

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report



Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE, Canton, OH 44707



Investigative Activity: Video Review - CPD Ofc. Trent Abel

Activity Date: 1/29/2024

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Narrative:

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from BCI SA Al Bansky. SA Bansky was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Canton Police Department (CPD).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

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This video is 10 minutes and 51 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Trent Abel (Abel). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:15:41.

The video begins showing the inside of a vehicle. At 22:15:46, the sound becomes muted. At 22:16:12, sound can be heard again. Abel is driving at this time. At 22:21:23, radio traffic is heard directing Abel and Ofc. Trevor Stern (Stern) to the hospital. Ofc. Stern is a passenger in Abel's vehicle. At 22:22:21, Abel exits the vehicle. Abel and Stern remain outside of the hospital emergency department. At approximately 22:24:35, the ambulance arrives. At 22:26:22, Zachary Fornash (Fornash) is brought into the hospital on a gurney.

At 22:26:33, the video ends.

It should be noted that the dash camera video from Ofc. Abel's vehicle was previously reviewed in the investigative report titled "2024-01-25 CPD Ofc. Trevor Stern video review." The dash camera video was listed under Ofc. Stern's name when it was provided by CPD.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item B for reference only.

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