



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



2022-0001

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Video Recording Received
Involves: Sergeant Steven Meyer (O)
Activity Date: 1/13/2022
Activity Location: Email
Authoring Agent: SA Charles Moran #67

Narrative:

On January 13, 2022, at 1007 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) received an email from Canton Police Department (CPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Steven Meyer (Meyer). The email contained an attachment consisting of a short video recording captured by Sgt. Meyer.

SA Moran previously communicated with Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Attorney Tom Hanculak about a video that Sgt. Meyer took of the sounds of gunfire on January 1, 2022; the recording might have captured the sounds of gunfire that occurred during a shooting incident and subsequent officer-involved shooting that occurred at 2307 10th Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44706.

Sgt. Meyer explained in the email sent on January 13, 2022, that he was investigating a different shooting incident in the 900 block of Cleveland Avenue NW when he decided to record "video/audio of the celebratory gunfire/fireworks that was occurring on New Year's Eve 2021/2022." Sgt. Meyer also wrote that he normally scheduled himself off from work "because the city turned into a warzone at Midnight and I didn't want to deal with it if I didn't have to."

Sgt. Meyer wrote, "I was standing in the parking lot of the Cultural Center when I videotaped the gunfire. I had no idea Officer Huber was involved in a shooting at that time. I actually think I recorded the shots he responded to on 10th St. In the video towards the end of the recording, I swing my phone to the left (south west) in the cardinal direction of the shooting and record gunfire from that area in real time. My voice is the louder voice on the recording and I am speaking to ID tech Randy Weirich who was on scene with me processing the area of the shooting. In the beginning of the video there are fireworks mixed with gunfire but as the video goes on the gunfire is clearly distinguishable from the fireworks."

Below are two Bing.com overhead map screenshots that SA Moran took of the approximate location where Sgt. Meyer was located (900 block Cleveland Avenue NW) and the location of the incident (2307 10th Street SW).

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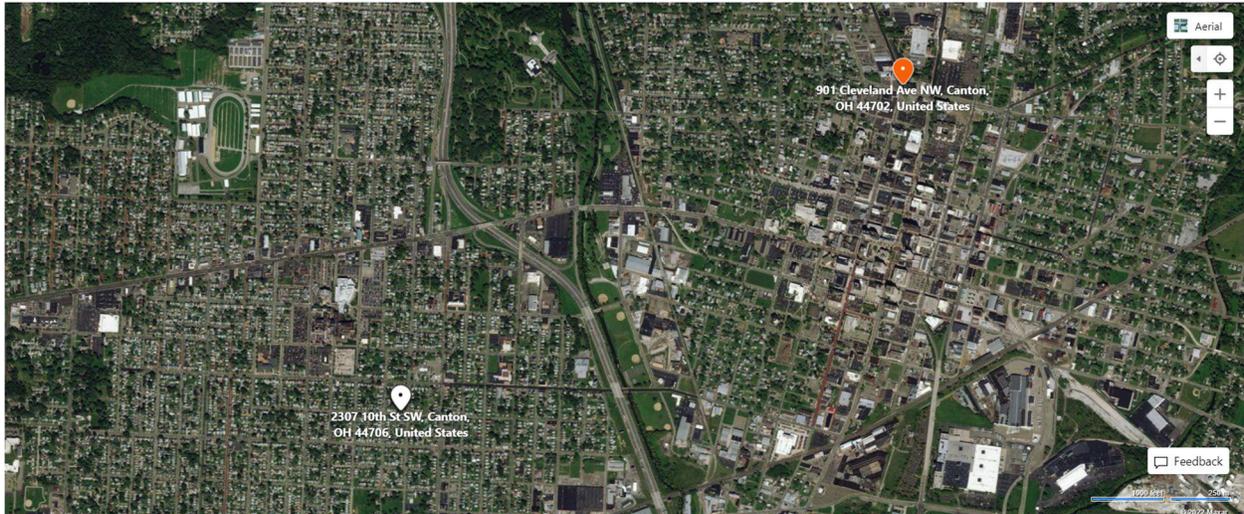


Image – Overhead map 900 block Cleveland Ave NW to 2307 10th St SW

The white-colored pin is the location of the incident (2307 10th Street SW), and the orange-colored pin is the approximate location where Sgt. Meyer was located and recorded the video (900 block Cleveland Avenue NW).

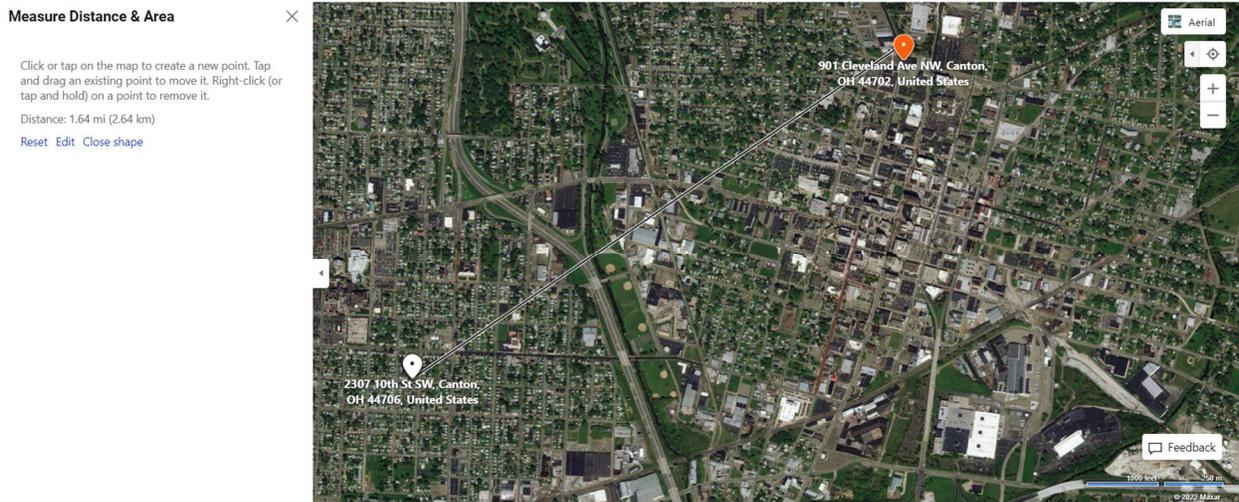


Image – Overhead map 900 block Cleveland Ave NW to 2307 10th St SW with Distance

Again, the white-colored pin is the location of the incident (2307 10th Street SW), and the orange-colored pin is the approximate location where Sgt. Meyer was located and recorded the

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video (900 block Cleveland Avenue NW). The approximate distance between both locations is 1.64 miles.

SA Moran reviewed the video file that Sgt. Meyer emailed and noted the following:

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The video recording is 53 seconds (00:53) long.

Below is a screenshot of the "Properties General" tab of the video file:

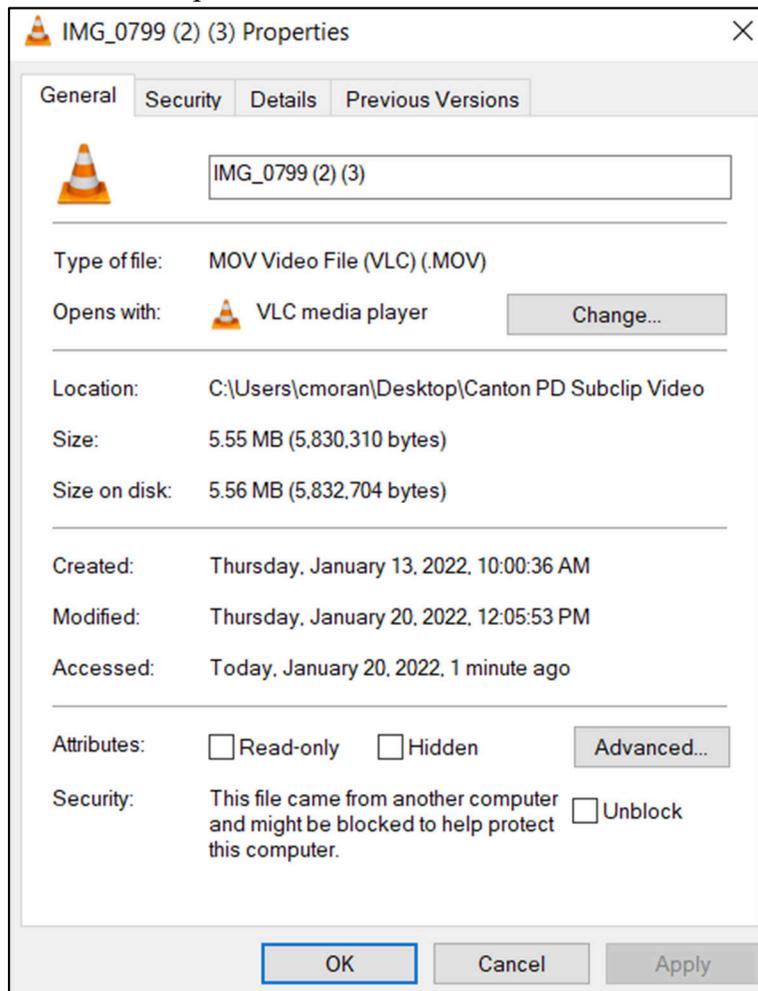


Image – Properties General Tab IMG_0799 (2) (3)

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Below is a screenshot of the "Properties Details" tab of the video file:

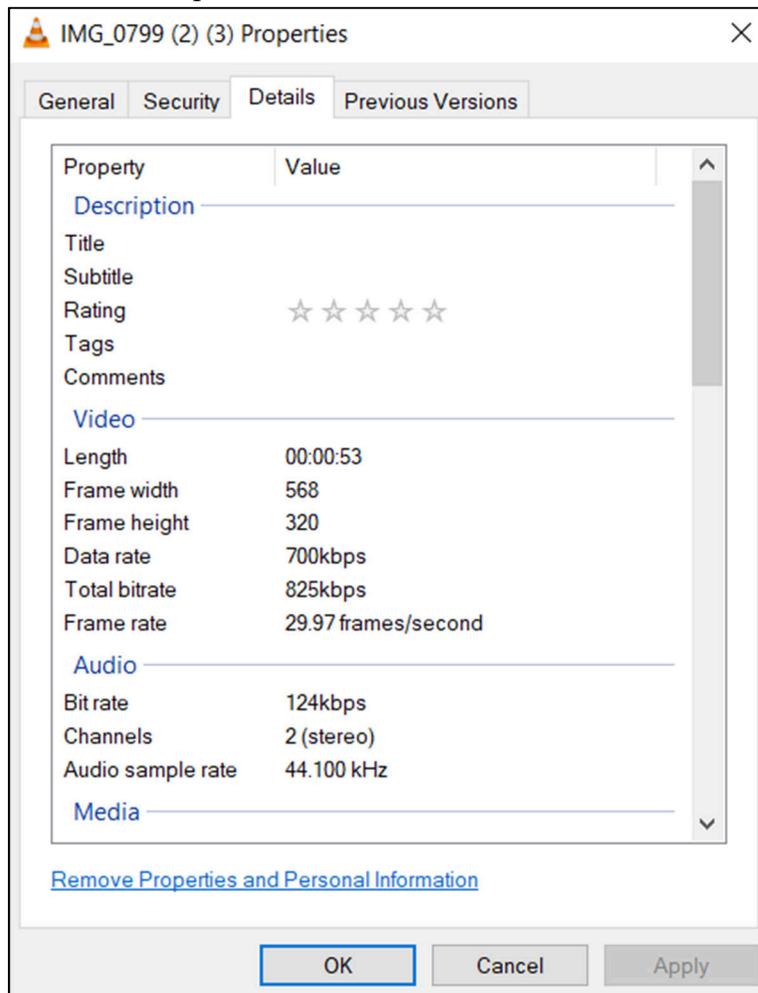


Image – Properties Details Tab – IMG_0799 (2) (3)

SA Moran noted that there were some sounds of fireworks at the beginning of the video recording. This was from approximately 00:00 – 00:12.

SA Moran noted that there were multiple sounds of gunfire heard, many at a very rapid pace, and a voice was heard saying, "Is that like 40 shots now?" This was from approximately 00:12 – 00:44.

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SA Moran noted that Sgt. Meyer wrote in his email that he moved his phone to record an area to the southwest (in the direction of 2307 10th Street SW) and recorded more sounds of gunfire. This was observed on the video recording from approximately 00:44 – 00:53. SA Moran noted multiple sounds of gunshots on the video recording, possibly coming from the southwest direction as described by Sgt. Meyer. This was possibly the sounds of James Williams firing the rifle and the sounds of CPD Officer Robert Huber firing his pistol.

Reference Items:

The video recording received from Sgt. Meyer was placed on a disc. The disc was submitted to the BCI case file as reference item F.

Attachments:

The email received from Sgt. Meyer was attached to this report. The screenshot images included in this report were also attached to this report.

Charles Moran

From: Steven Meyer <steven.meyer@cantonohio.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Charles Moran
Subject: New's Years Eve Canton PD cell phone recording
Attachments: IMG_0799 (2) (3).MOV

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Investigator Moran,

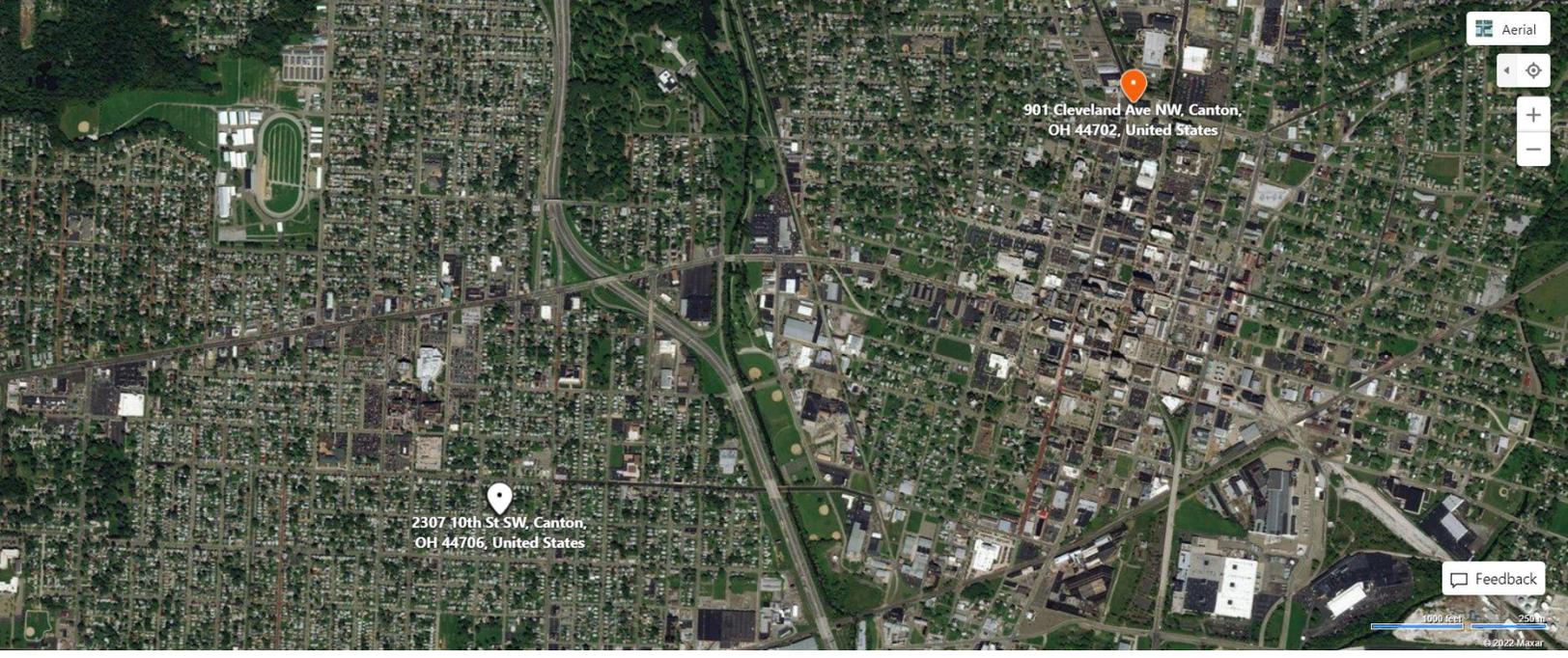
I was investigating a different shooting that had occurred and was on scene in the 900 blk of Cleveland Ave NW when I decided to record a video/audio of the celebratory gunfire/fireworks that was occurring on New Year's Eve 2021/2022. It had been a while since I had been out in Canton on New Year's because I hated working it so much. I would always schedule myself off on that day because the city turned into a warzone at Midnight and I didn't want to deal with it if I didn't have to.

I was standing in the parking lot of the Cultural Center when I videotaped the gunfire. I had no idea Officer Huber was involved in a shooting at that time. I actually think I recorded the shots he responded to on 10th St. In the video towards the end of the recording, I swing my phone to the left (south west) in the cardinal direction of the shooting and record gunfire from that area in real time. My voice is the louder voice on the recording and I am speaking to ID tech Randy Weirich who was on scene with me processing the area of the shooting.

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Feedback

1000 feet 250m

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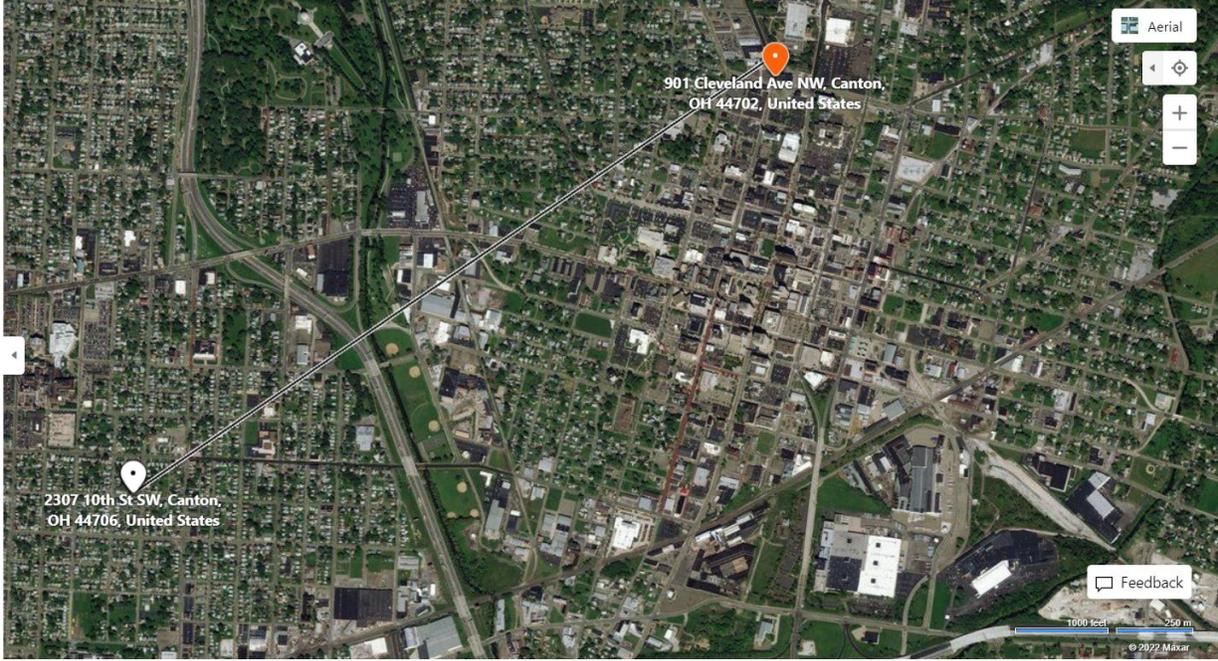
Measure Distance & Area



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Distance: 1.64 mi (2.64 km)

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IMG_0799 (2) (3)

Type of file: MOV Video File (VLC) (.MOV)

Opens with: VLC media player Change...

Location: C:\Users\cmoran\Desktop\Canton PD Subclip Video

Size: 5.55 MB (5,830,310 bytes)

Size on disk: 5.56 MB (5,832,704 bytes)

Created: Thursday, January 13, 2022, 10:00:36 AM

Modified: Thursday, January 20, 2022, 12:05:53 PM

Accessed: Today, January 20, 2022, 1 minute ago

Attributes: Read-only Hidden Advanced...

Security: This file came from another computer and might be blocked to help protect this computer. Unblock

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Channels	2 (stereo)
Audio sample rate	44.100 kHz
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