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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
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2025-3709
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4175 Brush Creek Rd.,
Manchester, OH 45144 (L)

Investigative Activity: Uninvolved Officers BWC Review
Involves: Adams County Sheriff's Office Deputy Crystal Smalley,
Sgt. Randy Walters & Dep. Torie Barlow
Activity Date: 11/25/2025
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) received video footage from Adams County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Randy Walters. SA Holcomb was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the ACSO.

SA Holcomb reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

ACSO10_0K00103_153840.MP4 (Adams Co SO Deputy Crystal Smalley)

- Video begins with ACSO Deputy Smalley meeting with Carl Lindner IV and a Peebles Police Officer and Carl's residence.
- 15:09:42 hours: Carl states that his brother (Christopher) drove by his residence "... intimidating me." Carl tells the deputy that on October 1, Christopher drew a weapon on an employee. Carl continued to state, "My brother has lost his mind. He's got a screw loose".
- 15:10:48 hours: Carl states, "I'm gonna tell you guys, he's [Christopher] likely armed."
- 15:17:51 hours: Carl states, "I'm afraid he's gonna get shot. He's probably armed and he's not mentally ok."
- 15:29:01 hours: Carl is now seen wearing a ballistic vest.
- 15:30:25 hours: Carl states that if Christopher gets home, he will have access to weapons and ammunition.
- 15:31:41 hours: Dep. Smalley makes a phone call and says, "Hey, sorry. Listen to me. His brother is saying that if he makes it to his house, you guys are going to have major problems."
- 15:38:39 hours: BWC stops.

ACSO10_0K00103_155606.MP4 (Adams Co SO Deputy Crystal Smalley)

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- 15:38:40 hours: BWC activates.
- 15:39:48 hours: Carl Lindner IV states that Christopher has scoped rifles and high caliber rifles.
- 15:40:46 hours: Carl Lindner IV (Carl IV) calls his father, Carl Lindner III (Carl III). Carl IV tells his father that Christopher is not dead, but he has made it to the house and that there is now a standoff. Carl IV says, "It's exactly what we thought was gonna fucking happen. So just be prepared."
- 15:42:46 hours: Carl III asks if it would help if he called Christopher. Dep. Smalley states that if he thinks that it will help, he is welcome to attempt to call him.
- 15:43:15 hours: Carl III is heard on speaking phone stating, "You know, our family's been trying to um, we've been trying to get him help. You know, we think that he's uh, has, has a mental illness at this point. And we've tried with local police and because, he's not threatened himself and because he hasn't threatened others to hurt others. You know, we've not been able to, um, you know, um, have him pick up and taken to the Lindner Center of Hope. That's what the end goal for us. Um, he's not in his right mind. He needs help."
- 15:56:07 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO10_0K00103_161228.MP4 (Adams Co SO Deputy Crystal Smalley)

- 16:08:07 hours: BWC activates.
- 16:08:32 hours: Dep. Smalley makes a phone call. She states,
"Hey, so Carl Lindner just told me that his dad has talked to Chris a couple different times on the phone. He said that Chris is talking in gibberish and he does, he says he doesn't understand what he did wrong, but his dad has advised him several times to just come out with his hands up and, you know, surrender to the police that's outside his house right now. That's all the information. I don't know who to give it to because Randy don't want me on that channel. So I didn't, I didn't want put it out, you know, over the main one either. And Carl said he would keep me updated, you know, if his dad lets him know, hey, he's got him on the phone. But, but as of right now, his dad has talked to him a couple times on the phone."
- 16:12:29 hours: BWC turns off.

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ACSO10_0K00103_174124.MP4 (Adams Co SO Deputy Crystal Smalley)

- 17:40:06 hours: BWC activates. Dep. Smalley informs Carl Lindner IV that she has been instructed to return to the office.
- 17:41:24 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO23_0K00980_153322.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 15:28:44 hours: BWC activates. Pursuit is in progress. Sgt. Walters attempts to deploy stop sticks; he does not deploy stop sticks.
- 15:33:21 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO23_0K00980_160328.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 15:33:28 hours: BWC activates. Pursuit is in progress.
- 15:39:54 hours: Sgt. Walters accesses the property and radios that there is a barricade. Sgt. Walters organizes units to set a perimeter.
- 16:03:26 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO23_0K00980_161704.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 16:03:27 hours: BWC activates. Law enforcement has a permitter set up at the residence.
- 16:17:03 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO23_0K00980_162554.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 16:24:24 hours: BWC turns on.
- 16:25:54 hours: BWC turns off. No pertinent information.

ACSO23_0K00980_164346.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 16:31:33 hours: BWC activates. Barricade is still occurring.
- 16:43:46 hours: BWC turns off. No pertinent information.

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ACSO23_0K00980_165556.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 16:47:18 hours: BWC turns on. Barricade situation still occurring.
- 16:55:56 hours: BWC turns off. No pertinent information.

ACSO23_0K00980_171156.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 17:05:51 hours: BWC activates. Shooting has just occurred prior to the BWC activating.
- 17:10:34 hours: Sgt. Walters is shown a drone video of Christopher Lindner lying on the ground.



(17:10:34 hours: Sgt. Walters looking at the drone video of Christopher lying on the ground)

- 17:11:55 hours: BWC turns off.

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ACSO23_0K00980_172426.MP4 (Adams Co SO Sgt. Randy Walters)

- 17:12:27 hours: BWC activates. Law enforcement starts to approach the residence. Law enforcement enters the residence.
- 17:24:26 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO44_0A00432_154800.MP4 (Adams Co SO Dep. Torie Barlow)

- BWC was activated for two seconds, no pertinent video

ACSO44_0A00432_162148.MP4 (Adams Co SO Dep. Torie Barlow)

- 15:51:47 hours: BWC activates. Dep. Barlow is at the Brush Creek address behind a cruiser.
- 16:21:47 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO44_0A00432_163414.MP4 (Adams Co SO Dep. Torie Barlow)

- 16:21:47 hours: BWC turns on.
- 16:34:12 hours: BWC turns off.

ACSO44_0A00432_170806.MP4 (Adams Co SO Dep. Torie Barlow)

- 17:06:17 hours: BWC turns on. The shooting has already taken place.
- 17:08:05 hours: BWC turns off.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

A. Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video recordings lack the history, perspective, and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting, and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.

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B. Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical incident. Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.

C. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use of force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

All video footage has been uploaded to Evidence.com. Please review the videos for additional details.

References:

Reference Item H - Uninvolved Officers BWC (Evidence.com)

Attachments:

No attachments.

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