



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



2023-0556

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Pamela Croston (S)
Date of Activity: 02/25/2023
Activity Location: – 23897 US-23, Circleville, OH 43113, Pickaway County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Saturday February 25, 2023, Circleville Police Department (CPD) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred outside of room 104 of the Rodeway Inn located at 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville, OH (Rodeway Inn). CPD and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When deputies and officers arrived they located the female, who brandished a firearm. Two (2) deputies discharged their firearms, striking the female, who was transported to Grant and later succumbed to her injuries.

On May 3, 2023, SA Poole reviewed the video footage that was given by the Rodeway Inn receptionist. SA Poole recorded the two videos from the receptionist's phone due to the video not being able to be shared at the time. SA Poole requested SA Tyler Price from Cyber Crimes, but was not able to get the video off the receptionists phone. SA Poole copied the video to a USB thumb drive and saved it within the physical case file. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

The video is choppy due to the camera only recording when there is movement or motion. Times will be off and are not viewed in real time.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the File "Rodeway Inn Surveillance Video (1)"

- The video depicts a white van parking in front of room 104 with who appears to be Pamela Croston in the passenger seat.
- A male Hispanic gets out the driver seat and opens the door for Croston.
- The time stamp states 02-24-2023 at 23:59 hours
- There is no audio to the video

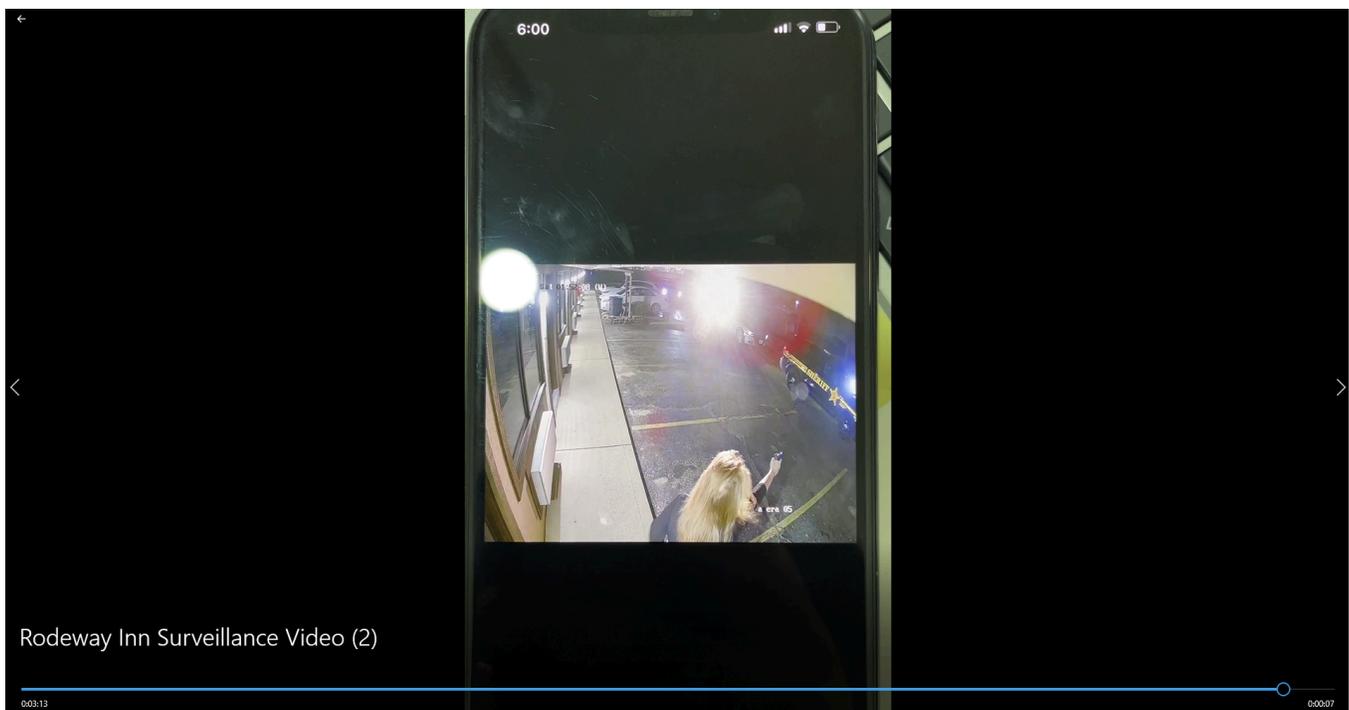
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It is noted that SA Poole did not record an incident which occurred in the timeframe between these two videos, but was seen by SA Poole and other officers at scene.

- The video depicts a hand sticking out from the front door of room 104 with an extended arm holding a black handgun. The handgun is pointed across the street towards the Holiday Inn and is fired one time before retracting back into the room. Due to the camera only recording based on movement it was not apart of the attached videos.

SA Poole reviewed the video and the following was noted within the File "Rodeway Inn Surveillance Video (2)"

- The video begins with officers retreating away from the front of room 104.
- The video depicts shadows of a person in the doorway of room 104.
- At the 2:36 minute marker Croston is seen coming out of the doorway of room 104 with a handgun to her head.



- At the 3:13 minute mark the video shows Croston with an extended right arm pointing a black handgun at the deputies.
- Croston is then struck and falls to the ground.
- The time stamp on the video states 02/25/23 01:52
- There is no audio to the video

References:

USB Thumbdrive

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