

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



2022-1139 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 947 SR-28 Business, Milford, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity:	Body Camera Review, Dash Camera Review
Involves:	Camille Artice Weems (S)
Date of Activity:	05/20/2022
Activity Location:	Miami Twp. (Clermont County) Police Department – Business – 5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150
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Narrative:

On May 20, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman received an external hard drive from the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD) containing body worn camera (BWC) and cruiser camera footage of the Officer-Involved Critical Incident occurring on the same date.

This report is a review of the BWC and cruiser camera footage of the following MTPD officers: Officer Robert Bunnell, Officer Ann Morgan, Officer **Constitution** Officer William Hickey, and Sergeant Daniel Tobias. A majority of this report will focus on Officer **Constitution** cruiser camera, as it was believed to be the most useful in understanding the events during the shooting incident. SA Seitzman documented the portions of the audio and video he believed to be the most relevant in obtaining the facts necessary to provide an understanding of the events that took place during the incident. The reader is encouraged to review the video in its entirety.

SA Seitzman utilized Ms. Weems' name for clarity purposes, and this does not suggest she was specifically identified during the video review.

SA Seitzman had previously learned or understood that there is commonly a delay in audio upon activating a dash camera or BWC. The delay is typically due to the video recovering historical data during playback. Meaning, once the respective camera is activated, it goes back a predetermined amount of time. MTPD cameras have a thirty-second playback. Furthermore, the time standard watermarked in the cruiser camera videos is Zulu. The eastern daylight time zone is found by subtracting four hours from the time in the watermark. The BWC footage appeared to be watermarked in the eastern daylight time zone for the date of May 20, 2022.

Officer Cruiser Camera:

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- 21:02:24—Officer pulled into the parking lot of 947 SR-28 Business (Berry Lane Apartments). He pulled in immediately behind the first arriving cruiser. [Through additional investigation, the first arriving officer was identified as Officer Robert Bunnell].
 - In the background, a dispatcher can be heard informing officers that the female subject [Ms. Weems] was topless and approaching other people in the parking lot. The dispatcher advised the female was next to a red car and had just fired the gun again.
- 21:02:26—Officer advised over the radio that "She's aiming it at our units now."
 - Officer Bunnell steers his vehicle to the left into the grass behind a bush. See screenshot image 1-1 below.



Screenshot of Officer arrival (Image 1-1)

- 21:02:37—Officer yelled at Ms. Weems to "Put the gun down!"
 - Ms. Weems advanced toward the officers.
- 21:02:40—Ms. Weems crouched down, pointed her gun in the direction of the police officers, and fired a single shot. See screenshot image 1-2 below.



Ms. Weems' first shot (Image 1-2)

- 21:02:44—Officer broadcast on the police radio, '**Constant**' shots fired, shots fired."
- 21:02:49—Ms. Weems fired another single shot in the direction of the police officers. See screenshot image 1-3 below.



Ms. Weems' second shot (note: the zipper on the bike bag moves after her shot) (Image 1-3)

- 21:02:50—Officer returned fire, striking Ms. Weems. He fired six rounds from his AR-15 rifle. See screenshot image 1-4 below.
 - Ms. Weems turned away from the officers and fell to the ground.



Officer returns fire (Image 1-4)

- 21:02:55—Officer yelled to the other officers, "She's on the ground."
- 21:02:59—Ms. Weems is seen on the ground with a gun in her right hand. See screenshot image 1-5 below.



Ms. Weems on the ground with the gun in her right hand (Image 1-5)

- 21:03:01—Officers yelled at Ms. Weems to drop the gun. It appeared Ms. Weems made small movements with her head.
- 21:03:54—Officers approached Ms. Weems. Sgt. Daniel Tobias kicked the gun away from her.
- 21:03:58—Sgt. Tobias and Officer Morgan began rendering aid to Ms. Weems.
- 21:04:21—Ms. Weems attempted to sit up. She was held down by Sgt. Tobias and Officer Morgan.
- 21:04:45—Officer placed a bag, presumably containing medical supplies, near the officers rendering aid to Ms. Weems.
- 21:06:11—Officer moved his cruiser into the grass.
- 21:06:24—An ambulance arrived on the scene.
- 21:07:21—Officer made a phone call. He is heard breathing heavily. It also sounded as if Officer was crying.
 - Officer remained in his cruiser throughout the duration of the video.
- 21:09:30—Officer Hickey began to place crime scene tape around the scene.
- 21:16:12—Officer cruiser camera was turned off. (Note: Officer BWC was turned off at 17:11:32.)

Officer BWC:

• 17:02:50—Officer returned fire from his AR-15 rifle. See image 2-1 below.



Officer returned fire. Image 2-1.

Officer Robert Bunnell's Cruiser Camera:

- 21:02:20—Officer Bunnell is the first officer to arrive.
- 21:02:40—Ms. Weems crouched down, pointed the gun in the direction of the police officers, and fired a single shot. See screenshot image 3-1 below.
- 21:02:44—Ms. Weems stood up and pointed the gun in the direction of the police officers as she advanced toward them. See screenshot image 3-2 below.



Ms. Weems takes aim in the direction of the officers. Image 3-1.



Ms. Weems advances toward the officers while pointing the gun in their direction. Image 3-2.

Officer William Hickey's BWC:

• 17:02:56—Officer Hickey broadcast on the radio, "Mary-17, female is down. Start EMS."

The remainder of the BWC and cruiser camera footage was reviewed by SA Seitzman. The hard drive provided by MTPD was submitted to be added to the physical case file.

References:

Portable Hard Drive - Black Seagate SRDONF1