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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.  
Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, 43050 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Body Camera Review  
**Involves:** DCSO Dep. [REDACTED] (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 10/14/2022  
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**Narrative:**

On October 14, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body-camera video footage from Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputy (Dep.) [REDACTED], who is also assigned to the Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU). The video footage is related to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on August 20, 2022, at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, and involved Randy and Bradley Wilhelm and members of the DTU.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities and conversations recorded on Dep. [REDACTED]'s body camera and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all of the activities or conversations of Dep. [REDACTED] and the other members of the DTU, which were recorded, nor is it a word-for-word translation of the conversations. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information documented in the narrative.

It should also be noted that due to the DTU members wearing earpieces, radio traffic cannot be heard except when inside the Bearcat, when the radio inside of the Bearcat can be heard.

SA Tingley reviewed the video listed as: qka01837\_20220820130134e0, and noted the following:

This video is 28:42 minutes in length and begins on August 20, 2022, at 09:01:04 hours, as Dep. [REDACTED] is seated inside of the moving DTU Bearcat with other members of the DTU visible.

At approximately 09:03:14 hours, the DTU Bearcat has stopped and Dep. [REDACTED] unlocks and opens the turret hatch. Dep. [REDACTED] then takes position inside of the turret and begins scanning to the east and south.

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At approximately 09:06:33 hours, radio traffic is heard in the Bearcat from another tactical team advising of shots fired at Randy Wilhelm's residence at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Over a short period of time, multiple gunshots are heard. During this time, most of the video footage is of the inside part of the turret, as Dep. [REDACTED] is just sticking his head above the roofline of the turret.

At approximately 09:13:34 hours, another DTU member advises that at least one of the subjects is heading toward Dep. [REDACTED]'s DTU team position. Radio traffic is also heard advising the subject is in a Razor ATV.

At approximately 09:13:46 hours, Dep. [REDACTED] says, "Here he comes." However, the video footage continues to be of the inside of the turret.

At approximately 09:13:56 hours, Dep. [REDACTED] begins firing his rifle. Due to the close proximity of DTU Lieutenant (Lt.) [REDACTED] and DTU Officer [REDACTED] who were also firing, the exact number of shots fired by Dep. [REDACTED] could not be accurately determined.

At approximately 09:14:13 hours, a DTU member states that the subjects in the Razor are not moving and all DTU gunfire ceases. At this point, the video footage continues to be of the inside and upper ring where the turret locks into the main body of the Bearcat.

At approximately 09:20:43 hours, Dep. [REDACTED] exits the turret and enters the main body of the Bearcat. He then exits the Bearcat through the rear door and moves to the driver's side of the Bearcat.

At 09:22:41, the video is stopped so that the remainder of the video can be checked for potential Garrity issues.

As Dep. [REDACTED] was within a few feet of DTU Lt. [REDACTED] and his body camera was recording at the same time as Lt. [REDACTED]'s body camera, it was determined that only one of the video recordings needed to be fully reviewed in regard to the potential Garrity issues. Accordingly, BCI SA Charles Moran (Moran) and BCI SA Nick Valente reviewed the remainder of the video footage from Lt. [REDACTED]'s body camera. At the end of their review, SA Moran advised that there was potential Garrity content on the video. He also stated that there was no more important information directly related to the officer-involved critical incident on the remainder of the video.

This video recording is attached to this case file as Reference Item A.

#### 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:

- 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

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- incident are also factors that need serious consideration.
- 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.
  - 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.

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