



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



2026-2190
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2600 Navarre Ave.,
Oregon, OH 43616, Lucas County

Investigative Activity: Initial BWC Video Review – Officer Bartson
Involves: Officer Brett Bartson (W)
Activity Date: 06/18/2016
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley #154

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed Body Worn Camera (BWC) video footage (B8A44FB5B5B56B) from the Mercy Police Department (MPD). SA Tingley was informed that the videos contained footage from the body camera recorded by the Officer Brett Bartson (Bartson) related to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred on June 6, 2026, at 2600 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, Ohio.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities recorded on MPD Officer Bartson's BWC and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant to the OICI. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all the activities, conversations, or radio traffic recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word for word translation, except where so indicated, of the conversations, radio traffic, and/or activities of the law enforcement, security, or medical personnel present or MPD Dispatch. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions.

SA Tingley reviewed the video and noted the following:

The video began on June 6, 2026, at 16:26:08 hours, is 01:37:34 in length, and began as Officer Bartson was walking down a hallway inside of the Mercy Health St Charles Hospital.

At approximately 16:26:38, Officer Bartson activated his BWC.

As Officer Bartson came parallel with a window, he began running down the hallway and drew his department-issued handgun.

At approximately 16:26:41 hours, Officer Bartson radioed dispatch to have the Oregon Police Department (Oregon PD) respond.

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At approximately 16:26:44 hours, shots could be heard being fired. However, with the BWC facing forward, the actual OICI is not seen.

At approximately 16:26:47 hours, Officer Bartson exited the hospital and radioed:

"We got shots fired. Shots fired."

Officer Bartson then approached the incident scene and Christopher Strassburg (Strassburg) is seen lying on the ground.



(Strassburg seen in the highlighted area at the bottom left of the photograph)

Officer Bartson then began giving commands to Samantha Binkley (Binkley) (Strassburg's girlfriend/partner).

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At approximately 16:27:40 hours, Officer Bartson arrived at the incident scene where [REDACTED] is seen standing near where Strassburg is lying in the parking lot.



At approximately 16:28:13 hours, Officer Bartson contacted Binkley in the parking lot and escorted her towards a bench near the doors into the emergency room.

At approximately 16:29:30 hours, Officer Bartson radioed:

"30. Dispatch. They've taken one into the ER now..."

At approximately 16:30:36 hours, Officer Bartson asked Brinkley:

"So, what brought you guys here today?"

At approximately 16:30:40 hours, Brinkley responded:

"I was bringing him in because he was having a mental breakdown and I was trying to get him back in help...and he was walking in because he was mad I had brought him here..."

At approximately 16:32:45 hours, Officer Bartson entered the hospital through the Emergency Room (ER) doors and went to treatment room six (6) where Strassburg was being treated.

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At approximately 16:33:37 hours, Officer Bartson entered treatment room six (6) and retrieved Strassburg's phone which was lying on the floor of the treatment room.

For the remainder of the video recording, Officer Bartson was standing at the entrance to treatment room six (6) and monitoring and maintaining security of the room.

After Strassburg was declared deceased, Officer Bartson maintained his position outside of treatment room six (6) and secured the room as a potential crime scene.

The video concluded with Officer Bartson standing outside of treatment room six (6).

All images in this report are for demonstrative purposes only.

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 BWC video recording is attached to this case as Reference Item N - BWC from Witness Officers - Subfolder: Ofc Bartson BWC and can be found in AXON JUSTICE. Please refer to the video for further details.

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Attachments:

None

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