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

Investigative Activity: Video Review - CPD Ofc. Jacob Dryden
Activity Date: 1/24/2024
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

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:

[00_0066493667_96_17_72_64-0066423896_0066473220_0066473275_video0.mp4](#)

This video is 2 hours, 50 minutes, and 23 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Jacob Dryden (Dryden). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:08:21.

The video begins showing the inside of a building. At 22:08:35, Dryden stands up and proceeds outside to a marked police cruiser. At 22:08:52, sound can now be heard. At 22:08:54, another officer gets in the front passenger seat of Dryden's vehicle. At 22:10:30, Dryden begins to exit his vehicle. At 22:10:33, Dryden's BWC shows Ofc. Garrett Marino (Marino) pointing his pistol at Zachary Fornash (Fornash). Fornash is lying on the ground. Ofc. Anthony Loparo (Loparo) can also be seen standing to the right of Marino. See screenshot below.

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At 22:10:38, Loparo can be seen removing an item, later identified as a .177 caliber pellet pistol, from Fornash's jacket pocket. See screenshot below.



At 22:10:39, Loparo says "Gun's out." At 22:10:44, Loparo says "It's a BB gun, it's fake." Officers then begin providing aid to Fornash. At 22:12:52, an officer begins chest compressions on Fornash. At approximately 22:16:30, EMS arrives on scene. At

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22:17:03, Dryden moves his police vehicle. At 22:18:38, Fornash can be seen being loaded into the ambulance. Dryden also assists with putting up crime scene tape.

From 22:21:00 to the end of the video at 00:58:45, SA Lieber spot checked this portion of the video. It should be noted that the scene had been secured and Fornash has been removed from the scene.

[tick75503105-tick75523543-video1.mp4](#)

This video is 2 hours, 50 minutes, and 19 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by vehicle dash camera of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Jacob Dryden (Dryden). There is no time stamp on the video, therefore, any times referenced will be in elapsed time.

The video begins showing the vehicle parked and facing a building. At 0:19, multiple officers exit the building. Dryden's cruiser begins to drive out of the parking lot. At 0:31, sound can now be heard. Multiple police vehicles can be seen driving with their emergency lights and sirens activated.

At 2:04, Dryden pulls up to the area where Ofc. Garrett Marino has Zachary Fornash at gunpoint. Fornash is lying on the ground. Ofc. Anthony Loparo can be seen on the right side of the image. See screenshot below.



At 2:15, an object can be seen in Loparo's hand. This item was later identified to be a .177 caliber pellet pistol. See screenshot below.

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Loparo briefly sets the pistol down in the grass. He then picks the pistol up and walks out of the video (toward his police cruiser). See screenshot below showing Loparo holding the pistol. Officers can also be seen providing aid to Fornash.



At 8:11, an EMS worker appears on the video. At 8:41, Dryden moves his vehicle to the street. See below for a screenshot of the view after the vehicle is moved.

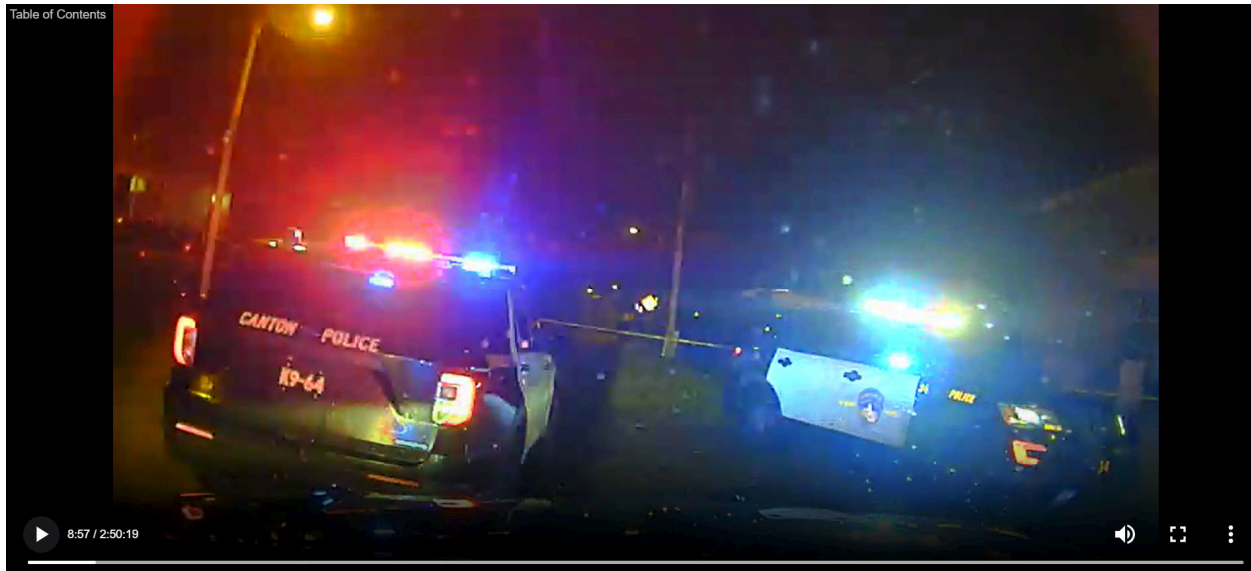
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From 20:30 to the end of the video at 2:50:19, SA Lieber spot checked this portion of the video.

At 35:47, Dryden's cruiser is again moved. The camera view from the new location can be seen below.



Dryden's cruiser remains in this position for the remainder of the video.

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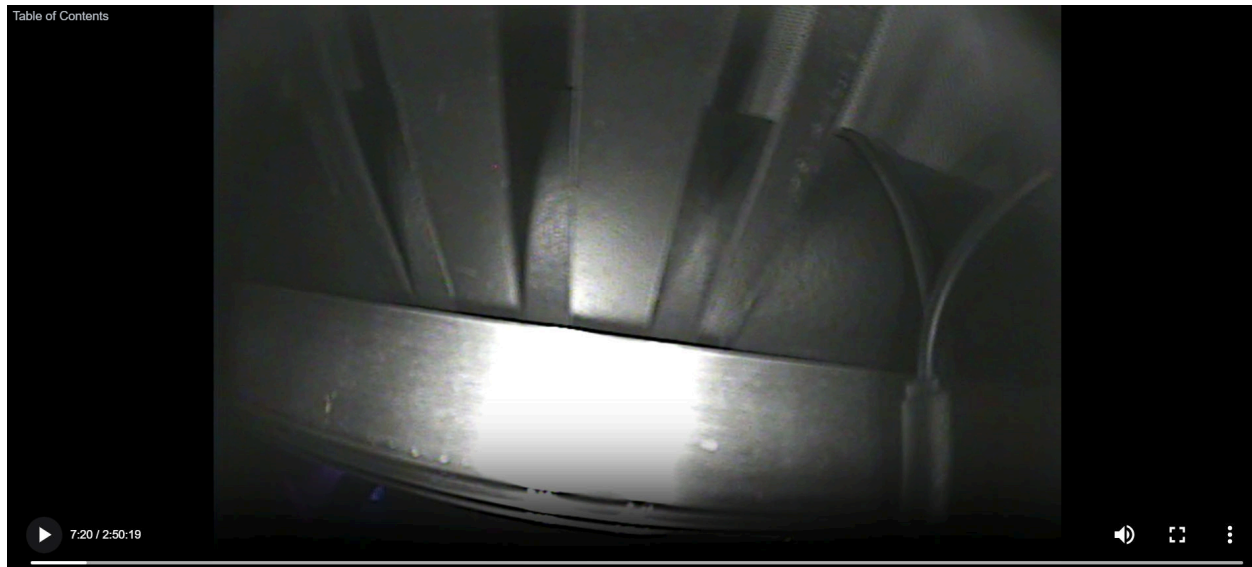
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[tick75503105-tick75523543-video2.mp4](#)

This video is 2 hours, 50 minutes, and 19 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the vehicle dash camera of Canton Police Department Officer Jacob Dryden. There is no time stamp on this video. This video appears to be the same as the video detailed above, only this version is in a panoramic view.

[tick75503105-tick75523543-video3.mp4](#)

This video is 2 hours, 50 minutes, and 19 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the interior vehicle camera of Canton Police Department Officer Jacob Dryden. There is no time stamp on this video. The entirety of the video shows the view below.



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

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

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