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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus,
OH 43207

Investigative Activity: Body Worn Camera & Dash Camera Video Review
Activity Date: August 9, 2023
Activity Location: Area near 45 Great Southern Blvd., Columbus, OH 43207
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Friday, August 11, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) received body worn camera (BWC) and dash camera video footage from Columbus Police Sergeant Terry McConnell. SA Holcomb was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by CPD Officer [REDACTED] Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. Seth Casto. CPD Ofc. Heidi Graber, Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Deputy Rebecca Eads and FCSO Sgt. Griffin Bluestone's BWC was also reviewed but did not show the shooting as they showed up to the scene after the shooting had already taken place. SA Holcomb also reviewed the dash camera to Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] s vehicle.

SA Holcomb documented the portions of the audio/video he believed to be the most relevant in obtaining facts necessary to provide an understanding of the events that took place during the incident. SA Holcomb documented what he believed each subject was saying. For both these reasons mentioned, the reader is encouraged to review the video in its entirety.

Axon Body 3 Video 2023-08-06 0645 X60A75209 – (Ofc. [REDACTED] BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. [REDACTED] driving his police cruiser, # [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] in the passenger seat. They meet with civilians in the Deible's parking lot who encountered Huntzinger. A civilian stated that Huntzinger had a firearm in his hand and describes what he was wearing. At 04:48 into the recording, Ofc. Seth Casto pulls up and talks with Ofc. [REDACTED] Ofc. [REDACTED] informs Ofc. Casto that the male [Huntzinger] had a firearm.

At 07:32 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] gets back in his vehicle and begins to drive towards South High Street. At 00:08:37 radio dispatch airs that the male [Huntzinger] is located in a shopping center. At 09:07 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] says, "right there" and Ofc. [REDACTED] drives towards Huntzinger. At 09:14 into the video, the vehicle is placed in park and Ofc. [REDACTED] exits the vehicle. He unholsters his weapon and yells, "Drop it! Drop it!". A gunshot is then heard and Ofc. [REDACTED] is seen discharging his firearm at 09:21 into the recording.

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(09:21 into the recording: Ofc. ██████████'s BWC view when discharging his firearm)

At 09:22 into the recording, Ofc. ██████████ falls backward and starts yelling that he has been shot. Huntzinger is still seen on the BWC and Ofc. ██████████ continues to discharge his firearm while on his back, on the ground. He continues to yell, "I'm hit!". At 09:36 into the recording, Ofc. ██████████'s firearm is seen locked to the rear and he stops firing his weapon.

Ofc. ██████████ then grabs his tourniquet and self-applies it to his right leg. Ofc. Casto then runs over and helps render first aid to Ofc. ██████████. At 12:30 into the recording, Ofc. Heidi Graber arrived on scene and assisted with first-aid. At 13:40 into the recording, Ofc. ██████████'s BWC fell to the ground. Ofc. ██████████ was later loaded into an ambulance and transported to Grant Hospital.

Axon Body 3 Video 2023-08-09 0645 X60A62353 – (Ofc. ██████████ BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. ██████████ riding in the front passenger seat of the police cruiser van with Ofc. ██████████ driving. At 02:17 into the recording, they arrive at Deible's and talk to civilians

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who encountered Huntzinger. The civilians told officers that they saw Huntzinger with a gun. At 07:25 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] get back in the police cruiser. At 08:25 into the recording, dispatch radios that the male [Huntzinger] is in a shopping center. They start to drive northbound towards the shopping center.

At 09:06 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] states, "right there" and points towards Huntzinger. At 09:12 into the recording, the vehicle comes to a stop, Ofc. [REDACTED] unholsters his weapon and exits the vehicle and yells "Drop it!" At 09:15 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] has exited his vehicle and pointed his firearm at Huntzinger. Huntzinger is seen with a firearm in his right hand and is pointing it at Ofc. [REDACTED] in a shooting position. Ofc. [REDACTED] yells, "Drop it!". Huntzinger is seen falling to the ground behind a Chevrolet SUV with a firearm still in his right hand.



(09:15 into the recording: Ofc. [REDACTED] s BWC view of Huntzinger pointing a firearm at Ofc. [REDACTED]

At 09:18 into the recording, gunshots are heard. Ofc. [REDACTED] is moving around the Chevrolet SUV at this time. At 09:20 into the recording, it appears Ofc. [REDACTED] first fires his weapon. Huntzinger

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is seen tumbling around in the parking lot. At 09:28 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED]'s firearm locks to the rear and he reloads his firearm.



(09:20 in the recording: Ofc. [REDACTED]'s BWC view when discharging his firearm)

At 09:38 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] airs, "Shots fired, officer involved." Ofc. [REDACTED] along with Ofc. Casto, approach Huntzinger; he is then placed in handcuffs. At 10:12 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] airs, "He's down and in custody". Ofc. [REDACTED] then checks Huntzinger for any other weapons and begins first-aid and chest compressions. Huntzinger is seen breathing shallowly. At 14:32 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] resumes chest compressions. He continually yells that they need the medics. At 15:20 into the recording, another officer takes over first-aid and Ofc. [REDACTED] runs to check on Ofc. [REDACTED]. Ofc. [REDACTED] is later seen being loaded into the ambulance. Ofc. [REDACTED] identified himself as a shooting officer to a sergeant. Ofc. [REDACTED] was then instructed to turn off his BWC.

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Robbery in Progress 2023-08-09 06:52:53 Casto 2658 – (Ofc. Seth Casto BWC)

The video begins with Ofc. Casto driving his police car. He pulls into Deible's and talks with Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED]. Ofc. [REDACTED] informed Ofc. Casto that the information that he had, he received from the civilians at Deible's. At 01:49 into the recording, Ofc. Casto leaves Deible's. He continues to drive looking for Huntzinger.

At 04:31 into the recording, dispatch is heard radioing information about Huntzinger's location. At 05:13 into the recording, Ofc. Casto is still driving towards the scene but gunshots can be heard. At 05:21 into the recording, Ofc. Casto parks his vehicle, unholsters his weapon and yells, "Get on the ground now! Get on the ground!" At 05:29 into the recording, Ofc Casto radios, "Shots fired, shots fired, officer down". He approaches Huntzinger with Ofc. [REDACTED] Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. Casto make contact Huntzinger. Ofc Casto then runs over to Ofc. [REDACTED] and provides first-aid.

Ofc. [REDACTED] is later seen being loaded into the ambulance. Ofc. Casto identified himself as being involved in the incident to a Sergeant. Ofc. Casto was then instructed to turn off his BWC.

Robbery in Progress 2023-08-09 06:52:52 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] – (Dash Camera for Ofc. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED])

The video begins with Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] standing in the parking lot at Deible's talking to civilians regarding their encounter with Huntzinger. They get in their car and begin driving. At 01:40 into the recording, dispatch can be heard saying Huntzinger's location. At 02:10 into the recording, Ofc. [REDACTED] is heard saying, "Right there" and Huntzinger is seen getting in the front driver side of a vehicle.

At 02:17 into the recording, the police vehicle comes to a stop and Huntzinger is seen exiting the vehicle with a firearm in his right hand. He is pointing the firearm at Ofc. [REDACTED]

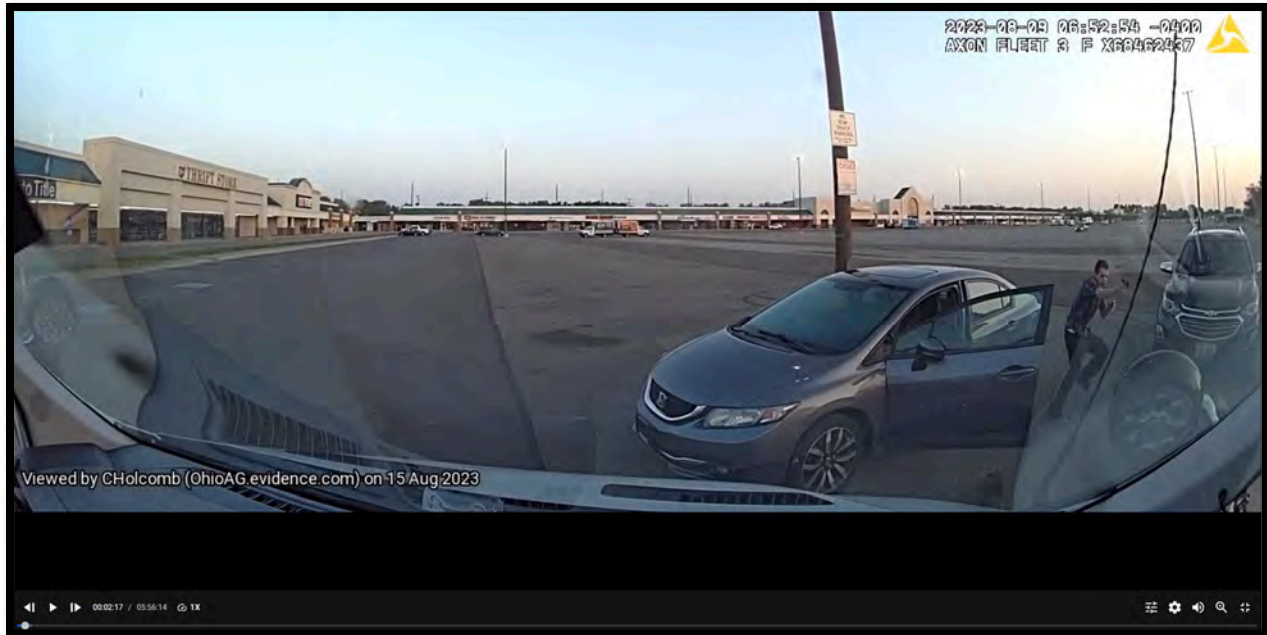


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(02:17 into the dash camera: Huntzinger seen pointing a firearm at Ofc. ██████████)

Police are heard giving commands to 'drop it'. At 02:21 into the recording, gunshots can be heard. At 02:23 into the recording, Ofc. ██████████ gets shot and goes to the ground. Gunshots can still be heard. At 02:28 into the recording, Ofc. Casto is seen arriving on scene. At 02:38 into the recording, the last gunshot is heard. Ofc. ██████████ is seen self-applying a tourniquet to his right leg. First aid is then seen being administered to Ofc. ██████████

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

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recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of any one particular party. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the parties involved. Video recordings can 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 CPD BWC and dash camera video footage has been placed in Evidence.com under 'PIS 2023-0017' as a reference.

A DVD containing the FCSO body camera footage have been placed in the physical BCI case file.