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Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 6900 Block S. High St. Columbus

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Activity Date: 12/12/2023

Activity Location: BCI

Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) received video footage from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Sgt. Terry McConnell (Sgt. McConnell). SA Collins was informed that the videos contained footage from the body camera recorded by CPD [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

SA Collins documented the portions of the audio/video he believed to be the most relevant in obtaining facts necessary to provide an understanding of the events that took place during the incident. SA Collins documented what he believed each subject was saying. For both these reasons mentioned, the reader is encouraged to review the video in its entirety.

During the course of the investigation the names of individuals involved were identified. While they may not be identified solely in the video, SA Collins utilized their respective names for clarity purposes.

SA Collins utilized Amped Five (AF) to evaluate and work with the video files to aid in the review. SA Collins brought the following file into AF;

"Axon_Body_3_Video_2023-08-05_0110_X60A8572X".

By doing so, the program identifies the metadata included within the video. See *Figure 1* for the respective officer's BWC being referenced. "*Figure*" numbers will be respective to each camera. All times are approximating and reflective of the times within the video clips and not the time of day.

SA Collins created sub-clips and bookmarked images during the review. SA Collins marked a total of fourteen (14) frames/images from the video clip. The images were named by the frame number identified by AF (F=Frame, F####). SA Collins reviewed the videos and noted the following:

The video was approximately seventeen minutes and fifteen seconds (17:15.166) long. There were thirty-one thousand, fifty-five (31,055) total frames.



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The video began with ██████████ seated in the driver's seat of his patrol vehicle.

- 02:21.300 ██████████ keyed-up his mic and began to exit his patrol vehicle (door begins to open). ██████████ stated, "██████████ to radio. I got him at South High and Rowe, it looks like."
- 02:27.266 ██████████ said, "Hello, sir. Columbus Police." (Figure 1)



Figure 1: F4418 ██████████ identified himself to Bryson

- 02:36.733 ██████████ said/asked, "Hey. Hey. Buddy, you okay."
 - ██████████ asked Bryson to walk towards him, because he did not want him "to get struck or anything."
- 02:47.466 Ofc ██████████ asked Bryson, "Are you alright?"
 - Bryson responded, "No, man." (Figure 2)



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Figure 2: F5024_Bryson's position when [REDACTED] asked if he was alright.

- 03:13.466 [REDACTED] requested a squad for possible excited delirium.
 - Advised it was a medical or 16B (disturbance/mental) situation.
- 03:28.233 Just as [REDACTED] was finishing the above communication, Bryson quickly moved into the direction of [REDACTED] while keeping his right arm back. After a couple steps, Bryson stopped.
 - [REDACTED] requested another unit. He said, "Hey, start a car. He's getting combative." (Figure 3)



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Figure 3: F6247_Bryson moved quickly into the direction of [REDACTED] before stopping

[REDACTED] continued to attempt to speak with Bryson, while Bryson appeared to have his right hand in a fist.

- 04:09.433 Bryson again, quickly moved into the direction of [REDACTED] with his right hand still in a fist and again stopped. [REDACTED] advised via radio, Bryson had an object in his hand (“a bottle or something”) and was trying to fight [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also appeared to pull out his collapsible baton. (Figure 4)



Figure 4: F7483_Bryson again moved quickly into the direction of [REDACTED] before stopping

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As Bryson began to move back and forth in a swaying motion (almost like pacing within only a foot or two), ██████████ told Bryson, "Don't do it."

- 04:28.866 Bryson said something to the effect of "Go-head, shoot me."
 - ██████████ responded, "Na, I don't wanna do that. I wanna help ya."
 - Bryson said, "No, shoot me."
 - ██████████ replied, "No, no, I don't wanna do that. Cause I wanna help ya buddy."
- 04:40.533 Bryson said, "No man, take your gun out and shoot me."
 - ██████████ replied, "No, I don't wanna do that."
 - Bryson began walking into the middle of the highway and ██████████ told him not to do that.

██████████ continued to ask Bryson to get out of the roadway, because he didn't want anything to happen to him. There were a couple of vehicles which were passing by, as Bryson was moving into the direction of them on multiple occasions. ██████████ ordered Bryson, "Do not run out there!"

- 05:55.233 Bryson leaned down and appeared to scrape something across the ground (audibly the sound was consistent). Bryson then appeared to begin moving his right hand back and forth against his let arm, which was extended. (Figure 5)



Figure 5: F10657_Bryson leaned down and appeared to scrap object



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- 06:08.966 Bryson quickly moved into the direction of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him to stop. Bryson stopped. [REDACTED] stated, "Don't do it. Do Not Do it, okay."
 - 6:17.800 [REDACTED] Bryson appeared to have his service weapon out, down, in front of him. (Figure 6)



Figure 6: F11334_First glimpse of [REDACTED] with service weapon out. Arrow added by SA Collins

- 06:19.466 Bryson again quickly moved toward [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had his gun out and in the low-ready position, ordering Bryson to stop. Bryson stopped for a moment but then continued into the direction of [REDACTED] (Figure 7)



Figure 7: F11383_ [REDACTED] with weapon at low ready. Arrow added by SA Collins



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- 06:21.933 It appeared [REDACTED] began firing his weapon. (Figure 8)
 - [REDACTED] fired his weapon three (3) times and appeared to stop firing at 6:22.633. (Figure 9)
 - [REDACTED] continued to "cover" Bryson while he awaited back-up.



Figure 8: F11458_Believed to be moment 1st shot fired by [REDACTED]



Figure 9: F11479_Believed to be moment last shot fired by [REDACTED]



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With the belief or understanding of ██████ beginning to fire his weapon in frame #11458, at 06:21.933 into the recording and ceasing fire in frame #11479 at 06:22.633; ██████ fired three (3) times in 0.7 seconds or within 22 frames.

Time	06:22.633
	-06:21.933
Difference	0:0.7

Frames	11479
Including	11458
Total	22

- 08:44.266 ██████ began securing Bryson in handcuffs. As ██████ began doing so, an object later identified as a broken bottle could be seen on the ground beneath Bryson as well as Bryson having cuts to his left forearm.



Figure 10: F15728_Broken bottle beneath Bryson. Yellow circle added by SA Collins



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Figure 11: F16038_Appear to be cuts to Bryson's arms. Yellow arrow added by SA Collins

- 09:39.666 [REDACTED] was able to get Bryson secured in handcuffs and began rendering medical aid (chest compressions).
- 11:19.266 Several officers began to arrive simultaneously and took over medical aid efforts, until medics arrived.
 - 11:40.733 A squad is seen parked in the roadway in the background



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Utilizing the Amped Five video software, SA Collins created an "annotated" video clip of ██████'s interaction with Bryson. The purpose of doing so allows the viewer to see Bryson and his actions in a magnified version (example below). The amped five report is attached to this report, in order to provide the viewer with the dimensions, pixel resolution and ratios.



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 devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of any one particular party. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the parties involved. Video recordings can often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.



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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 Amped Five Project was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item #2 for reference only.

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Summary | MediaInfo | ffprobe | ExitTool | Frame Analysis | Hex Viewer
General
Complete name      : C:\Users\mcollins\Desktop\Axon_Body_3_Video_2023-08-05_0110_X60A8572X.mp4
Format             : MPEG-4
Format profile     : Base Media / Version 2
Codec ID          : mp42 (mp42/mp41/lsm/lsm2)
File size         : 513 MiB
Duration          : 17 min 15 s
Overall bit rate  : 4 156 kb/s
Encoded date      : UTC 2023-08-05 05:10:45
Tagged date       : UTC 2023-08-05 05:26:00

Video
ID                : 1
Format           : AVC
Format/Info      : Advanced Video Codec
Format profile    : High@L3.1
Format settings  : CABAC / 5 Ref Frames
Format settings, CABAC : Yes
Format settings, Reference frames : 5 frames
Format settings, GOP : M=1, N=31
Codec ID         : avc1
Codec ID/Info    : Advanced Video Coding
Duration        : 17 min 15 s
Bit rate        : 3 998 kb/s
Maximum bit rate : 41.8 Mb/s
Width           : 1 280 pixels
Height          : 720 pixels
Display aspect ratio : 16:9
Frame rate mode : Variable
Frame rate      : 30.000 FPS
Minimum frame rate : 9.934 FPS
Maximum frame rate : 60.000 FPS
Standard        : NTSC
Color space     : YUV
Chroma subsampling : 4:2:0
Bit depth       : 8 bits
Scan type       : Progressive
Bits/(Pixel*Frame) : 0.145
Stream size     : 493 MiB (96%)
Encoded date    : UTC 2023-08-05 05:10:45
Tagged date     : UTC 2023-08-05 05:26:00
Color range     : Limited
Color primaries : BT.709
Transfer characteristics : BT.709
Matrix coefficients : BT.709
Codec configuration box : avcC

Audio
ID                : 2
Format           : AAC LC
Format/Info      : Advanced Audio Codec Low Complexity
Codec ID         : mp4a-40-2
Duration        : 17 min 14 s
Source duration  : 17 min 14 s
Bit rate mode    : Constant
Bit rate        : 144 kb/s
Nominal bit rate : 128 kb/s
Channel(s)       : 2 channels
Channel layout   : L R
Sampling rate    : 48.0 kHz
Frame rate       : 46.875 FPS (1024 SPF)
Compression mode : Lossy
Stream size     : 17.4 MiB (3%)
Source stream size : 17.4 MiB (3%)
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