

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



2024-4066

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1004 Park Lane, Apartment A, Middletown, Ohio (Butler County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review

Involves: Christopher Gorak (S)

Date of Activity: 12/30/2024

Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR-56 SW, London,

OH 43140

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Tuesday, December 24, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received body-worn camera footage from Middletown Police Deputy Chief Ryan Morgan. Deputy Chief Morgan advised that the videos contained footage from the body-worn cameras of Marc Hunt, Jr., Jacob Swanger, and Ryun Rawlins.

A majority of this report will focus on footage from and Swanger, as they were believed to be the most useful in understanding the events during the shooting event. There is commonly a delay in audio upon the activation of a body-worn camera. The delay is due to the video recovering historical data during playback, meaning once the camera is activated, it backs up a predetermined amount of time. SA Seitzman learned that the footage at issue backed up approximately 23 seconds.

SA Seitzman used Amped Replay software to review and annotate the video files. The following video files were used:

File Name	Playback FPS	Length (frames)	Duration (time)
1_20241224-19165414_1130h5_2406B400528_jacobsw	30	42121	00:23:24.000
1_20241224-19154483_1130h5_2406B400545_	30	42961	00:23:52.000
1_20241224-19153752_1130h5_2406B400537_march	30	36121	00:20:04.000
1_20241224-19154539_1130h5_2406B400527_ryunr	30	358871	00:19:56.000

Officer Jacob Swanger's Footage

Officer Swanger's video began as he was elevated on the steps looking at Apartment A. The embedded timestamp read 1916 hours. was standing in front of the apartment door, apparently trying to listen for noise coming from the apartment. The audio began at approximately twenty-three seconds into the video.

At approximately frame 1048, knocked on the apartment door and announced, "Middletown Police." He then moved left of the door so as to not stand in front of it. At approximately frame 1685, he used what appeared to be a flashlight to knock on the door a second time. He once again announced, "Middletown Police." At approximately frame 2157, he knocked for a third time.

At approximately frame 2299, the door began to open. The involved subject, Christopher Gorak, can first be seen at approximately frame 2310. He was holding a black pistol in his left hand. At that point, the pistol appeared to be pointed to the ground. See Figure 1 below.



Figure 1- Arrow annotation added- frame 2311

From approximately frames 2310 to 2336, Gorak continued to open the door. His arm also appeared to move up, thus pointing the pistol in the direction of and Officer Swanger. See Figure 2 below.

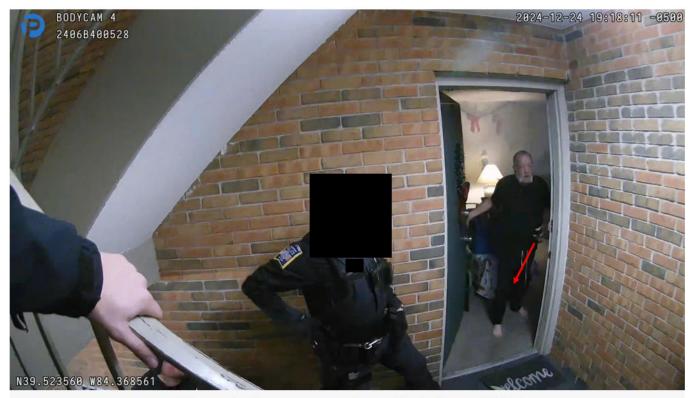


Figure 2- Arrow annotation added- frame 2333

At approximately frame 2337, it appeared that Gorak began to lower his pistol; however, almost simultaneously at approximately frame 2348, discharged his first shot of four fired his second shot at approximately frame 2356, his third shot at approximately frame 2365, and his final shot at approximately frame 2373. At approximately frame 2360, Gorak began to fall to the ground. He could be seen still holding onto the pistol after he fell. See Figure 3 below.

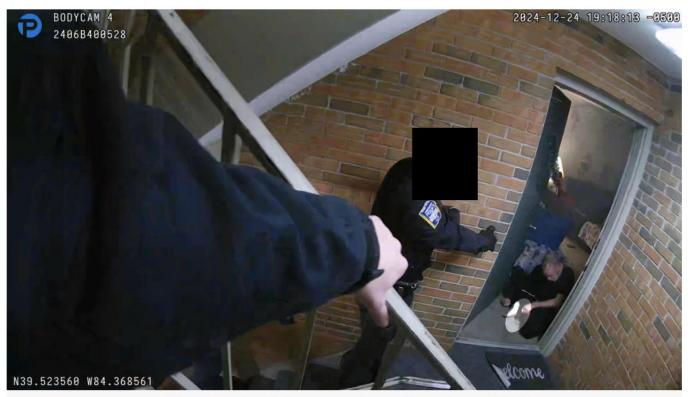


Figure 3- Spotlight annotation added- frame 2372

After the shots had stopped, Gorak fell back, and his arms came to rest under a table. Officer Swanger moved down from the stairs and joined Officer Rawlins. Both officers entered the apartment. Officer Rawlins moved the table, and Gorak's gun could be seen on the floor. See Figure 4 below.

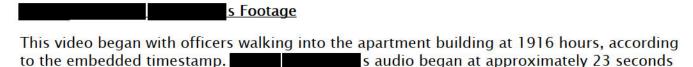


Figure 4- Spotlight annotation added- frame 3990

Gorak's son [Michael McIntosh] appeared from the back hallway of the apartment with his hands up. He was assisted out of the apartment by Officer Rawlins. Officer Hunt began CPR at approximately frame 4488, which was two minutes and twenty-nine seconds into the video [approximately 71.3 seconds after the last shot was fired]. Officers Swanger and Rawlins then conducted a protective sweep of the apartment. Officers then continued medical aid. While CPR was in progress, Officer Swanger spoke to another officer and commented, "I'm not certain if he had the gun in his hand." This comment occurred at approximately frame 14658.

At approximately 8 minutes and 35 seconds into the video, the medics arrived. After several minutes, one of the medics asked Officer Swanger what happened. Officer Swanger indicated that police were called for two males physically fighting. Once they arrived, they heard yelling inside the apartment. He said officers knocked and announced Middletown Police several times. He stated that Gorak then opened the door with a gun in his hand.

Officer Swanger deactivated his camera's audio at approximately fourteen minutes into the video. He remained inside the apartment until relieved by another officer.



into the video. While officers were attempting to determine the address of the disturbance

they were dispatched to, noise could be heard coming from Apartment A. Though the exact words could not be made out in the video, it seemed as if the occupants inside the apartment were arguing.

knocked on the door and announced, "Middletown Police." He knocked a second time and announced, "Middletown Police." knocks for a third time, and Gorak opens the door approximately three seconds later at frame 4441. At frame 4454, the gun can be seen. At frame 4474, Gorak can be seen holding a gun, which was pointed in s direction. See Figures 5, 6, and 7 below.

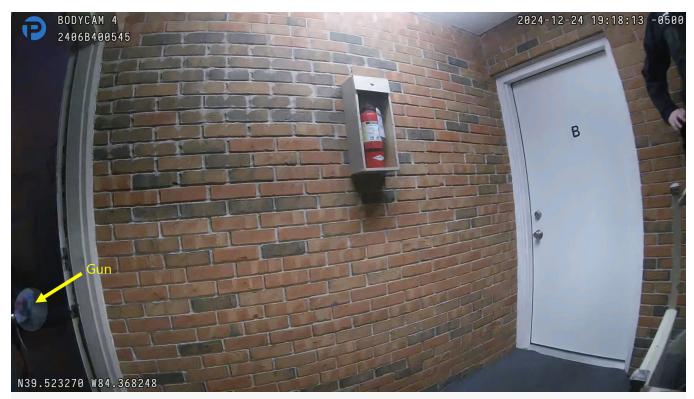


Figure 5- Spotlight and text annotations added- frame 4454



Figure 6- Spotlight annotation added- frame 4474



Figure 7- Spotlight and arrow annotations added- frame 4483

discharged his first round at approximately frame 4489. He fired his second round at approximately frame 4496, his third round at approximately frame 4505, and his final round was obstructed by his arm; however, it likely occurred at approximately frame 4515 based on audio. He fired four rounds over the course of approximately .8 seconds.

broadcast shots fired over the radio and informed the other officers that Gorak had a gun in his hand. He was instructed by other officers to remove himself from the scene. He muted his body-worn camera and remained outside until another officer drove him to the police department.

Officer Ryun Rawlins Footage

The majority of Officer Rawlins' body-worn camera footage did not provide additional details not already known from the other footage. After the shooting incident, Officer Rawlins spoke with a supervisor and began to explain the events. He then exited the building with another supervisor and spoke with her outside. He told the supervisor that his view was obstructed by He stated that he saw Gorak's gun under a table next to his body. Officer Hunt clarified to the sergeant that Gorak answered the door pointing the gun and demonstrated to her how Gorak was holding it.

Officer Marc Hunt, Jr.'s Footage

The majority of Officer Hunt's body-worn camera footage did not provide additional details not already known from the other footage.

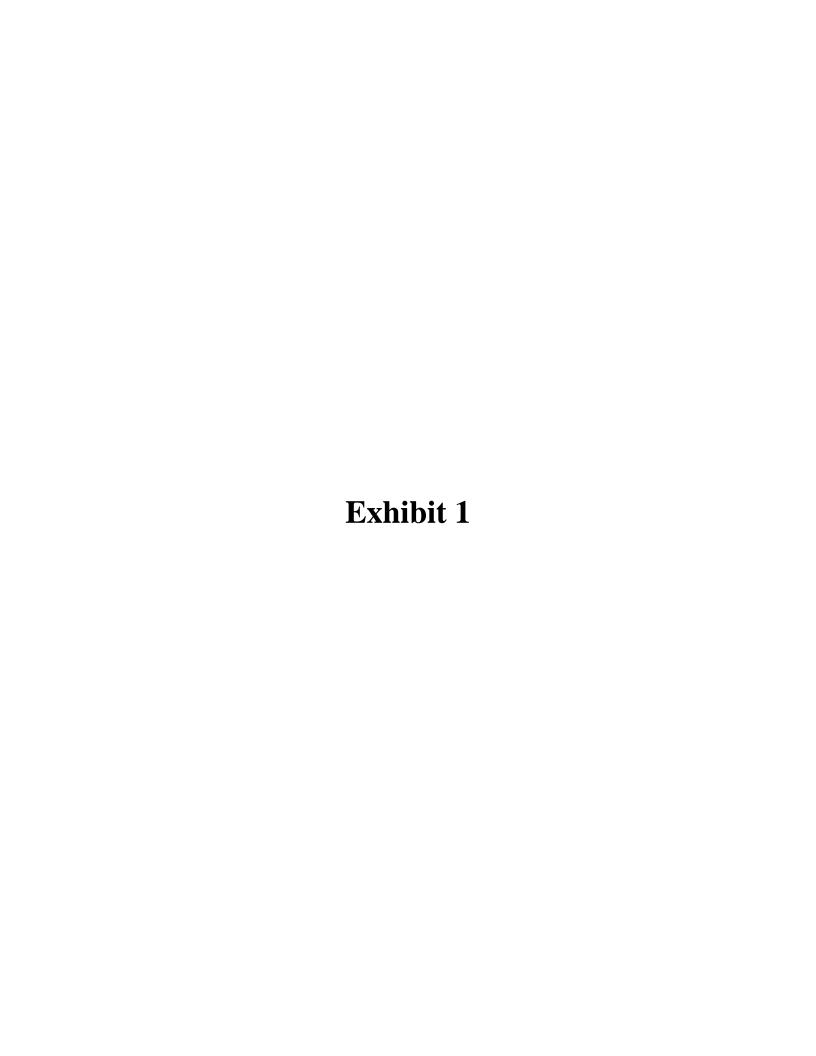
All body-worn camera footage was uploaded on Axon Evidence.com.

References:

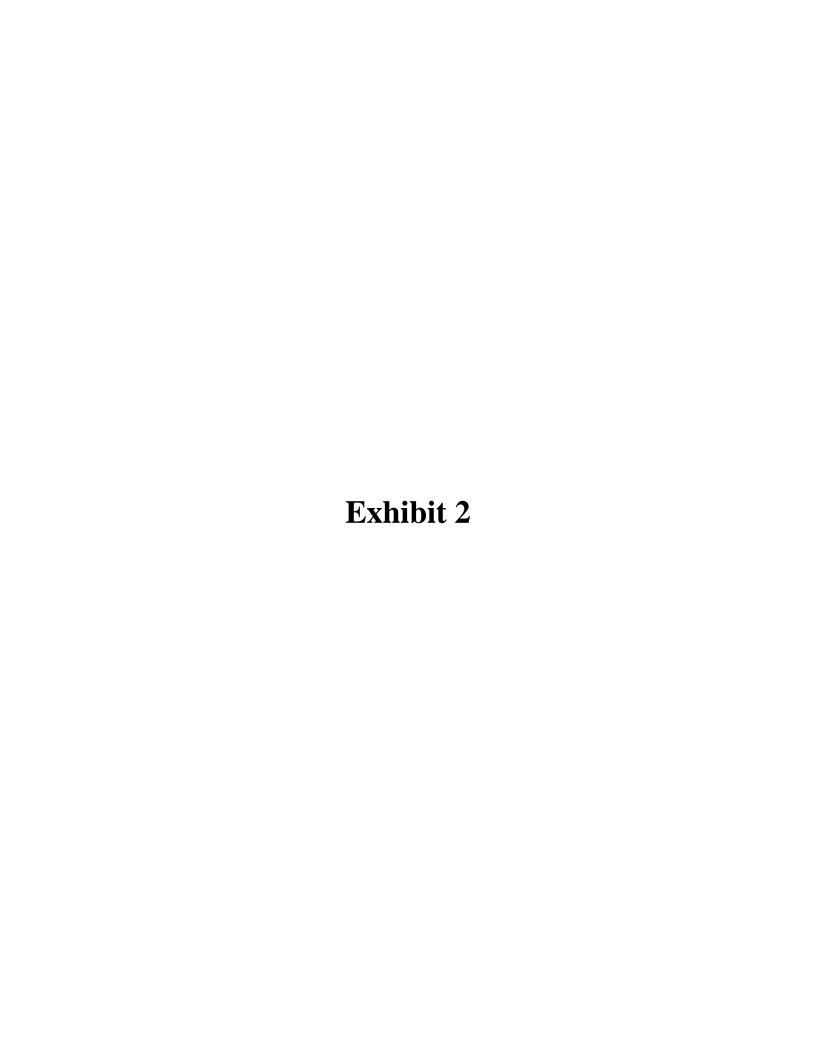
Axon Evidence.com Axon Body-Worn Camera Footage- Evidence.com

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:	1_20241224-19165414_1130h5_2406B400528_jacobsw- export-02311-20241230110531 [Door opens-gun pointed down]
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Attachment # 03:	1_20241224-19165414_1130h5_2406B400528_jacobsw- export-02333-20241230111249 [arrow showing gun direction)
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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

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 Height
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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
 42121

Duration (time) 00:23:24.000

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Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-4066

Location: Middletown

Camera: Swanger BWC

Purpose of Viewing: Review/ Annotate

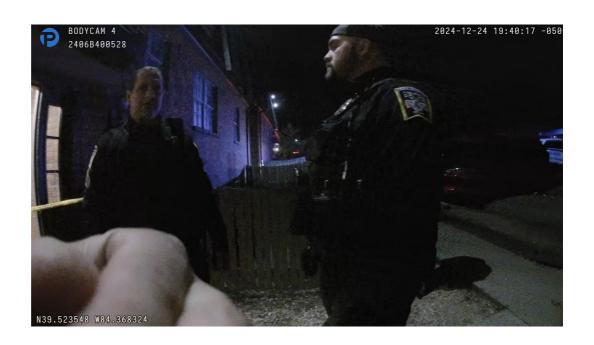
Submitted by: Seitzman

Review Summary: Video review & annotated still images

First Frame Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42120



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

Processing Information No enhancement applied

Output File

File Name Project\Demonstratives\1_20241224-19165414_1130h5_2406B400528_jacobsw-export-02311-

20241230110531 [Door opens-gun pointed down].jpg

File Hash (MD5) 8dafe386d80bee6156bc02f050350785

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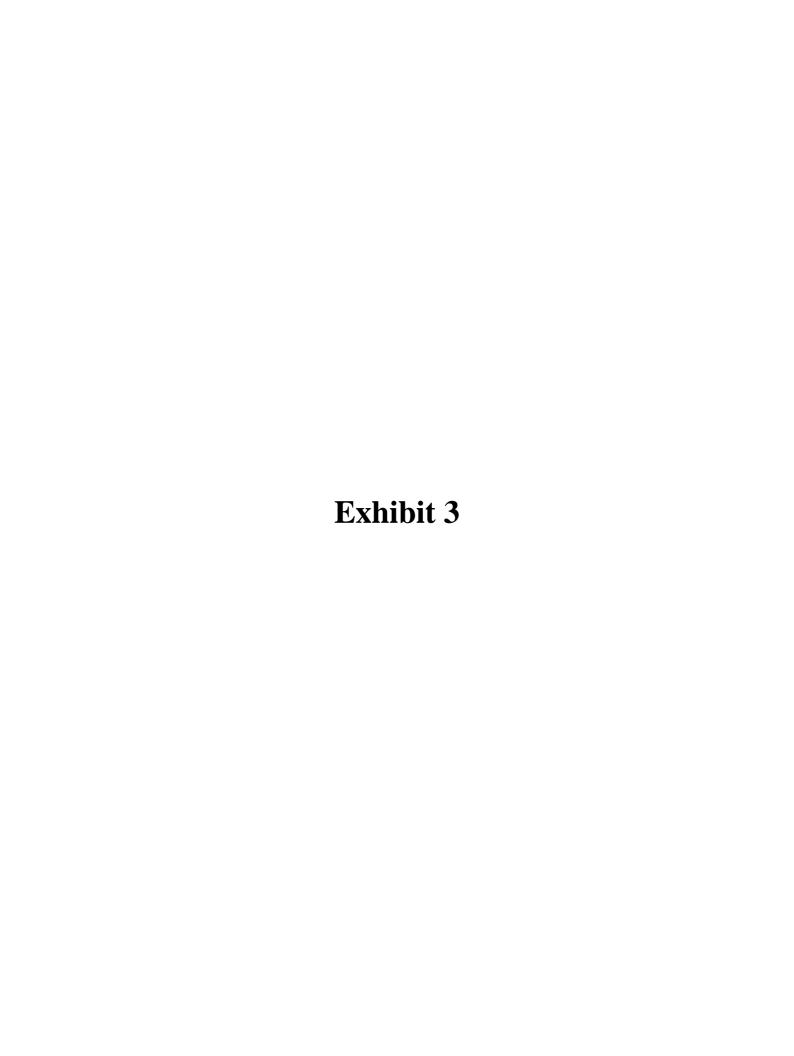
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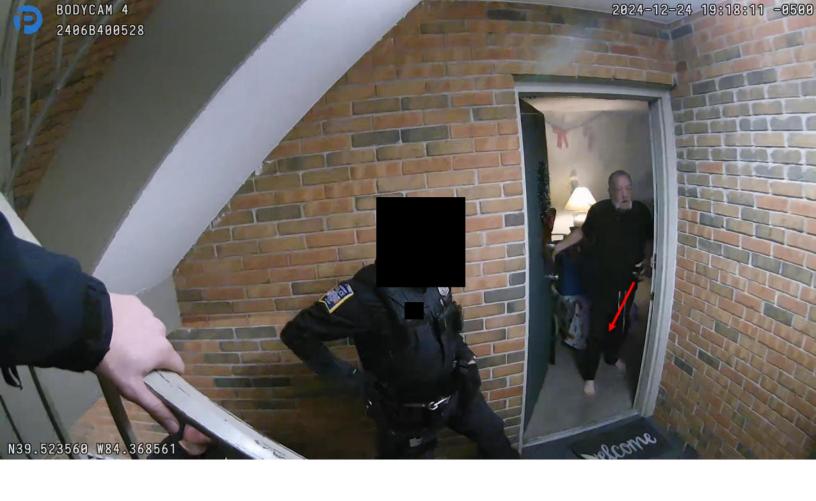
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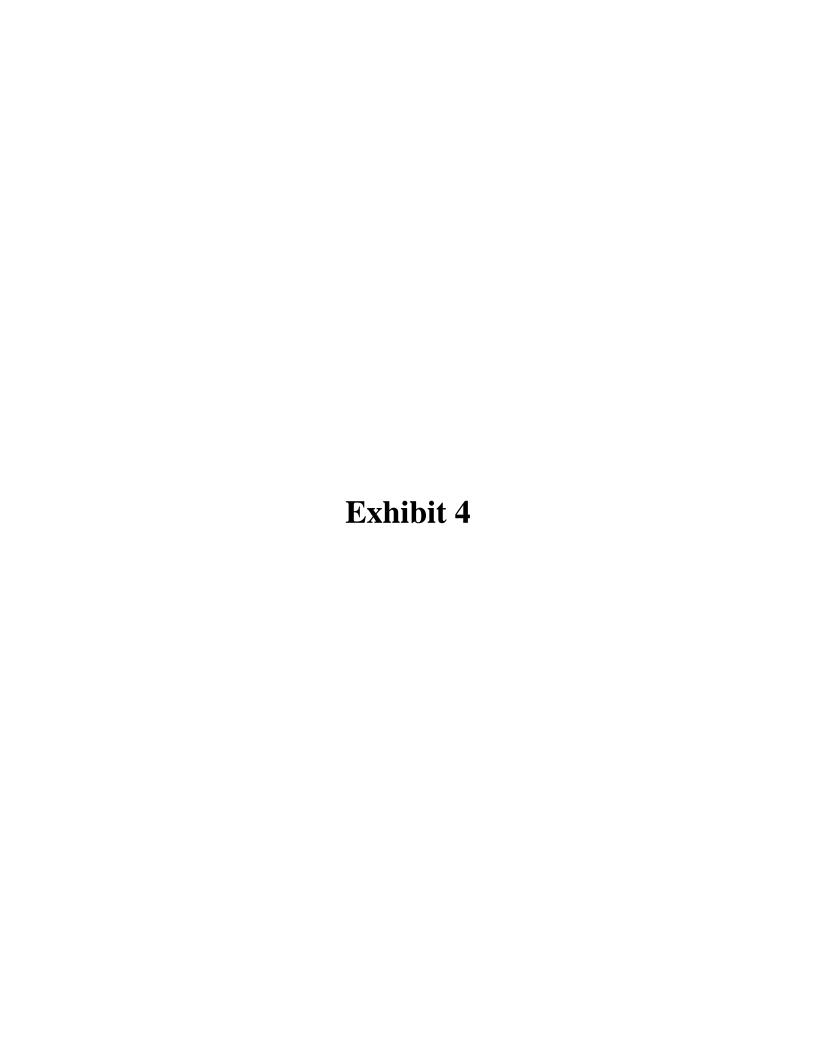
Annotations Information

Description

- Arrow (Head: Arrow, Tail: Line, Thickness: 6)
 - ∘ Colors: #FF0000 •
 - o at frame 2311 (Head: [1483, 861], Tail: [1481, 750])







Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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 Height
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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
 42121

Duration (time) 00:23:24.000

Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-4066

Location: Middletown

Camera: Swanger BWC

Purpose of Viewing: Review/ Annotate

Submitted by: Seitzman

Review Summary: Video review & annotated still images

First Frame Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42120



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

Processing Information No enhancement applied

Output File

File Name Project\Demonstratives\1_20241224-19165414_1130h5_2406B400528_jacobsw-export-02333-

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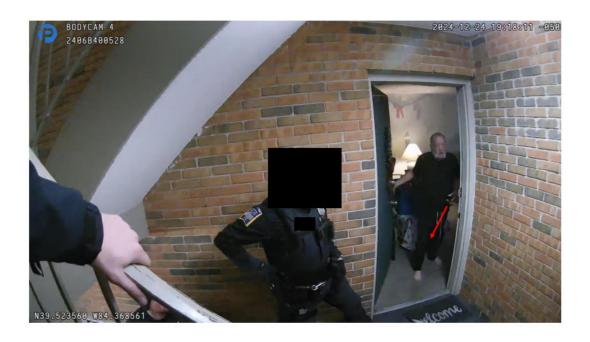
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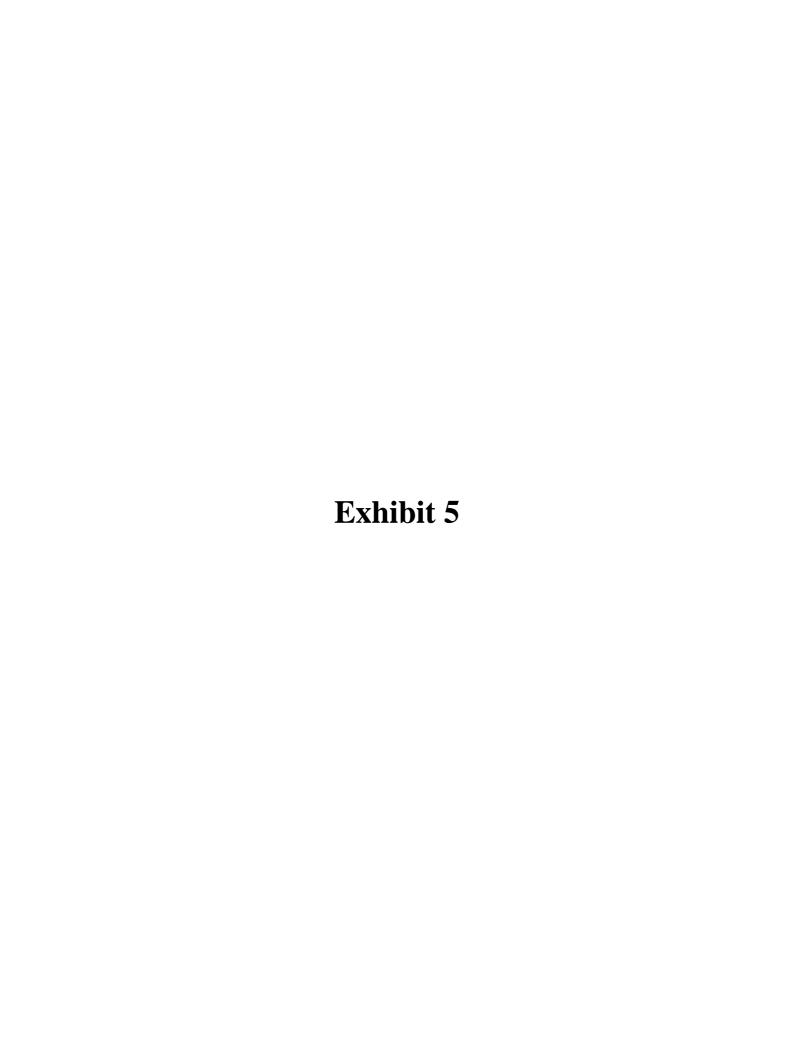
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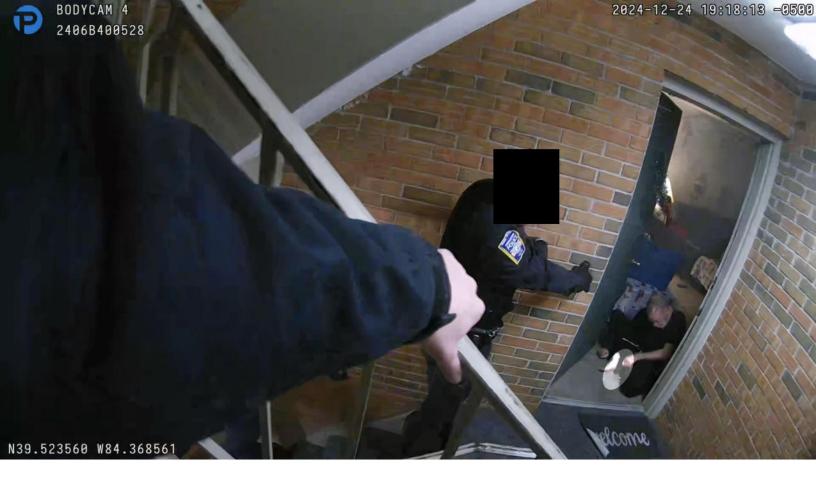
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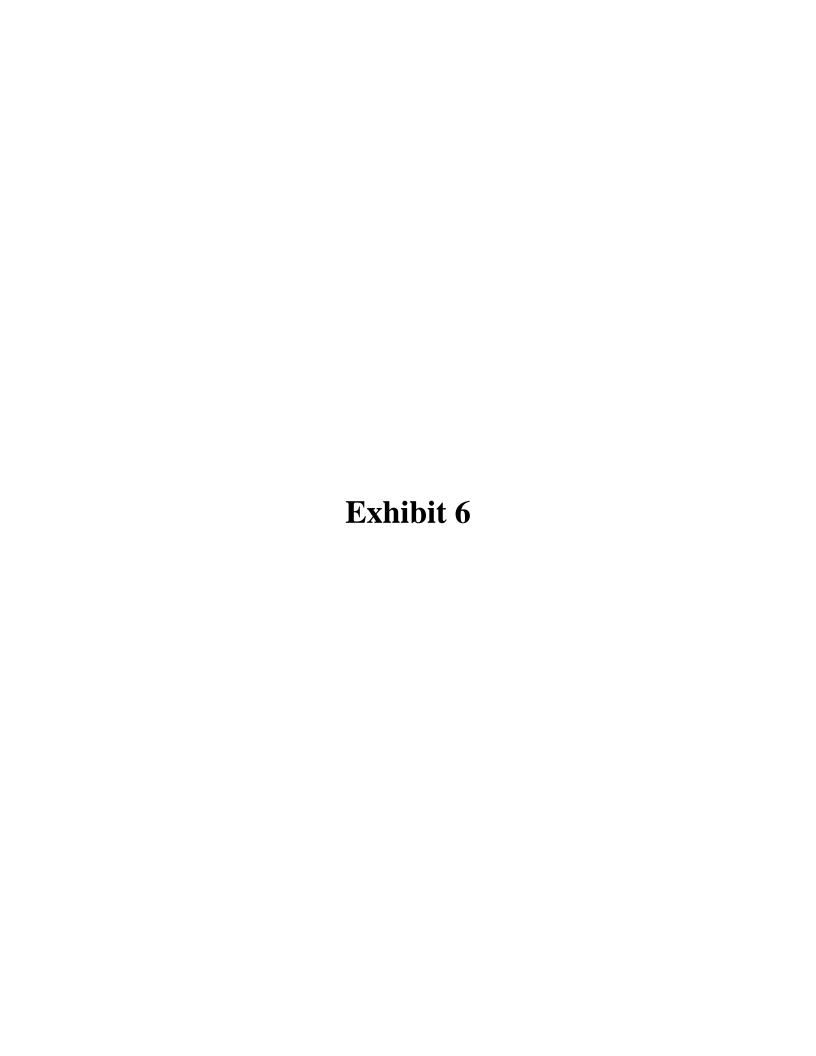
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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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 Height
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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
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Duration (time) 00:23:24.000

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Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-4066

Location: Middletown

Camera: Swanger BWC

Purpose of Viewing: Review/ Annotate

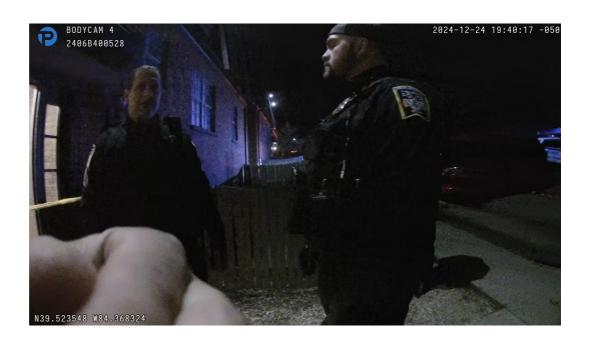
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First Frame Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42120



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Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

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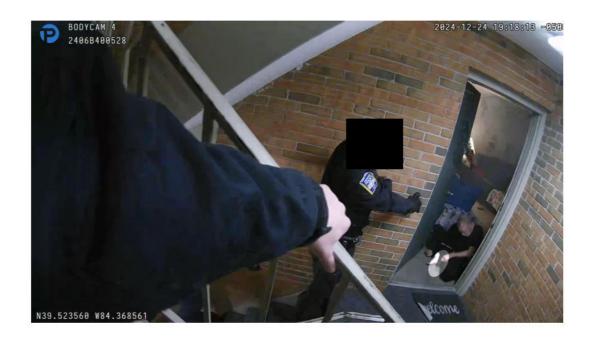
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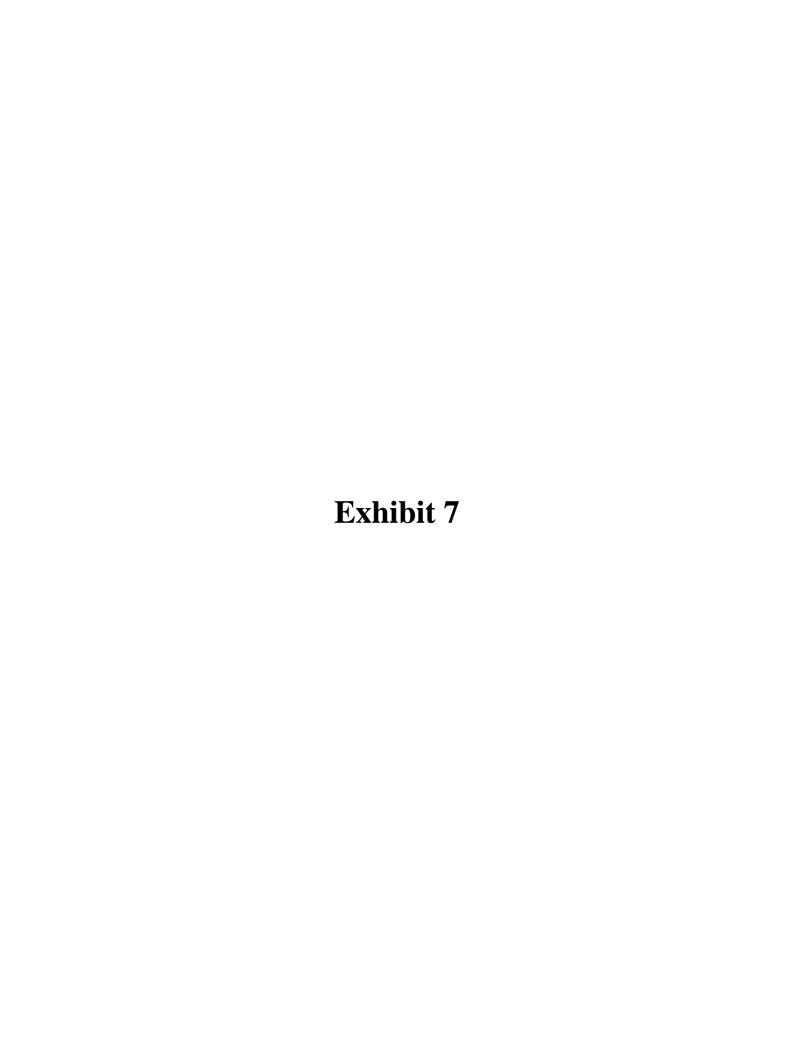
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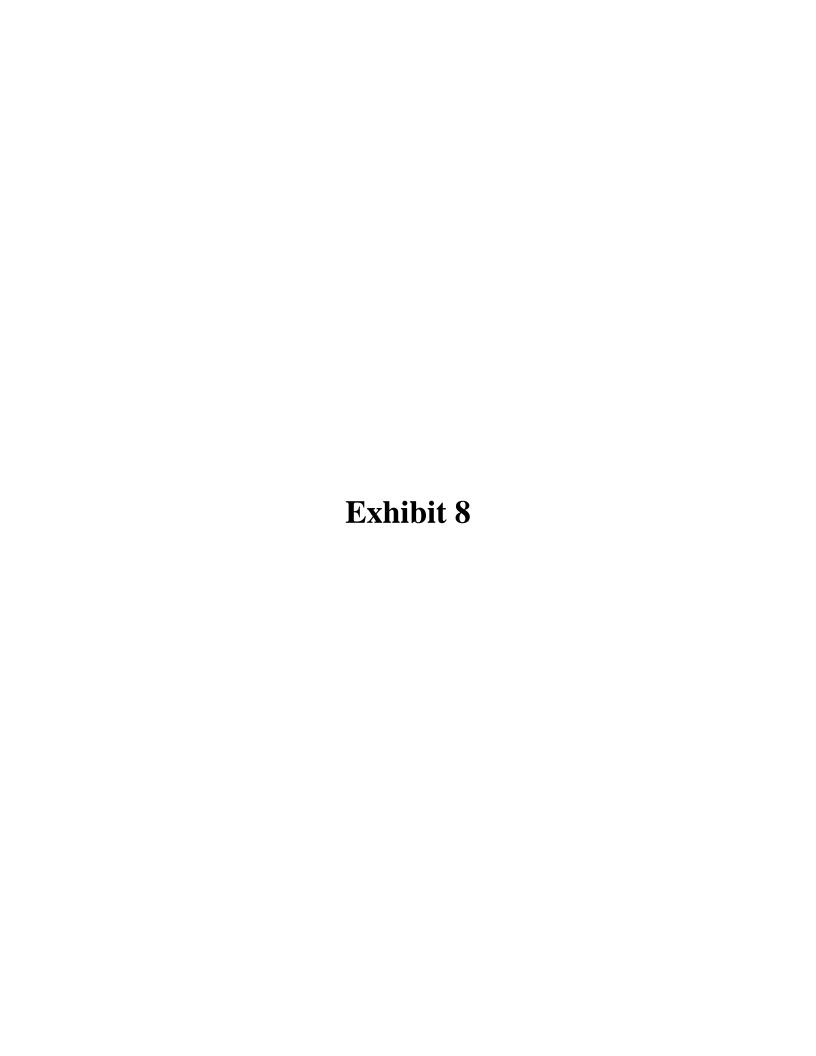
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Description

- Spotlight (Ellipse)
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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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File Size 586.3 MB

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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
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Duration (time) 00:23:24.000

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Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

Case Information

Case: 2024-4066

Location: Middletown

Camera: Swanger BWC

Purpose of Viewing: Review/ Annotate

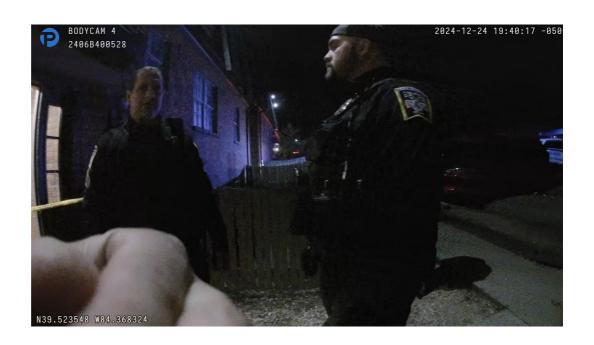
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First Frame Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42120



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Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

Processing Information No enhancement applied

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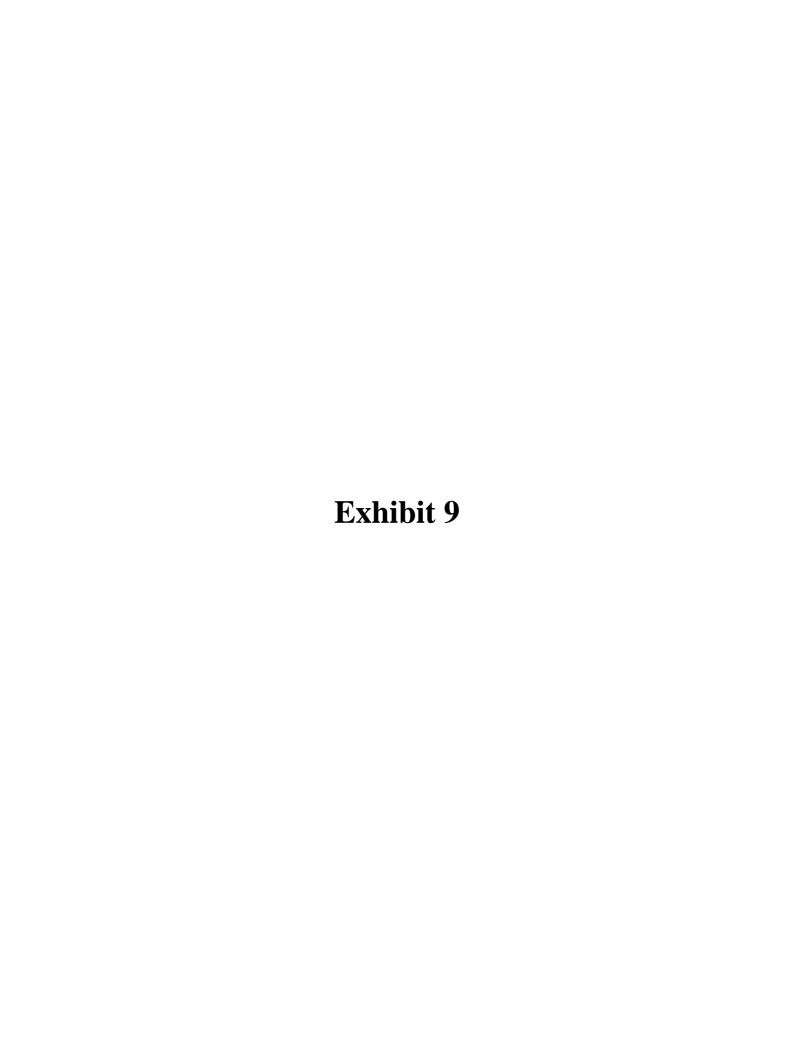
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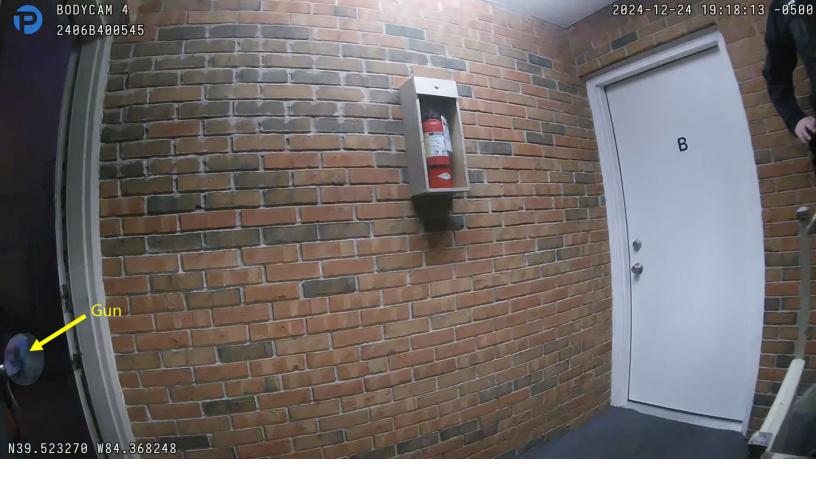
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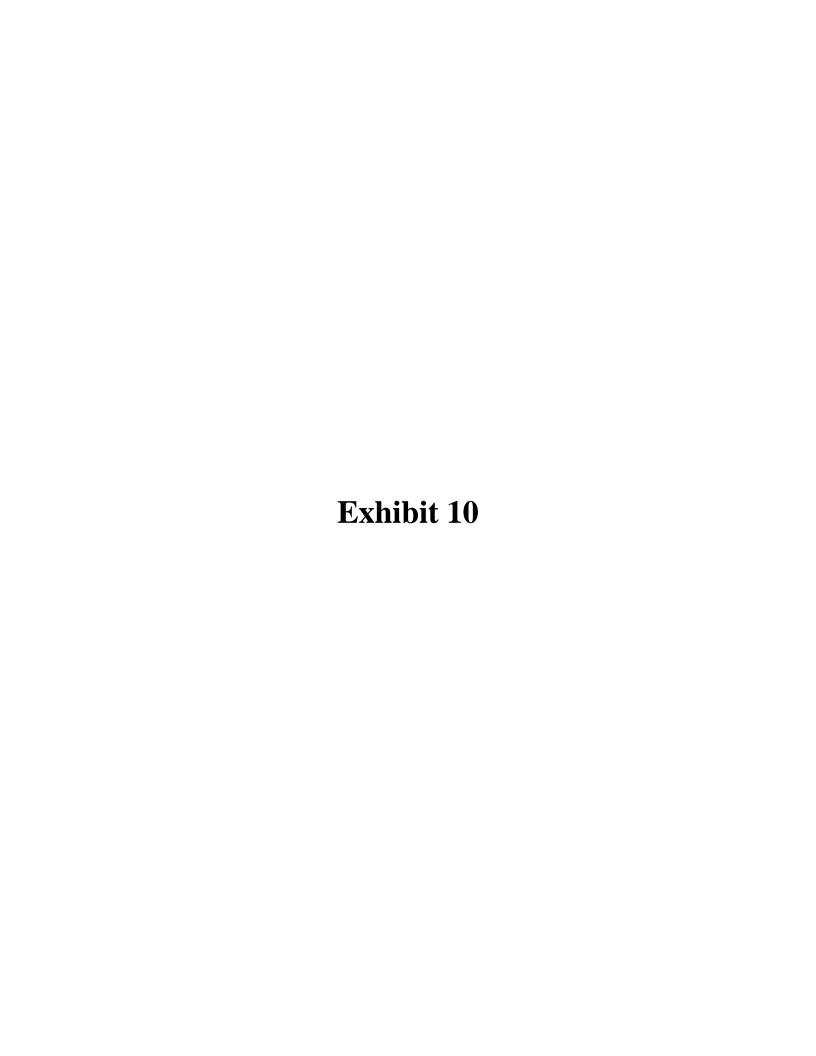
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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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File Size 408.1 MB

Format mov,mp4,m4a,3gp,3g2,mj2

 Codec
 heve

 Width
 1920

 Height
 1080

 File Fps
 30.0000

 Length (frames)
 42961

Duration (time) 00:23:52.000

Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42960



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

Output File

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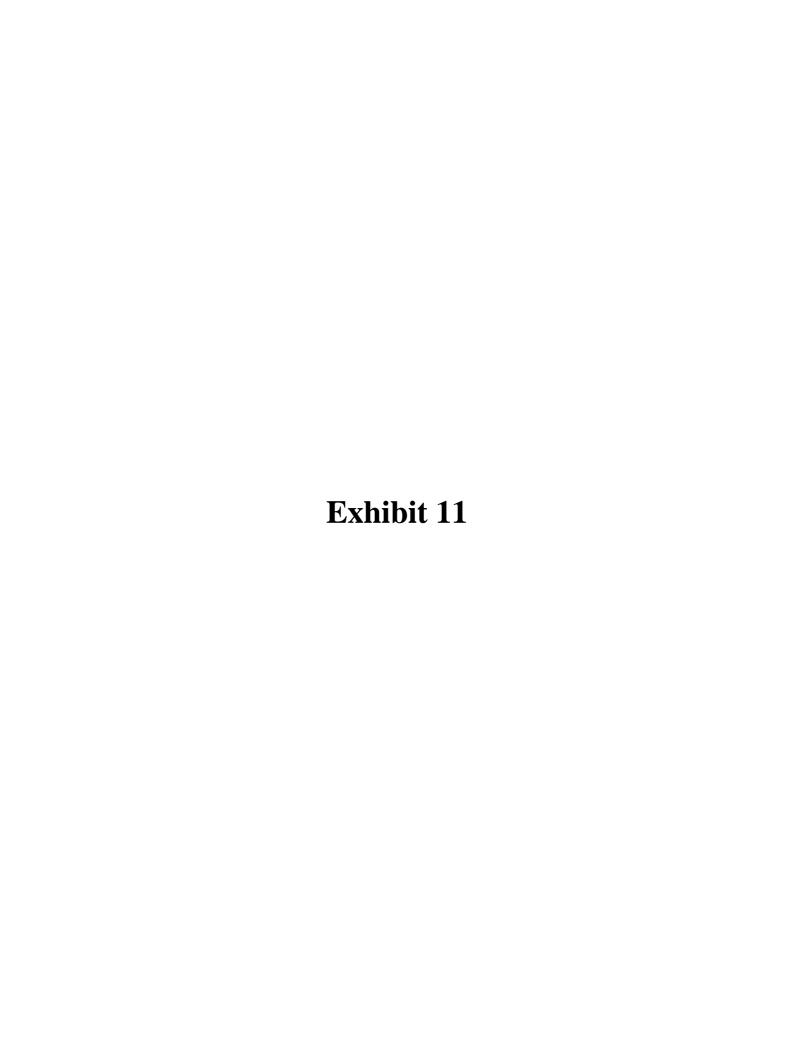
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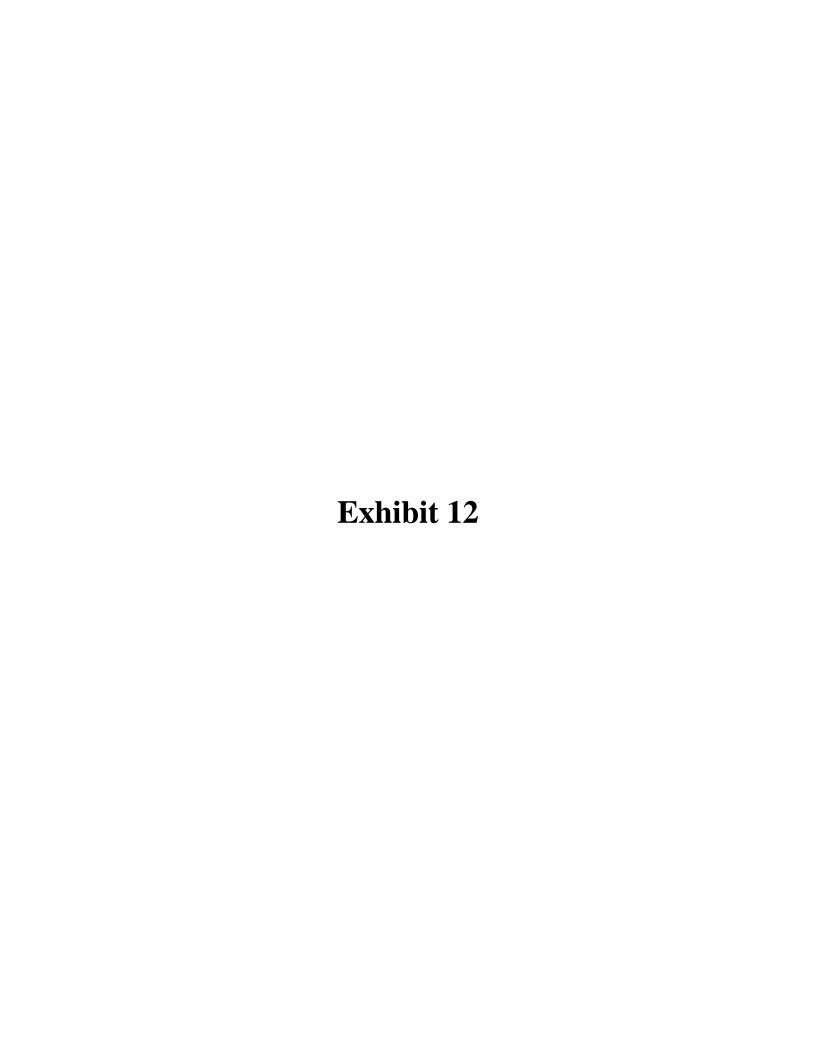
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 - o at frame 4454 (Head: [69, 826], Tail: [201, 743])
- Spotlight (Ellipse)
 - o Colors: Border None
 - o at frame 4454 (Center: [57, 845], Rotation: 0°, Width: 96px, Height: 126px)







Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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 Height
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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
 42961

Duration (time) 00:23:52.000

Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42960



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

Fps 30.0000

Output File

File Name

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Project\Demonstratives\1_20241224-19154483_1130h5_2406B400545 export-04474-

20241230122500 Gorak opens door with gun).jpg

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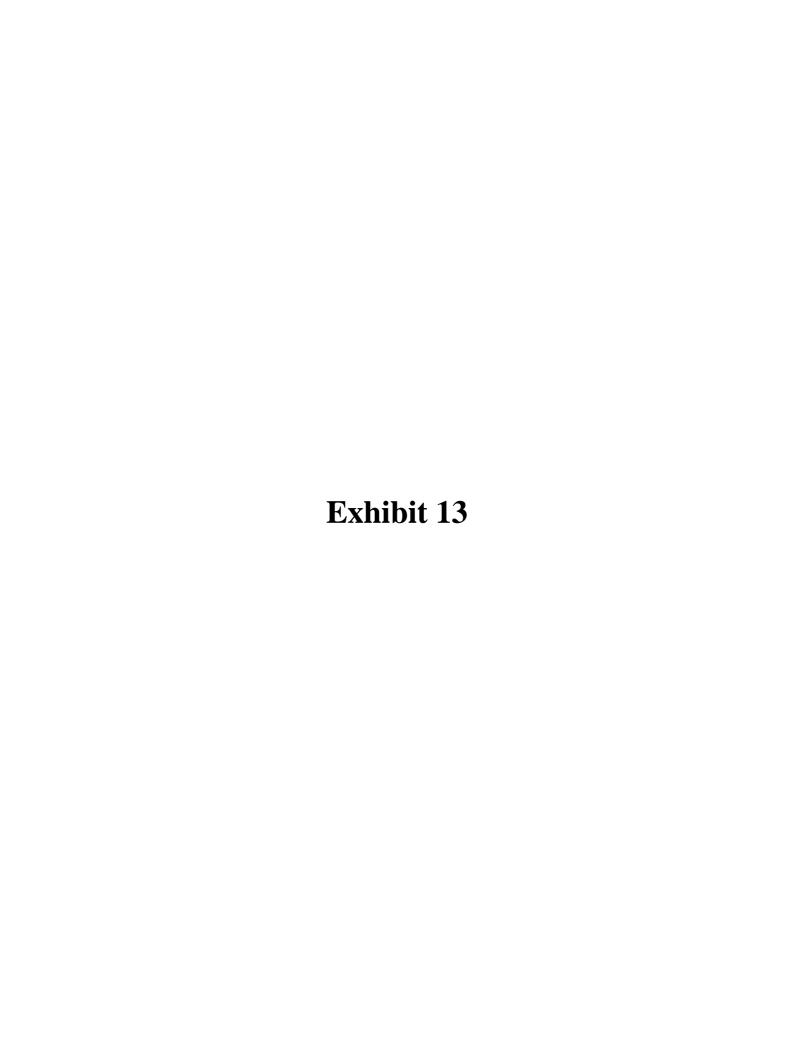
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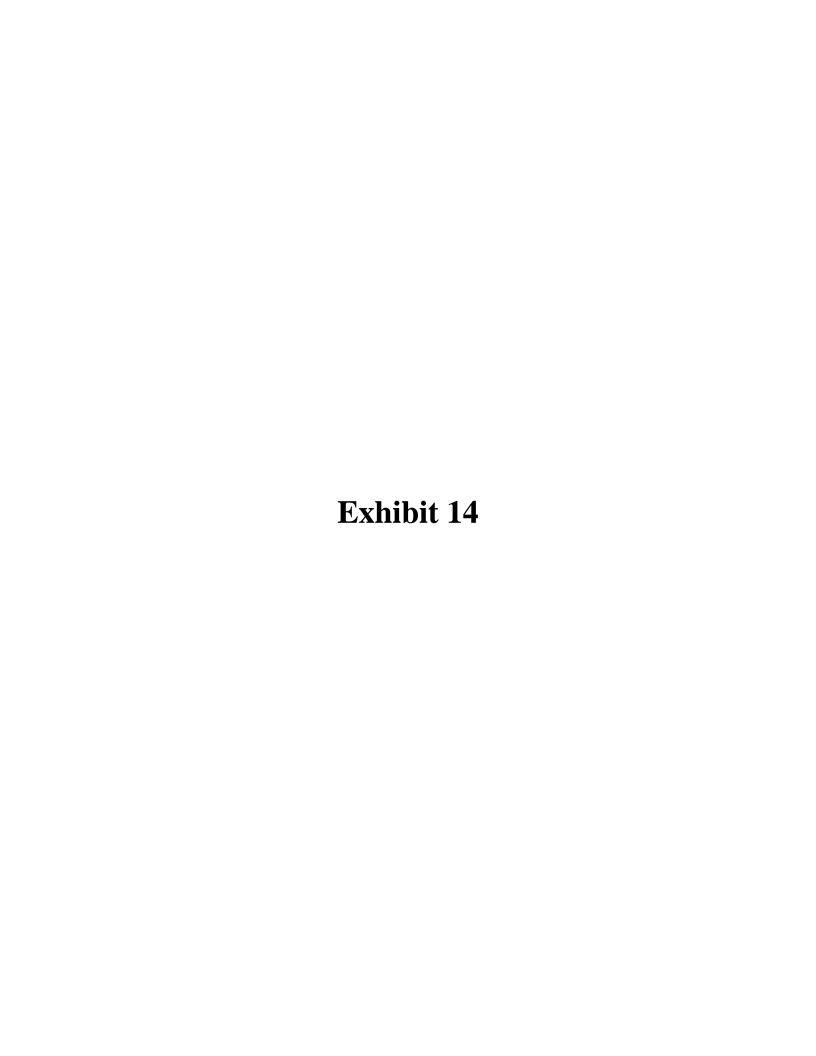
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- o Colors: Border None
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Amped Replay Report

Software Information

Software Version 34739

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File Size 408.1 MB

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 Width
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 Height
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 File Fps
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 Length (frames)
 42961

Duration (time) 00:23:52.000

Audio stream exists
Sampling Frequency 16000 Hz

First Frame

Frame 0



Last Frame Frame 42960



Range Selection No selection applied

Playback Frame Rate

30.0000 Fps

Output File

Quality (JPEG)

C:\Users\sseitzman\Documents\2024-4066 Middletown OIS\Amped Replay

Project\Demonstratives\1_20241224-19154483_1130h5_2406B400545 File Name export-04483-

20241231071825 gun pointed with arrow).jpg

File Hash (MD5) b96dbc4b200cfbdf9c64a13e5150acb3

File Size 712.5 KB 1920 Width Height 1080 100%

Bookmarks Information No bookmarks selected

Motion Detection Bookmarks Information

No bookmarks selected

Annotations Information

Description

- Arrow (Head: Arrow, Tail: Line, Thickness: 10)
 - o Colors: #FF0000 ●
 - o at frame 4483 (Head: [647, 1078], Tail: [638, 950])
- Spotlight (Ellipse)
 - o Colors: Border None
 - o at frame 4483 (Center: [652, 831], Rotation: 0°, Width: 178px, Height: 238px)