he fired one to three gunshots through the driver’s side window (side) or through the back window. Ofc. ██████ said he recalled the “vehicle was still moving at that point.” He added, “But, things go pretty quick.” Ofc. ██████ said after he fired, Wild and the truck “very soon after came to a stop.” Ofc. ██████ said he did not fire “quickly” and recalled pausing between shots. He attributed that to his training it was “disciplined” how he fired.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, “2023-04-05: Interview of VTPD Ofc. ██████ ██████”





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### VTPD Ofc. ██████'s Personnel File

Ofc. ██████ was hired as a full-time officer in December 2021. There was no record of any discipline related to the use-of-force noted in his personnel file.

### VTPD Ofc. Ofc. ██████'s Training File

Ofc. ██████ attended and successfully completed the OPOTA Basic Training class #BAS21-004 at Youngstown State University. Ofc. ██████ then took and passed the OPOTA certification examination and was issued Peace Officer Certificate ██████ by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

Based on the records received, it is noted that Ofc. ██████ was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

Ofc. ██████ has completed multiple law enforcement training classes in a variety of law enforcement-related topics.

In September 2022, Ofc. ██████ qualified with a patrol rifle.

### OSHP Sgt. ██████ Uniform During Incident

On March 21, 2023, SA Tingley took photographs of Sgt. ██████ and the uniform he was wearing during the incident. See the image below:

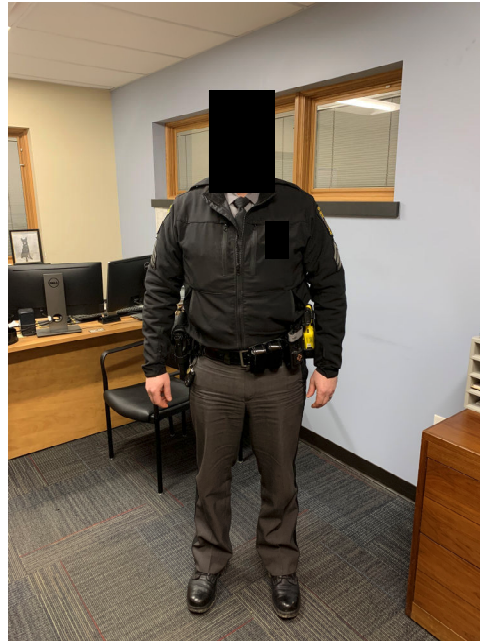


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Source: Photo labeled, "OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] – front"

### OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] s Interview

On April 20, 2023, SA Moran and SA Momchilov interviewed Sgt. [REDACTED] at the OSHP Post in Southington, Ohio. He has been a law enforcement officer for 22 ½ years.

Sgt. [REDACTED] was on-duty at the time of the incident and he was scheduled to work from 2200-0600 hours that night. He drove OSHP cruiser [REDACTED] a marked OSHP Dodge Charger with an overhead light bar. He wore his standard OSHP uniform that had a badge and **VTPD** patches on it. He also wore a jacket with an OSHP badge and patches on it. His pistol was in a holster on his duty belt and he carried other common law enforcement equipment on his duty belt. He was wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. Ofc. [REDACTED] had no physical disabilities at the time of the incident and does not wear corrective lenses.

Sgt. [REDACTED] used a rifle during the incident. It was a Aero Precision, .223 caliber. He carried it right-handed. He carried the rifle with no round in the chamber and a magazine inserted with 28 cartridges. He carried no extra ammunition magazines during the incident.

Sgt. [REDACTED] said his Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate was valid and current.

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**Summary of OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED] s Interview Regarding Incident**

Sgt. [REDACTED] had a prepared written statement. Sgt. [REDACTED] read his written statement aloud. Below are a few sections of Sgt. [REDACTED] s written statement about why he fired his rifle during the incident:

Sgt. [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] neared the front passenger side of the truck and began giving verbal commands. I observed movement in the driver's seat of the truck a moment later and realized the suspect jumped through the front window of the cabin into the front driver's window of the truck. Deputy [REDACTED] and Sgt. [REDACTED] immediately began striking the front passenger window and ordering the suspect to show his hands. I jumped onto a nearby stack of several pallets to gain elevation and a better vantage point. I heard the truck's engine start a moment after the suspect jumped inside, and I saw the suspect hunched over, as though he was grabbing something. An instant later, the engine roared, and the truck launched forward, accelerating directly at me. A second later, while still rapidly accelerating, the suspect cut the wheels right (south). I was no longer in the suspect's path, but he was now driving toward the road and location where I had seen officers seconds earlier. I believed he was going to strike and/or run over and grievously injure or kill one or both of those officers, and it was then I fired at the suspect, just as he drove past me. I also heard several other officers fire at that time.

Source: Page 5 of file labeled, "Written Statement – OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED]"



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I fired two rounds during this incident. I fired both rounds in rapid succession in what I would estimate was less than one second. I fired those rounds in a southwesterly direction through the front driver's window as the suspect drove past me. My target was the suspect's center mass. I would estimate that I was approximately 8-10 feet from the suspect when I fired. My backdrop was an open wooded area. From my elevated position, I did not see any officers or civilians in my backdrop. I believe I used my red dot sights. I fired with the weapon in my right

shoulder. I was standing when I fired, and I was not moving. Though it was dark, I believe my rifle's light was activated. I did not have any cover or concealment at the times I fired.

I was in fear for the lives of the officers standing on the road at the times I fired my weapon. Before encountering the suspect, I was aware that he had an active felony warrant and had just fled from several law enforcement jurisdictions during a pursuit hours earlier. The other officers and I planned to arrest the suspect and take him into custody on the felony warrant and subsequent charges out of the pursuit.

Source: Pages 6-7 from file labeled, "Written Statement – OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED]"



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It was clear, however, the suspect had no intention to peacefully surrender. First, he had deliberately parked his pickup truck such that no one could gain access to the cabin but he would be able to quickly get into the truck and flee. And once I reached the cabin with the others, the suspect in fact immediately got into the truck and began to flee despite Sgt. [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED]—both of whom were in uniform and readily identifiable as law enforcement— trying to get inside the truck while repeatedly ordering the suspect to show his hands. Instead of peacefully surrendering and complying with officers' commands, the suspect started the engine and began accelerating. Based on the roaring of the engine, the mud and gravel kicking up behind the truck, and the speed at which the truck was moving, I believed the suspect had the accelerator completely down. At first, I believed he may strike and/or run over me since his truck was rapidly accelerating in my direction. But the suspect cut the wheels right (south) a second later, missing me by mere feet. (After this incident, I saw the tire tracks from the truck were within a few feet of the stack of pallets I had been standing on).

Source: Page 7 from file labeled, "Written Statement – OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED]"



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Once the suspect cut the truck south, he was driving toward the road in a southeasterly direction. Moments earlier I recalled seeing two officers positioned on the road in the immediate vicinity where the suspect was now driving. At that time, those officers were fully exposed with

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no cover. I believed that those officers were still in the road and that the suspect was going to strike and/or run over one or both of those officers. I was also aware that Officer [REDACTED] and Sgt. Pedulla were behind me a moment earlier, and I was not certain whether they were out of the path of the suspect's truck. I was especially concerned since the suspect's vehicle was a full-sized pickup; was equipped with a large snowplow attached to the front; and was rapidly accelerating—factors significantly increasing the threat to those officers.

Source: Pages 7-8 from file labeled, "Written Statement – OSHP Sgt. [REDACTED]"



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Finally, I also knew that the road was lined with trees on both sides such that a vehicle could only travel using the road. I also believed that Trooper Brown's cruiser was parked at the threshold of the entrance into the wooded area, leaving the suspect no path of escape. I also knew that Trooper Brown planned to remain in his cruiser in case the suspect fled. And because the suspect was rapidly accelerating, and I knew he had several hundred yards until he reached Trooper Brown by which to gain further speed, I feared that the suspect would strike Trooper Brown's cruiser at a high rate of speed resulting in grievous injuries or death, especially given the added force from the snowplow.

At the times I fired at the suspect, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect the lives of the officers from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions.

Source: Page 8 from file labeled, "Written Statement – OSHP Sgt. ██████████?"

SA Moran asked Sgt. ██████████ if he was certain that he fired first. Sgt. ██████████ said he was "1000 percent" certain that he fired first. SA Moran asked Sgt. ██████████ about the moments that he fired and his point of aim. SA Moran also asked about the time that it took and how the gunshots went through the driver's side. Sgt. ██████████ stated, "Could be the time that it took. I saw my first round impact if that, if that helps." SA Moran asked Sgt. ██████████ if he believed his rounds were effective. Sgt. ██████████ stated, "Yes, it's, I could see an immediate reaction, 'cause this is the part where it's like slow motion. When I shot I could see my first round somewhere around here (pointed to upper middle of chest). I saw his shirt move and his arms and his like, shoulders lurched forward. And then, you know, I hate to assume, but I think his foot must have slipped off of the gas and onto the brake 'cause it made no sense for it to like slow down." Sgt. ██████████ said he had to account for the "mechanical offset" of the rifle sights and his point of aim was the upper chest near the bottom of the neck.

SA Moran asked Sgt. ██████████ about the moments when the truck was driving toward him and his decision to fire. Sgt. ██████████ stated, "I knew they were there and when he was initially coming at me it wouldn't have been safe for me to fire because I had Trooper Boyle, who was right here

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(pointed to overhead scan image to the southeast corner of the cabin) and I think Sgt. [REDACTED] was actually over here as well (pointed to gravel area on southeast side of cabin) 'cause when the truck came up he kind of came behind and was somewhere over here and [REDACTED] was still on the right side on here (pointed to gravel area on south side of cabin). When he (Wild) turned, knowing that the other guys were right there and he was heading towards them I didn't know one, if they could engage or even if they would 'cause I can't get in their heads to know what they were seeing or thinking at the time, but I just knew that if it needed to be done I had the safest opportunity to do it without injuring any officers."

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-04-05: Interview of VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]"

### [OSHP Sgt. \[REDACTED\] s Personnel File](#)

Sgt. [REDACTED] was hired by the OSHP as a full-time Trooper in September 2000. There was no record of any discipline related to the use-of-force noted in his personnel file.

### [OSHP Sgt. \[REDACTED\] s Training File](#)

Sgt. [REDACTED] attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Training Class BAS99-091 at the MTC Training Centre. Sgt. [REDACTED] also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination and was issued Peace Officer Certificate 000784 by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Sgt. [REDACTED] also attended and graduated from the OSHP Academy Class OSP-136 on March 9, 2001.

Based on the records received, it is noted that Sgt. [REDACTED] was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer-involved critical incident.

Sgt. [REDACTED] has completed multiple law enforcement training classes in a variety of law enforcement-related topics.

In August 2022, Sgt. [REDACTED] qualified with his patrol rifle that he used during the incident.

## **Video Recordings**

This section contains information about all of the video recordings that were obtained and reviewed during the investigation.

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### **BTPD BWC Recordings**

On March 22, 2023 and March 28, 2023, SA Tingley received BWC videos from the BTPD. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in two separate reports.

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This video file had information related to the report made by Brian Adkins to the BTPD about Wild's location. This video file was 22 minutes and 11 seconds long (22:11). The video file was from a BWC that was attached to BTPD Sgt. ██████████ Sgt ██████████ spoke with Brian Adkins (Adkins), the homeowner at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403.

Adkins said the subject, Wild, stole Bill Schaeffer's truck and was "wack" and was "off his medicine." Adkins said he has known Wild for a long time and he is ok when he is on his medicine. He said Wild likes to "run" and has multiple DUIs. Adkins said Wild showed up at his residence and was acting odd and was asking for gas. Adkins said Wild had his dog with him. Adkins said Wild did not have any firearms, but there were crossbows in the cabin. Adkins explained that his property was dark near the cabin. He said Wild locked the door of the cabin and there was only one door.

Adkins said he returned home from work and checked his cameras. He saw Wild drive down his driveway in the stolen truck. Adkins checked on his chickens and saw the stolen truck with the snowplow. He approached Wild and asked about the truck. Wild said he "borrowed" the truck. Adkins said Wild had "psychological problems" when he stopped taking his medications. Adkins said he bailed Wild out of jail the last time he was arrested in Niles. Wild stayed overnight and said he was not going back to jail. Adkins said several sheriff deputies came to his house and arrested Wild the next day.

Adkins said after he spoke with Wild at the cabin, he saw Wild moving the truck to the back of the property. He said told Wild that the police were waiting nearby in an effort to get him to leave his property.

Adkins told Sgt. ██████████ that Wild drove through his house in Niles in a truck while wearing a football helmet a few years ago.

The other video files that captured the incident were analyzed and reviewed as part of video presentations created by the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC). A separate report was completed for the in-depth review.

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For more details, please refer to BCI reports, "2023-03-22: BTPD Videos Received" and "2023-03-28: Additional BTPD BWC Videos Received."

### VTPD BWC Recordings

On March 28, 2023, SA Tingley received a BWC video from the VTPD. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in a report.

The video file that captured the incident were analyzed and reviewed as part of video presentations created by OOCIC. A separate report was completed for the in-depth review.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-28: VTPD Video Received."

### OSHP Video Recordings

On March 22, 2023, SA Moran received BWC and in-car camera (ICC) videos from the OSHP. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in a report.

#### [Axon\\_Body\\_3\\_Video\\_2023-03-21\\_0108\\_X60A2773V](#)

This video file showed VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] demonstrated how close Wild's truck was to hitting OSHP Trooper Boyle. This video file was 22 minutes and 25 seconds long (22:25). The video file was from a BWC that was attached to OSHP Trooper Boyle.

Ofc. [REDACTED] said he was behind Trooper Boyle and believed that Wild was going to run him over. Ofc. [REDACTED] held his hands a short distance apart and said, "It looked like you were this close from getting clipped by the plow." Below is an image from Trooper Boyle's BWC (14:24):



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Source: BCI report, "2023-03-22: OSHP Videos Received"

The video files that captured the incident were analyzed and reviewed as part of video presentations created by OOCIC. A separate report was completed for the in-depth review.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-22: OSHP Videos Received."

### [Surveillance Videos at 1433 State Route 7](#)

On March 28, 2023, SA Tingley received home surveillance videos from Adkins that were from cameras on his property located at 1433 State Route 7. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in a report. These videos did not capture the incident and officer-involved shooting. There were several video files that were relevant. They were:

[ch02\\_20230321180811](#)

This camera angle faced northwest on the east side of the garage and covered some of the driveway. In this video file, Wild drove the stolen Chevrolet truck west along the driveway. See the image below:

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Source: BCI report, "2023-03-28: Surveillance Video Received – 1433 State Route 7"

[ch04\\_20230322001134](#)

This camera angle faced southwest on the north side of the garage. In this video file, the officers were observed walking west along the driveway before the incident. See the image below:



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Source: BCI report, "2023-03-28: Surveillance Video Received – 1433 State Route 7"

[ch01\\_20230322001315](#)

This camera angle was on the roof of the garage at the residence and faced west (in the direction where the cabin was located and where the incident occurred). It was a long distance away and there was a wooded area obscuring some of the view.

In this video file, it was believed that the headlights on the truck that Wild was driving was observed moving through the wooded area. See the image below:



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For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-03-28: Surveillance Video Received – 1433 State Route 7."

### [LTPD Video Recordings](#)

On June 22, 2023, SA Moran received Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) videos from Lordstown Police Department (LPD) Captain Chris Bordonaro. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in a report.

There were videos related to a vehicle pursuit on March 18, 2023, involving Wild and the LTPD.

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-06-22: Records Received from the LPD."

### [LPD Video Recordings](#)

On June 22, 2023, SA Moran received videos from Lordstown Police Department (LPD) Captain Chris Bordonaro. SA Moran completed a cursory review of the videos and documented his findings in a report.

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[Patrolman Ken Metz\\_20230320\\_02\\_12\\_car38\\_UNCATEGORIZED\\_77105832](#)

This ICC video showed the incident and vehicle pursuit with Wild in his truck. The pursuit lasted a significant amount of time (over 30 minutes) and Wild fled from the LPD at a high rate of speed throughout a large portion of the pursuit.

Below is a screenshot from the video at the 09:58 mark:



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Below is a screenshot from the video at the 23:47 mark:



Source: BCI report, "2023-06-22: Records Received from the LPD"

For more details, please refer to BCI report, "2023-06-22: Records Received from the LPD."

### [OOCIC Video Presentations and BCI Video Review](#)

On March 29, 2023, SA Moran submitted multiple video files to OOCIC for analysis. On May 12, 2023, SA Moran received multiple video presentations from OOCIC. SA Moran completed an in-depth video review of the OOCIC video presentations and documented his findings in a report.

After completing the video review, SA Moran was unable to determine which officer fired in the sequence of shot 1-10. Shots 11, 12, and 13 were likely fired by Ofc. [REDACTED]

### [Video Review Process](#)

SA Moran used Axon Investigate video analysis software to review the OOCIC video presentations.

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SA Moran reviewed:

- OOCIC 23-00031 Multicam Presentation
  - Relevant images were marked based upon best available visual and audio cues.

SA Moran then reviewed:

- OOCIC 23-00031 [REDACTED] Presentation
- OOCIC 23-00031 Boyle Presentation
- OOCIC 23-00031 Grimm Presentation
- OOCIC 23-00031 [REDACTED] Presentation
- OOCIC 23-00031 Ellwood-Bellas Presentation
- OOCIC 23-00031 [REDACTED] Presentation
  - The marked images noted during the review of OOCIC 23-0031 Multicam Presentation were marked for the individual video presentations.
  - Additional relevant images were marked based upon best available visual and audio cues.

### Additional Factors to Consider When Evaluating Video Evidence

Based upon SA Moran's training and experience, the following factors should be considered when evaluating the available video evidence:

1. The speed of this incident is remarkable.
2. 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.
3. Video and audio recording devices record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the event can process during the critical incident.
4. Video and audio recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer(s) or subject(s) involved.
5. It captures the action but not the perception, decision-making, focus or intent of the officer(s).
6. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.
7. Video and audio recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively.
8. Video and audio recordings lack the history, perspective and interest of the people involved.
9. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.
10. Video recordings are for storage and review.

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11. Video recordings capture light and create a digital representation of reality (two-dimensional video compared to three-dimensional reality).
12. Video and audio recordings are only components of an investigation and should not be the only evidence relied upon.
13. All available evidence, statements and other information must be evaluated alongside the video recordings available.

#### Review of OOCIC 23-00031 Multicam Presentation

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#### Marked Images

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#### Review of OOCIC 23-00031 [REDACTED] Presentation

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#### Marked Images

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**Marked Image** ██████ – FC017320 – F661 – TC00-00-17-00  
 ██████ was on the east side of the truck and was some distance away. His BWC audio waveform bar showed a steady stream of spikes (likely the engine revving). His BWC showed the positions of ██████ near the front passenger side of the truck and ██████ and ██████ near the passenger side door of the truck. FC017320

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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC017359 – F700 – TC00-00-18-09

[REDACTED] was on the east side and in front of the truck. He was likely standing on the brick pile. His BWC audio waveform bar showed a steady stream of spikes (likely the engine revving). His BWC showed the positions of [REDACTED] near the front passenger side of the truck and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] near the passenger side door of the truck. It also showed Boyle's position near the front driver's side of the truck. FC017359

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**Marked Image** ██████ – FC017372 – F713 – TC00-00-18-22  
 ██████ was on top of the brick pile as Wild drove the truck forward. ██████ was significantly closer to the front/snow plow of the truck. ██████ began to raise his rifle. The engine was still revving loudly. ██████'s BWC showed the positions of ██████ ██████ and ██████ FC017372



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**Review of OOCIC 23-00031 Boyle Presentation**

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**Marked Images**

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counter (FC) number was also noted for significant marked images. The marked images were labeled, "Boyle - FC# - F# - TC#."

Marked Image	Boyle – FC016978 – F445 – TC00-00-09-24
Boyle approached the front of the truck. His BWC showed [REDACTED] s position and [REDACTED] s position on the passenger side of the truck. The window of the cabin opened. Multiple verbal commands were being provided by officers. FC016978	

Boyle

00:00:09:24  
30fps

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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Boyle – FC017194 – F661 – TC00-00-17-00</b>
Boyle was near the southeast corner of the cabin and the front driver's side of the truck. His BWC audio waveform bar showed a steady stream of spikes (likely the engine revving). His BWC showed the truck beginning to drive forward. FC017194	

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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Boyle – FC017256 – F723 – TC00-00-19-02</b>
Boyle was near the southeast corner of the cabin and the front driver's side of the truck. His BWC audio waveform bar showed a steady stream of spikes (likely the engine revving). His BWC showed the truck beginning to drive forward. Wild was driving the truck and appeared to be looking forward. FC017256	

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Boyle

00:00:19:02  
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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Boyle – FC017290 – F757 – TC00-00-20-06</b>
Boyle's BWC showed ██████ in close proximity to the front driver's side of the truck/snow plow. ██████ was standing on a pile of bricks. Wild continued driving forward. The brake light was not illuminated. FC017290	



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Review of OOCIC 23-00031 Grimm Presentation

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Marked Images

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counter (FC) number was also noted for significant marked images. The marked images were labeled, "Grimm - FC# - F# - TC#."

Marked Image	Grimm – FC017115 – F523 – TC00-00-12-12
Grimm was in the wooded are to the east of the truck and cabin. His BWC showed Boyle moving north in front of the truck and near the southeast corner of the cabin. Multiple verbal commands were provided by officers. FC017115	



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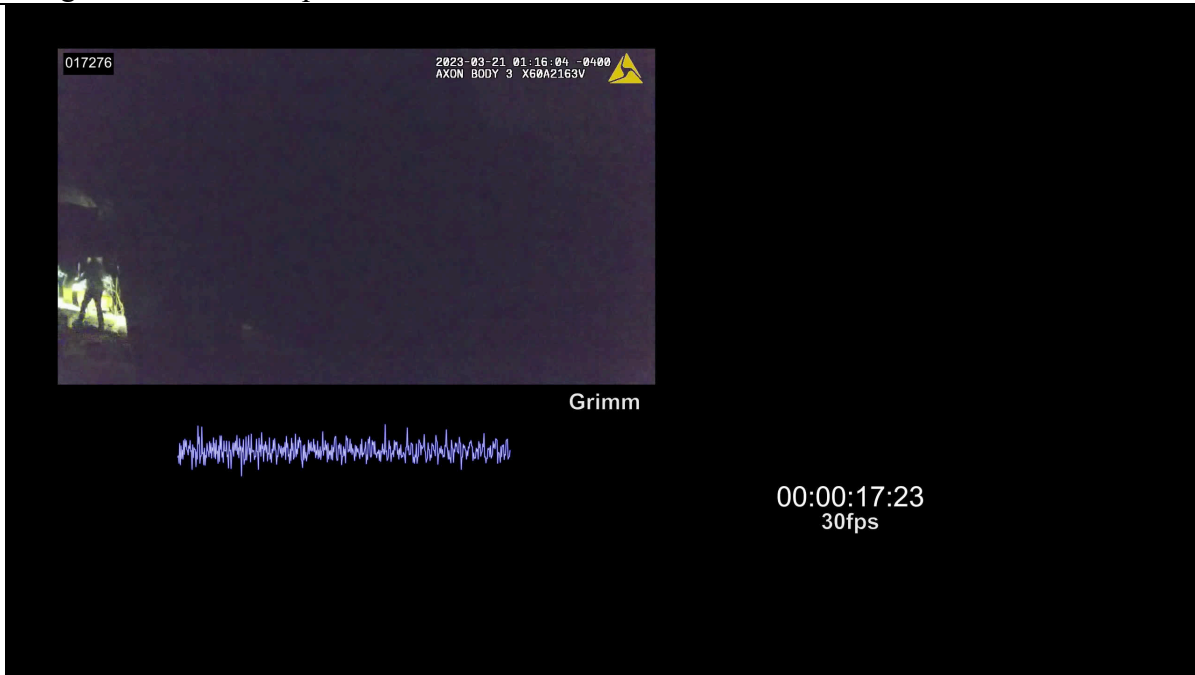


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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Grimm – FC017276 – F684 – TC00-00-17-23</b>
Grimm was in the wooded are to the east of the truck and cabin. His BWC showed <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> moving toward the brick pile and the truck in front of him. FC017276	



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Grimm – FC017360 – F768 – TC00-00-20-17</b>
Grimm was in the wooded are to the east of the truck and cabin. His BWC showed [REDACTED] moving on the brick pile and the truck had driven forward and was in front of him. This was a few frames before the first (1) gunshot fired at TC00-00-20-25. FC017276	



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Grimm – FC017408 – F816 – TC00-00-22-05</b>
Grimm was in the wooded area to the north of the truck as Wild drove east in the truck. His BWC showed Ellwood-Bellas' position in front of him and [REDACTED]'s position on the pile of bricks. FC017408	



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Marked Image	Grimm – FC017414 – F822 – TC00-00-22-11
<p>Grimm was in the wooded area to the north of the truck as Wild drove east in the truck. His BWC showed Ellwood-Bellas' position in front of him and [REDACTED]'s position on the pile of bricks. It showed a red light, possibly from the truck's brake lights, on the ground behind the truck. FC017414</p>	

Grimm

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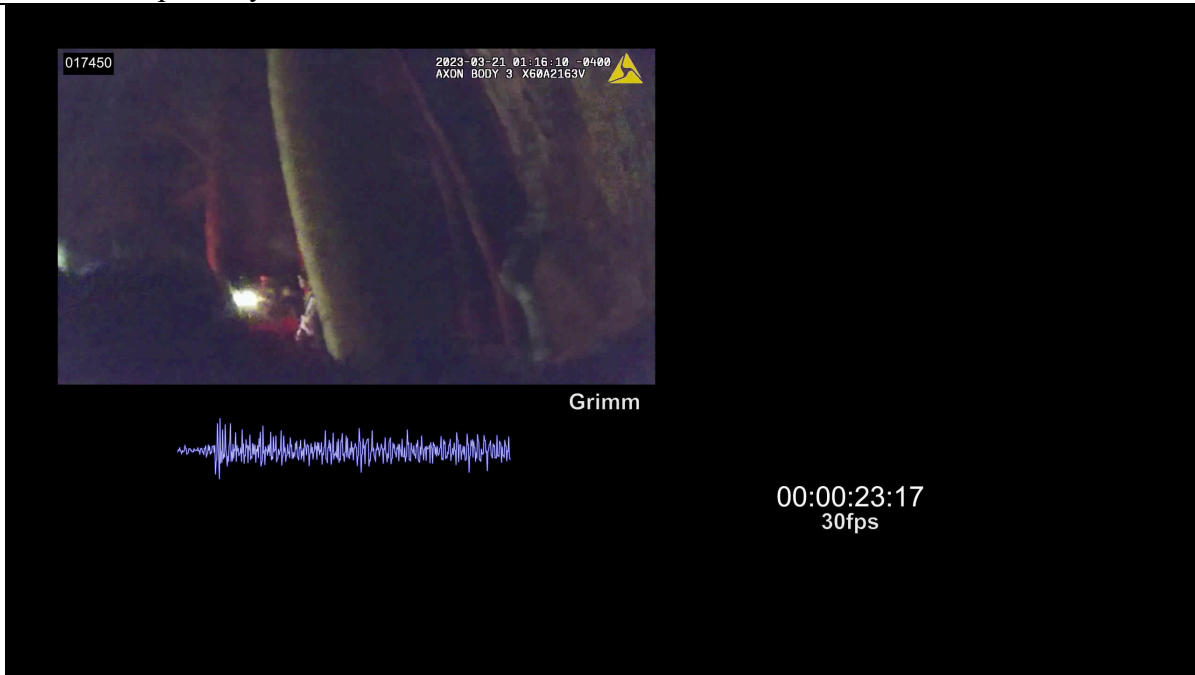


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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Grimm – FC017450 – F858 – TC00-00-23-17</b>
	<b>Grimm – FC017451 – F859 – TC00-00-23-18</b>
	<b>Grimm – FC017452 – F860 – TC00-00-23-19</b>
<p>Grimm was in the wooded area to the north of the truck as Wild drove east in the truck. His BWC showed Ellwood-Bellas' position in front of him and [REDACTED]'s position on the pile of bricks. It showed a red light, possibly from the truck's brake lights, on the ground behind the truck. It also showed a possible muzzle flash. It did not appear to be from Ellwood-Bellas nor [REDACTED]. It was possibly from VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. FC017450/FC017451/FC017452</p>	



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Grimm

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Grimm

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Marked Image	[REDACTED] – FC013964 – F518 – TC00-00-12-07
[REDACTED]	was near the passenger side door of the truck. His BWC showed Wild seated upright in the driver's seat of the truck. It appeared the Wild's right arm and hand were near the ignition. Officers were providing verbal commands. FC013964



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>██████ – FC014139 – F694 – TC00-00-18-03</b>
<p>██████ was near the passenger side door of the truck. His BWC showed the front passenger side tire turned to the right. His BWC showed Wild driving truck forward and it appeared that Wild was looking forward. His BWC audio waveform bar showed a steady stream of spikes (likely the engine revving). FC014139</p>	



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**Marked Image** ██████ – FC014188 – F743 – TC00-00-19-22  
 ██████ was near the rear passenger side of fender of the truck as Wild drove forward and to the right and began striking trees in front of the truck. His BWC showed ██████ to his right and ██████ in some proximity to the front passenger side of the truck/snowplow. Headlights were observed in the distance to the east (possibly an OSHP cruiser or TCSO cruiser). FC014188



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Review of OOCIC 23-00031 Ellwood-Bellas Presentation

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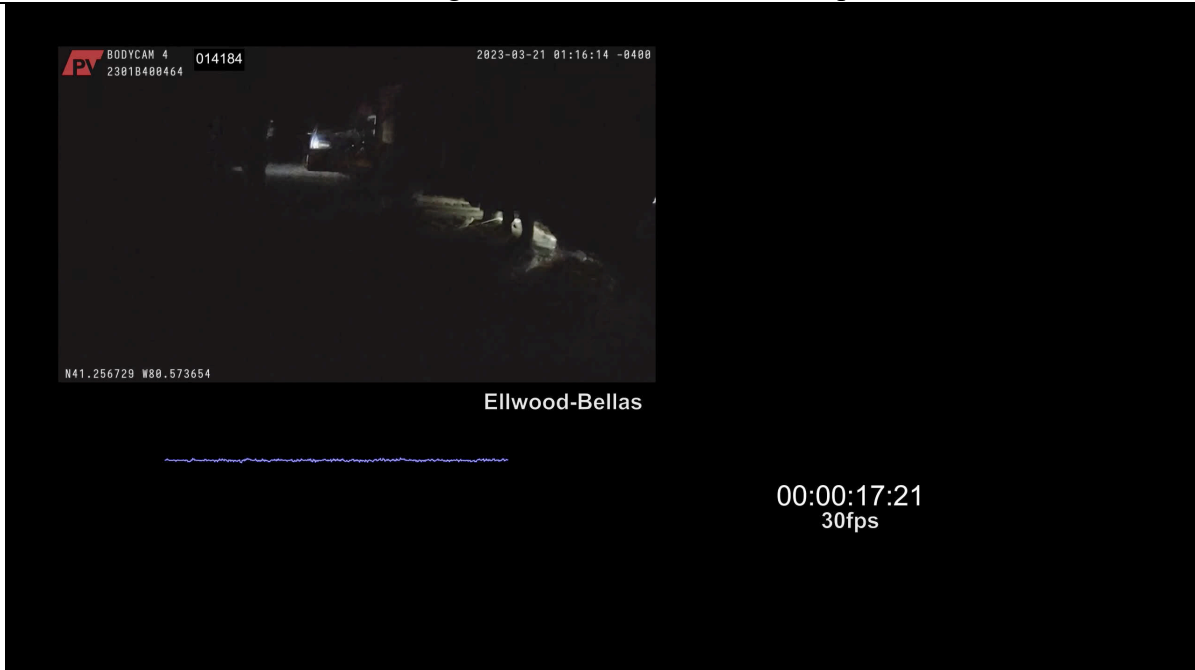
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counter (FC) number was also noted for significant marked images. The marked images were labeled, "Ellwood-Bellas - FC# - F# - TC#."

Marked Image	Ellwood-Bellas – FC014184 – F682 – TC00-00-17-21
This frame showed Ellwood-Bellas in the wooded area in front (east) of the truck. Wild entered the truck and the officers near the truck were providing verbal commands. On the right side of the screen, [REDACTED] s feet and lower legs were observed on the brick pile. FC014187	



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**Marked Image | Ellwood-Bellas – FC014250 – F748 – TC00-00-19-27**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was behind [REDACTED]. His BWC showed [REDACTED]'s legs in close proximity to the front driver's side of the truck/snow plow. [REDACTED] was standing on a pile of bricks. Ellwood-Bellas moved to his right (north) during the previous frames. FC014250



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**Marked Image** | **Ellwood-Bellas – FC014259 – F757 – TC00-00-20-06**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was behind [REDACTED] His BWC showed [REDACTED] s legs in close proximity to the front driver's side of the truck/snow plow. [REDACTED] was standing on a pile of bricks. FC014259



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**Marked Image** | **Ellwood-Bellas – FC014284 – F782 – TC00-00-21-01**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014284



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**Marked Image | Ellwood-Bellas – FC014299 – F797 – TC00-00-21-16**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014299



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014307 – F805 – TC00-00-21-24</b>
Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014307	



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**Marked Image** | **Ellwood-Bellas – FC014313 – F811 – TC00-00-22-00**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014313



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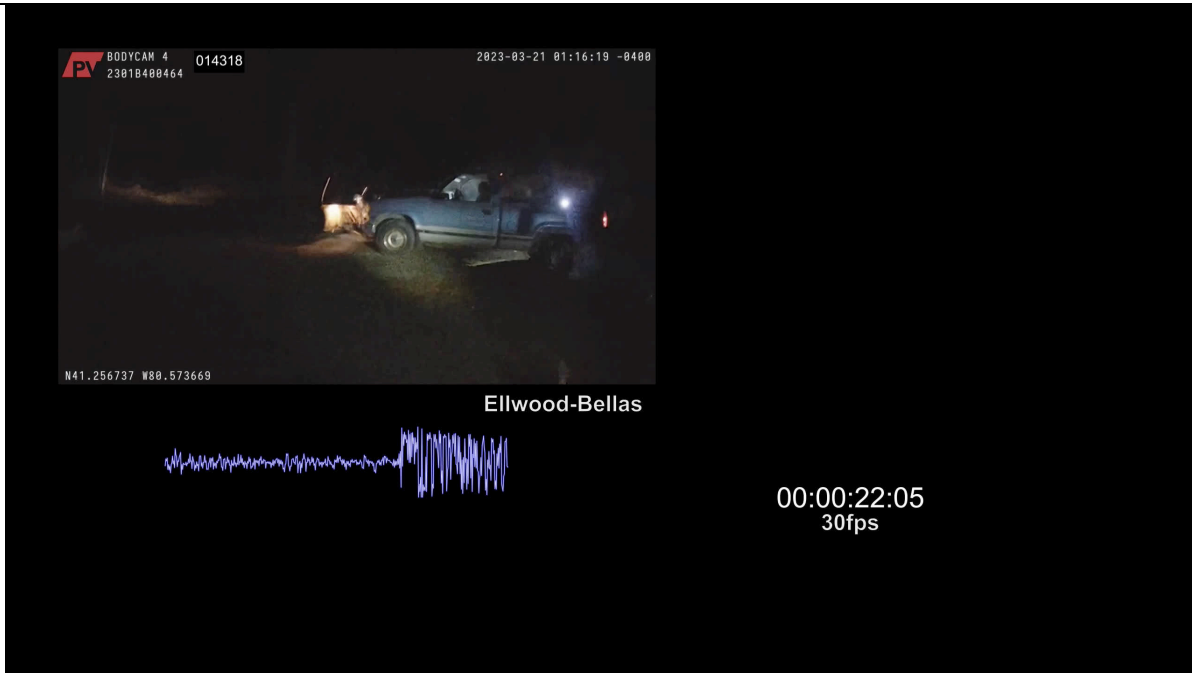


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**Marked Image | Ellwood-Bellas – FC014318 – F816 – TC00-00-22-05**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014318



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**Marked Image | Ellwood-Bellas – FC014324 – F822 – TC00-00-22-11**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window. FC014324



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014327 – F825 – TC00-00-22-14</b>
<p>Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window.</p> <p>There was an opaque/light colored cloud observed in the air immediately in front of the front windshield of the truck. This could be the residual impact of a bullet on the interior front windshield causing the formation of the opaque/light colored cloud. FC014327</p>	



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014329 – F827 – TC00-00-22-16</b>
<p>Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. The shadow of Wild's upper body was observed through the driver's side door window.</p> <p>There was an opaque/light colored cloud observed in the air immediately in front of the front windshield of the truck. This could be the residual impact of a bullet on the interior front windshield causing the formation of the opaque/light colored cloud. FC014329</p>	



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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014339 – F837 – TC00-00-22-26</b>
Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck as Wild drove the truck east. His BWC showed a spark near the bed of the truck where it was connected to the driver's side body of the truck. The spark was possibly from a bullet impact. FC014339	



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**Marked Image** | **Ellwood-Bellas – FC014361 – F859 – TC00-00-23-18**  
 Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck. The truck did not appear to be moving forward. A light and an opaque/light colored cloud was observed on the right side of the video screen. This was possibly a gunpowder emission after a gunshot was fired by another officer (possibly ██████████ . FC014361



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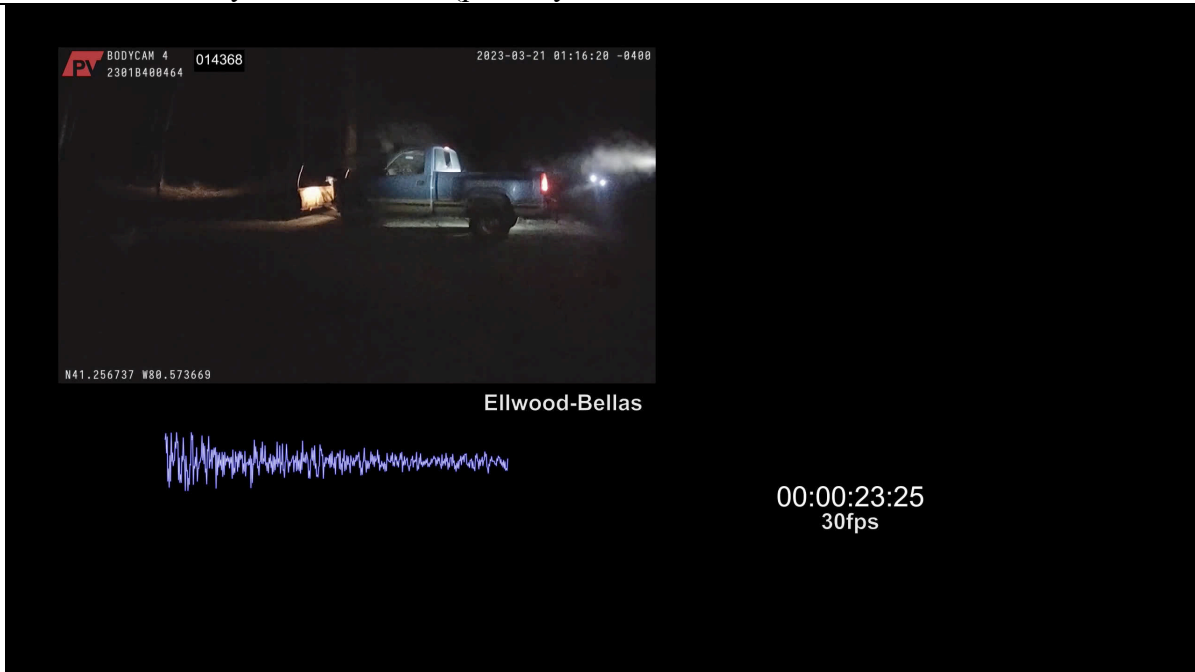


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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014368 – F866 – TC00-00-23-25</b>
<p>Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck. The truck did not appear to be moving forward. A light and an opaque/light colored cloud was observed on the right side of the video screen. This was possibly a gunpowder emission after a gunshot was fired by another officer (possibly ██████). FC014368</p>	



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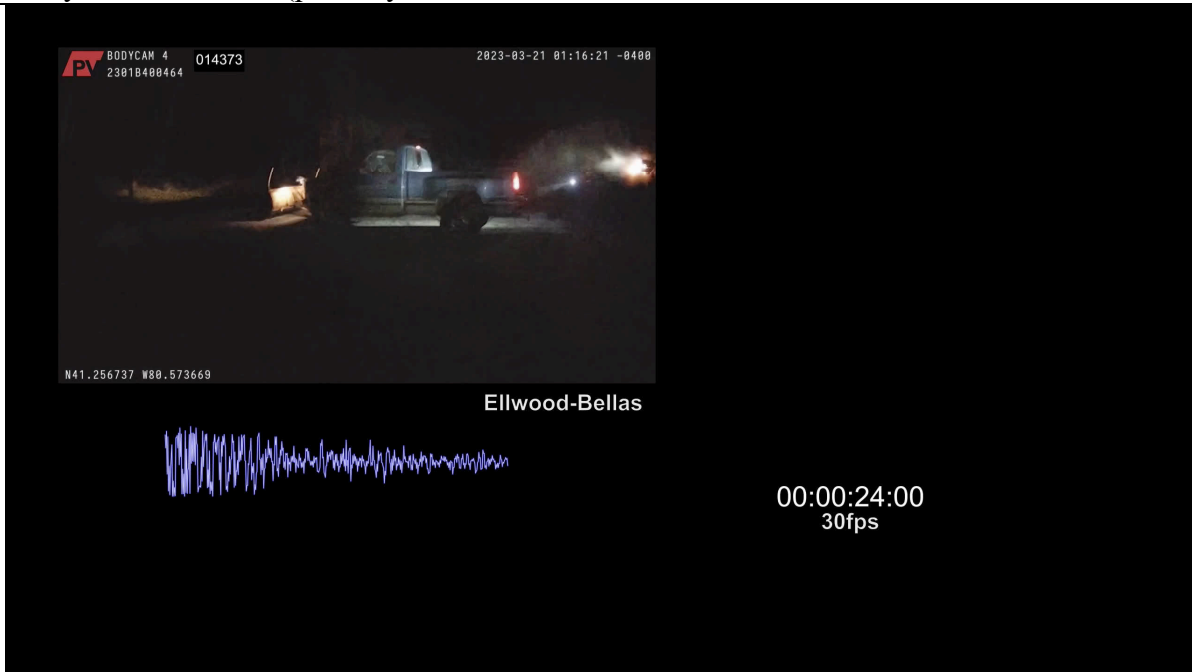


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<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>Ellwood-Bellas – FC014373 – F871 – TC00-00-24-00</b>
Ellwood-Bellas was in the wooded area and was on the driver's side/north side of the truck. The truck did not appear to be moving forward. A muzzle flash, a light and an opaque/light colored cloud was observed on the right side of the video screen. This was likely a gunshot from a rifle fired by another officer (possibly ██████████). FC014373	



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**Marked Images**

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counter (FC) number was also noted for significant marked images. The marked images were labeled, "[REDACTED] - FC# - F# - TC#."

<b>Marked Image</b>	<b>[REDACTED] – FC014856 – F353 – TC00-00-06-22</b>
[REDACTED] was on the passenger side of the truck. He had his rifle light activated in the direction of Wild. [REDACTED] s BWC showed Wild opening the cabin window. F014856	



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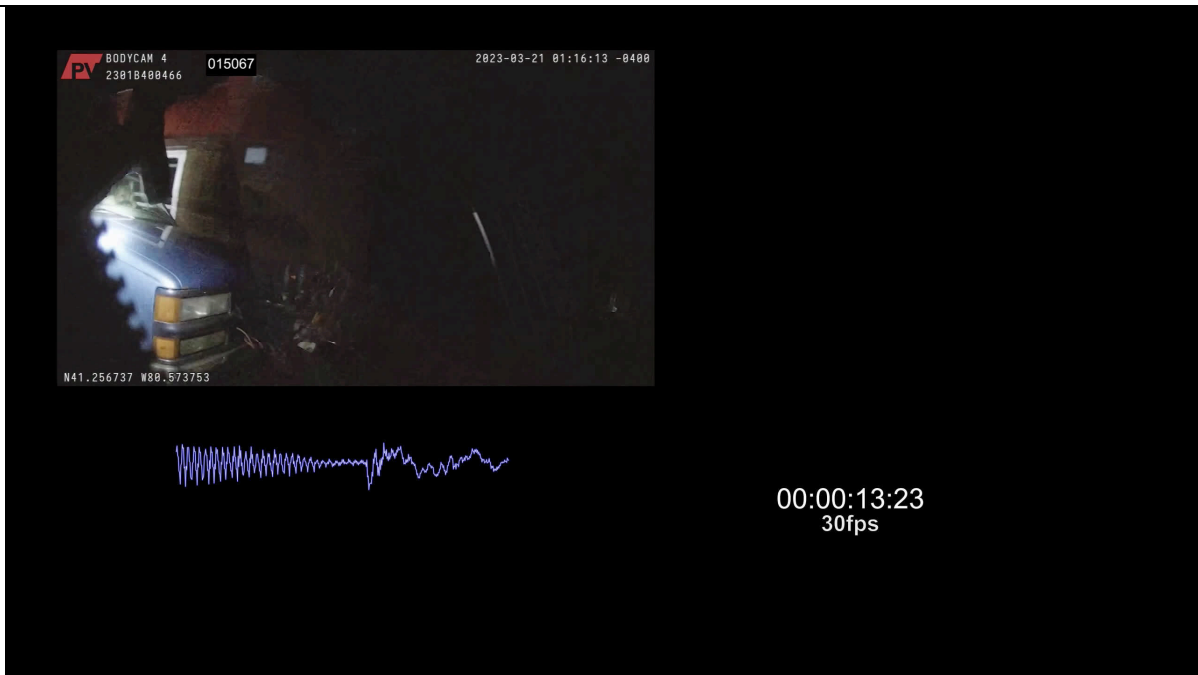
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**Marked Image** █████ – FC015067 – F564 – TC00-00-13-23

█████ was near the front passenger side of the truck and he had his rifle raised. His BWC showed Wild seated in the driver's seat of the truck.  
 In the prior frame, (F563, TC00-00-13-22) the magazine loaded in his rifle dropped out of the magazine well and fell to the ground. This likely left █████ with only one bullet in the chamber.  
 FC015067



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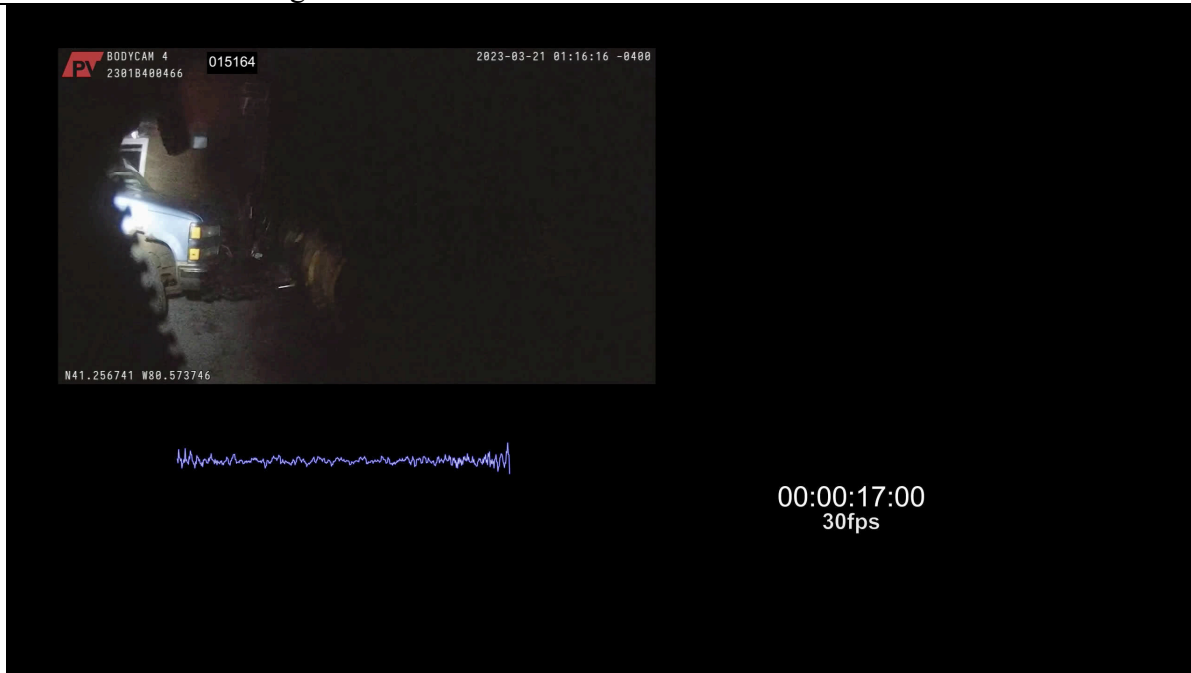
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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015164 – F661 – TC00-00-17-00

[REDACTED] was near the front passenger side of the truck. His BWC showed the front passenger tire of the truck turned to the right. FC015164



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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015197 – F694 – TC00-00-18-03  
[REDACTED] was near the front passenger side of the truck. His BWC showed the front passenger tire of the truck turned to the right. FC015197



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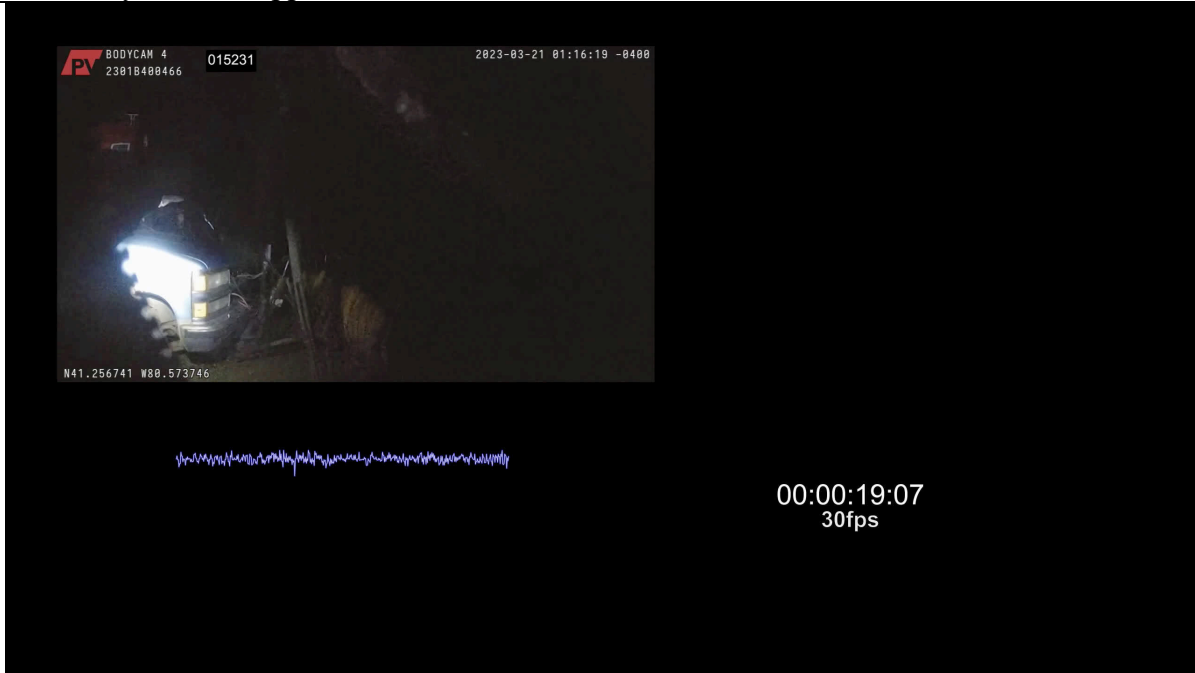


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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015231 – F728 – TC00-00-19-07  
 [REDACTED] was near the front passenger side of the truck as Wild began driving it forward. His BWC showed Boyle on the opposite side of the truck near the front driver's side. FC015231



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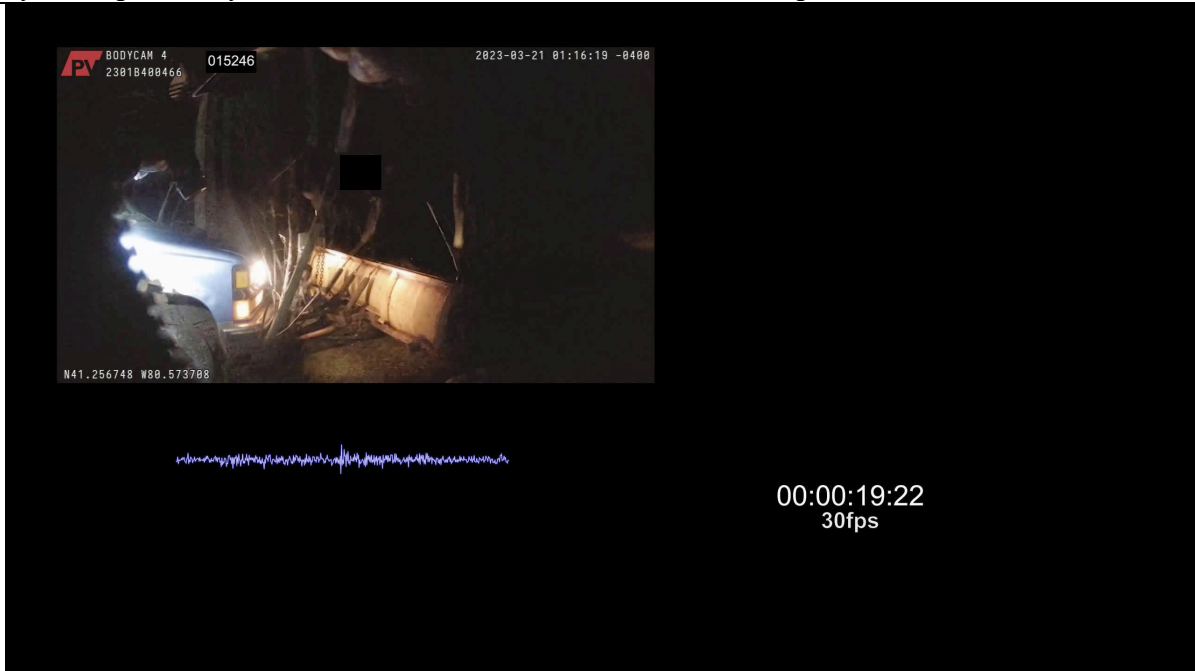


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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015246 – F743 – TC00-00-19-22  
 [REDACTED] was in close proximity to the front passenger side bumper and tire of the truck as Wild  
 drove forward. Wild struck multiple trees in front of the truck. [REDACTED] s BWC showed [REDACTED] in  
 very close proximity to the front/front driver's side of the snow plow. FC015246



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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015251 – F748 – TC00-00-19-27  
 [REDACTED] was in close proximity to the front passenger side bumper and tire of the truck as Wild  
 drove forward. Wild struck multiple trees in front of the truck. [REDACTED] s BWC showed [REDACTED] in  
 very close proximity to the front/front driver's side of the snow plow. FC015251



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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015260 – F757 – TC00-00-20-06

[REDACTED] was in close proximity to the front passenger side tire of the truck as Wild drove the truck forward. It was possible that the front passenger side tire was not turned to the right as far as it was before. FC015260



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**Marked Image** [REDACTED] – FC015263 – F760 – TC00-00-20-09  
 [REDACTED] was near the truck's passenger side front tire as Wild drove the truck forward. [REDACTED] was observed on the opposite side of the truck near the front driver's side. FC015263



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Workflow for Marked Images

SA Moran used the Axon Investigate “Workflow” tab to work with the marked images from each video presentation. The marked images from each video presentation were connected to a JPEG (“Joint Photographic Experts Group”) output and the workflows were executed. The JPEG marked images were used in this report for demonstrative purposes. Workflow notes were created for each process.

The marked images from each video presentation were connected to a BMP (“Bitmap”) output and the workflows were executed. The BMP marked images were used in the combined marked images PDF. Workflow notes were created for each process.

Relevant marked images from the individual video presentations were connected to a “Crop”

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node, then to a “Resize” node, and then to a BMP output and the workflows were executed. The cropped and resized BMP marked images were placed in chronological order and combined in a single PDF. Workflow notes were created for each process. All of the workflow notes were also combined in a single PDF.

For more details, please refer to the file labeled, “Marked Images Combined - 2023-05-12 OOCIC Video Presentations Received.”

**Timing**

As part of this in-depth video review, SA Moran created a “Timing and Action Summary” spreadsheet documenting many of the significant events noted during the video review. The timing information was included in the above section labeled, “Review of OOCIC 23-00031 Multicam Presentation.” SA Moran also used the spreadsheet to count the frames between the marked image frames to determine approximately how much time elapsed between certain actions and events.

SA Moran multiplied the total number of frames in the columns by 0.033333333 (1/30 of a second) to determine the approximate elapsed time between the marked image frames. The time was rounded up or down to the nearest hundredth place to make it easier to comprehend. For example, 23 frames multiplied by 0.033333333 equaled 0.766666667 of a second. This number was rounded to 0.77 of a second.

**Additional Timing**

SA Moran also created a spreadsheet labeled, “Additional Timing and Action Calculations” to provide a larger overview of timing between significant events noted during the video review. Those significant events and timing were:

ACTIVITY	MARKED IMAGE	MARKED IMAGE	TOTAL FRAMES	1 / 30th	TOTAL TIME	ROUNDED
1st verbal command to last gunshot.	00-00-03-10	00-00-24-00	621	0.033333333	20.7	<b><u>20.7</u></b>
Wild moving into truck to Wild starting truck.	00-00-08-11	00-00-13-23	162	0.033333333	5.4	<b><u>5.4</u></b>
Wild moving	00-00-08-11	00-00-18-03	292	0.033333333	9.73333333	<b><u>9.73</u></b>

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into truck to Wild starting to drive forward.						
Wild starting truck to Wild starting to drive forward.	00-00-13-23	00-00-18-03	130	0.033333333	4.33333333	<u>4.3</u>
Wild starting to drive forward (██████████ Boyle in close proximity to front of truck) to 1st gunshot.	00-00-18-03	00-00-20-25	82	0.033333333	2.73333333	<u>2.73</u>
1st gunshot to 13th gunshot.	00-00-20-25	00-00-24-00	96	0.033333333	3.2	<u>3.2</u>
Truck possibly slowed moving forward to 13th gunshot.	00-00-22-16	00-00-24-00	45	0.033333333	1.5	<u>1.5</u>
Wild starting to drive forward (██████████ Boyle in close proximity to front of truck) to 13th gunshot.	00-00-18-03	00-00-24-00	178	0.033333333	5.93333333	<u>5.93</u>

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## Investigative Summary

On March 20, 2023, at 2342 hours, BTPD officers learned that Wild was located in a cabin on the property located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403. The property owner, Adkins, told officers about Wild's mental health issues and Wild's past history of fleeing from the police. Adkins also told them that Wild was also in possession of a stolen truck.

Earlier that day, Wild led LPD officers and other law enforcement officers on a lengthy vehicle pursuit throughout Trumbull County. The pursuit started in Lordstown and ended in Brookfield Township. Wild then stole a truck from a residence on Brookfield Township and went to Adkins' property and entered a cabin on the property.

On March 21, 2023, at 0116 hours, BTPD officers and officers from the VTPD, TCSO, OSHP, and the LPD met and developed a plan to try to apprehend Wild in the cabin. The officers walked along the lengthy driveway from State Route 7 toward the cabin located on the west end of the property.

Officers approached the cabin and saw that the truck was blocking the cabin door. One of the officers stepped on a branch and caused it to break. The sound possibly alerted Wild, who was inside the cabin, to the presence of the officers outside the cabin. Officers activated their weapon-mounted flashlights and provided multiple verbal commands to Wild. The officers were clearly identifiable as law enforcement officers.

Wild jumped through the cabin window and into the driver's side window of the truck. Wild started the truck, revved the engine, and accelerated forward. Wild struck multiple small trees with the snow plow attached to the front of the truck. Sgt. [REDACTED] Sgt. [REDACTED] and Trooper Boyle were in close proximity to the front of the truck as Wild drove forward. Ofc. [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] were positioned close to the truck on the passenger side. Ofc. [REDACTED] Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas, and Sgt. Grimm were positioned in front of the truck, but were some distance away. As Wild drove the truck forward and to the right, Ofc. [REDACTED] Ofc. Ellwood-Bellas, and Sgt. Grimm were positioned on the driver's side of the truck, but were some distance away.

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Sgt. [REDACTED] Sgt. [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] fired their rifles at Wild and the truck. Wild eventually stopped the truck a short distance down the driveway. The officers checked Wild and he was clearly deceased.

BCI agents interviewed Wild's son, Baumbach, Wild's girlfriend, Wheeler, Wild's employer, Proverbs, and Wild's friend, Adkins. They all provided details about Wild's mental health and recent behavior.

BCI agents learned that Wild had active warrants for his arrest at the time of the incident. BCI agents learned that Wild had multiple encounters with law enforcement, many of them resulting in vehicle pursuits. In addition to the pursuit on March 20, 2023, it was discovered that Wild was involved in a pursuit with the LTPD on March 18, 2023.

BCI agents collected multiple evidence items from the scene, the truck, and the autopsy. The BCI Lab tested the rifles used by the officers, the fired cartridge case, and projectiles recovered during Wild's autopsy. The BCI Lab was able to confirm which fired cartridge cases were fired from specific rifles. The BCI Lab was unable to confirmed which projectiles were fired from specific rifles.

BCI agents collected multiple BWC videos, ICC videos, and home surveillance videos relevant to the incident. The videos were analyzed by OOCIC and reviewed by BCI SA Moran. The videos showed the officers providing multiple verbal commands to Wild. They showed Wild jumping through the cabin window into the truck, starting the truck, and revving the engine. The videos showed Wild accelerating the truck forward and Sgt. [REDACTED] Sgt. [REDACTED] and Trooper Boyle were in close proximity to the front of the truck. The videos showed 13 gunshots fired by multiple officers and Wild stopped the truck. The videos showed the officers checking Wild and that he was clearly deceased. SA Moran calculated the timing of the incident and from the moment when the first verbal command was provided by the officers to the last gunshot fired was about 20.7 seconds. The moment when Wild started to drive the truck forward to the last gunshot fired was about 5.93 seconds.

BCI agents interviewed all of the officers involved with the incident. The officers all expressed some level of fear for their safety and the safety of other officers as Wild drove the truck forward with the snow plow attached as some of the officers we in front of the truck as the incident unfolded. The officers indicated that this was one of the primary reasons that they fired their rifles at Wild and the truck.

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