



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



2023-0795

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403, Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Body-Worn Camera Videos Received
Involves: Brookfield Township Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 3/22/2023
Activity Location: Brookfield Township Police Department –
6844 Strimbu Drive, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On March 28, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Tingley (Tingley) received a USB flash drive from Vienna Township Police Department (VTPD) Chief Bob Ludt. SA Tingley later provided the USB flash drive to SA Chuck Moran (Moran). The USB flash drive contained a body-worn camera (BWC) video file related to the incident and officer-involved shooting that occurred on March 21, 2023, in Brookfield Township.

The USB flash drive contained the following body-worn camera (BWC) video file:

- Fred Henry Wild Incident Case # VIE23-01272 03-21-2023

SA Moran performed a cursory review of the video files and noted the following:

The video file was one hour, four minutes, and 38 seconds long (1:04:38). The video file was recorded by a BWC attached to VTPD Officer (Ofc.) [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). The video was recorded in “low-light” or “night” mode (appearing black, white, and gray).

The video started as Ofc. [REDACTED] and other officers walked past the residence located at 1433 State Route 7, Brookfield Township, Ohio 44403. They continued walking along the driveway and walked by a garage and camper.

The officers were quiet as they walked along the driveway. Ofc. [REDACTED] mentioned hearing music. Ofc. [REDACTED] motioned to the right and said “right side” as music was heard (06:12).

Ofc. [REDACTED] whispered that the subject, Fred Wild III (Wild), was sitting down inside the cabin and was facing away from the officers (07:21).

Ofc. [REDACTED] and other officers began providing verbal commands and activated their weapon-mounted flashlights as Wild exited the cabin window and entered the truck (07:40).

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The video recorded the incident and the shooting incident. Ofc. [REDACTED] was positioned on the passenger side of the truck as Wild drove forward. Ofc. [REDACTED] fired his rifle during the incident. A full video review of the incident and shooting incident will be documented in another BCI report.

After the gunshots, Ofc. [REDACTED] quickly cleared the cabin as other officers approached the truck Wild was driving. Ofc. [REDACTED] said the he fired and his BWC was activated.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Kevin Brown (Brown) arrived in his cruiser and began collecting weapons from the involved officers to secure in his cruiser (10:42).

VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] mentioned Wild nearly hitting an officer with the snowplow attached to the truck (11:35).

Ofc. [REDACTED] spoke about where he was located and how it appeared that Wild was going to hit another officer (either OSHP Trooper Scott Boyle or OSHP Sergeant [REDACTED] 12:55).

Ofc. [REDACTED] placed his rifle in OSHP Trooper Brown's cruiser (13:50).

Ofc. [REDACTED] made a phone call to Chief Ludt (15:20). He indicated that multiple officers fired at the subject and the subject was deceased. He said he did not know who struck the subject. Ofc. [REDACTED] called VTPD Sgt. Padula, but he did not answer.

An unknown officer approached Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED]. They spoke about how Wild tried to "ram" the officers and how Wild almost hit "one of the troopers" and the officers fired (21:30).

OSHP Trooper Brown informed Ofc. [REDACTED] and Ofc. [REDACTED] to contact their union. The officers indicated they did not have a union. Trooper Brown advised the officers not to provide a statement at that time if they did not want to (23:15).

Ofc. [REDACTED] spoke about not turning on his BWC before the incident because it was "pretty loud" (34:50).

Ofc. [REDACTED] approached a group of officers and Brookfield Township Police Department (BTPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] was explaining the incident to BTPD Detective Sgt.

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Aaron Kasiewicz (Kasiewicz). Sgt. ██████ explained how the officers surrounded the cabin and Wild jumped into the truck and began driving forward at officer(s) and officers fired (36:12).

Multiple officers walked back to the area where the truck was initially located and where the officers fired gunshots (37:00).

Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Deputy ██████ (██████), BTPD Sgt. ██████ OSHP Trooper Brown, and VTPD Ofc. ██████ spoke about how quickly Wild opened the cabin window and jumped into the truck (38:00).

Ofc. ██████ located fired cartridge casings (38:40 and 39:12) and showed them to Deputy ██████ They briefly talked about their positions during the incident. Ofc. ██████ told Trooper Brown that he believed he fired three times (39:59) and described where he was standing near Deputy ██████

Ofc. ██████ spoke with Chief Ludt by phone. Ofc. ██████ said he was not injured and neither was Ofc. ██████ (47:20).

An OSHP cruiser backed down the driveway and under the scene tape (48:15).

A TCSO cruiser backed down the driveway and under the scene tape (50:51).

BTPD Detective Sgt. Kasiewicz began collecting the names of the officers that were present during the incident (1:03:15).

Chief Ludt arrived and told Ofc. ██████ that he could turn off his BWC (1:04:33).

The video recording ended (1:04:38).

Reference Item:

The USB flash drive received from the VTPD was submitted to the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item E.