



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



2024-1474

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16100 Van Aken Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, OH

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Lieutenant Mike O'Connor (O)
Activity Date: 05/28/2024
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On May 22, 2024, at approximately 0813 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) received the previously requested body-worn camera (BWC) footage from Lieutenant Mike O'Connor (O'Connor), of the South Euclid Police Department. It had previously been reported that Lieutenant O'Connor had placed his [Lieutenant O'Connor's] BWC on top of a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) vehicle and had the camera pointed at and recording the window of the apartment that the subject, De'Shawn Vaughn, was in.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Lieutenant O'Connor's BWC footage and only documented the information believed to be relevant to this investigation.

Lieutenant O'Connor's BWC footage was 1 hour and 35 minutes and 45 seconds in duration. The beginning of the BWC footage had a time stamp of "2024-05-12 16:36:21 -0400" and was titled, **Axon_Body_3_Video_2024-05-12_1636_X60A6217D (1)** (Image #1).

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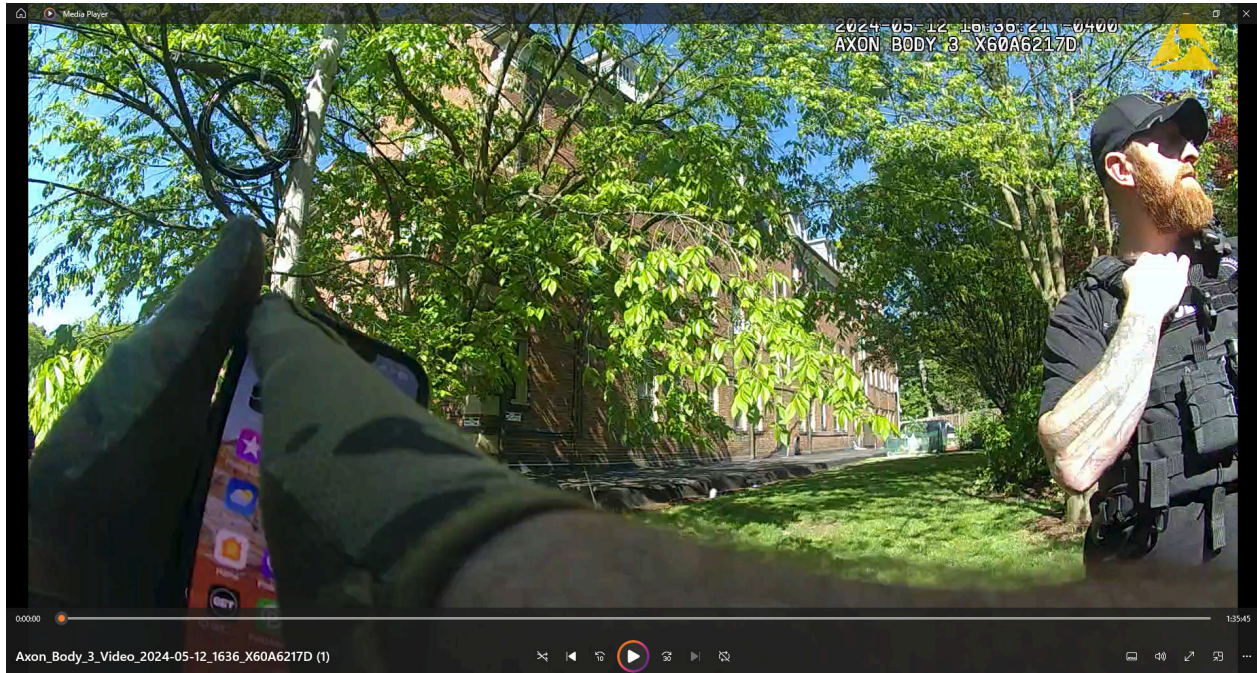


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(Image #1)

At approximately 3 minutes and 4 seconds into the BWC footage, the command of “execute” can be heard followed by several loud noises, which is believed to be a member of a SWAT team firing some type of round, possibly a 40mm, based on conversation heard in the background. This activity continues until approximately 7 minutes and 05 seconds into the BWC footage. At this time, smoke appeared to be coming out of the apartment window (Image #2). Based on law enforcement conversation that is heard in the background, this smoke could possibly be 2-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile (CS gas).

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(Image #2)

At approximately 8 minutes and 8 seconds into the BWC footage, possible gunfire is heard. Based on law enforcement conversation heard in the background, this could be a sniper firing their weapon.

At approximately 9 minutes and 40 seconds into the BWC footage, Lieutenant O'Connor's BWC is placed on top of the SWAT vehicle. It should be noted that at this point in the BWC footage the view of the apartment window is obstructed by leaves and branches from a tree throughout the remainder of the BWC footage (Image #3).

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(Image #3)

At approximately 21 minutes and 22 seconds into the BWC footage, 5 loud noises, possibly gunfire of some type, can be heard.

At approximately 22 minutes and 5 seconds into the BWC footage, 3 loud noises, possibly gunfire of some type, can be heard.

At approximately 28 minutes and 47 seconds into the BWC footage, a pole, followed by other tools, can be seen near the apartment window (Image #4). Refer to SA Harasimchuk's report titled, *Video Review - Valley Enforcement Group Drone Video Footage* for further details. At approximately 34 minutes and 34 seconds into the BWC footage, a drone can be seen. It should be noted that the drone is heard before it is visible on the BWC footage. The activity with the tools near the apartment window continued until approximately 35 minutes and 10 seconds into the BWC footage. The drone flies out of the BWC's view at approximately 39 minutes and 45 seconds into the BWC footage.

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(Image #4)

Between approximately 1 hour and 9 minutes and 22 seconds and 1 hour and 24 minutes and 05 seconds into the BWC footage, four loud unknown sounds can be heard.

At approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes and 32 seconds, the BWC is removed from the roof of the SWAT vehicle.

When the BWC footage ends, the video had a time stamp of 2024-05-12 18:12:06 -400 (Image #5).

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(Image #5)

References:

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Attachments:

1. Lt. O'Connor BWC - Still Image #1
2. Lt. O'Connor BWC - Still Image #2
3. Lt. O'Connor BWC - Still Image #3
4. Lt. O'Connor BWC - Still Image #4
5. Lt. O'Connor BWC - Still Image #5

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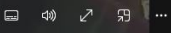




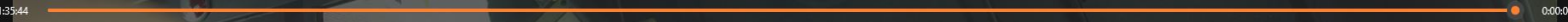
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