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Officer-Involved Critical Incident- I-70 at Mound Street, Columbus, OH

Investigative Activity: Video Received

Activity Date: 7/11/2023

Activity Location: I-70 at Mound Street, Columbus, OH

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) received video footage from Ricardo Mora. SA Butterworth was informed that the videos contained footage from Mora's cell phone cameras and was recorded by Mora.

SA Butterworth reviewed the video recordings and saved the footage, providing it to SA James Mulford, the assigned lead case agent for the investigation. SA Butterworth reviewed the footage for completeness and noted the following:

There were two (2) video clips provided from Mora. The first video clip totals 2 minutes and 30 seconds. The second video clip is 11 seconds in length.

A total of two video recordings were received and saved from Mora. The two videos are cell phone videos recorded from Mora's cell phone on the date of the incident. Mora was operating his vehicle and partially recorded the incident from the west side of the scene. There is also audio with the video recording.

Both videos were saved electronically as well as saved to a CD/DVD. The CD/DVD was then secured in the physical case file.

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



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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 DVD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file for reference only.