



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



2022-1316

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Ackerman Izak (V)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: Garrett Weekly (W)
Date of Activity: 06/30/2022
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 06/24/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) received video footage from the Lima Police Department Records Bureau. SA Vollmer was informed that the videos contained footage from Patrolman Garrett Weekly's (Weekly) body cam.

SA Vollmer reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Weekly was riding with his training officer, Patrolman Logan Patton (Patton), on the night of the shooting. They were on a pedestrian stop when dispatch advised there was a call with a gun and a deputy was down at Second and Sugar Street. Weekly was driving and arrived in the area shortly thereafter. Both officers began running in between houses towards police cruiser lights; someone could be heard yelling. The officers, with their guns drawn, approached the subject who appeared deceased. The subject was lying on the ground in an open area in a supine position. A dark object can be seen lying on the subject's chest and a dark object can be seen lying on the ground a few feet away. One of the subject's shoes was off and his shirt partially pulled up. Cruiser lights were flashing in the background and the deputy can be heard yelling for them.

Weekly ran to his aid and the deputy told them he was shot once in the cheek. The officers checked the deputy's body over for injuries and saw he was hit in the vest on the left shoulder area. The bullet did not seem to pierce the body armor. The deputy said he was facing the subject and was on top of him. Blood was on the front of the deputy's uniform shirt and his wound to his cheek was bleeding. The deputy said there was only one subject involved and the deputy didn't know how many rounds he shot at the subject. He said he thought the subject only shot one round off.

The officers helped the deputy bandage the wound on his face. Other law enforcement

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officers arrive to help give aid to the deputy and secure the scene. Lima Fire arrived and gave treatment. The deputy was assisted to the ambulance.

Weekly walked back to the subject lying on the ground, where four other officers were standing. What appeared to be a bullet wound was seen on the subject's chest, where his shirt was pulled up.

Weekly then spoke to a resident off the alley who was sitting on his back porch steps. The man said he wasn't outside when the incident occurred. Weekly asked him to go back inside, which he complied. Weekly took pictures of the scene. Officers spoke about the deputy's badge and name tag on the ground, near the subject's body.

The video was 33 minutes and 41 seconds long.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Exhibit 1

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.

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.

The CD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file.

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Submitted By: S/A Vollmer

Date: 06/30/2022

From: LPD

To be returned

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Description: 6 Discs containing body cam and cruiser video from Officers Torres, Weekly, Patton, Martin

Exhibit # 1