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2023-3223

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE, Canton, OH 44707



Investigative Activity: Video Review - CPD Ofc. Cole Wilson

Activity Date: 2/12/2024

Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Friday, January 05, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage originally obtained by BCI SA Al Bansky (Bansky). SA Bansky was informed that the videos contained footage from the body cameras recorded by the Canton Police Department (CPD).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

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This video is 38 minutes and 53 seconds in duration. The video is recorded by the body-worn camera (BWC) of Canton Police Department Officer (Ofc.) Cole Wilson (Wilson). The time stamp at the beginning of the video is 12/05/2023 at 22:08:06.

The video begins showing Wilson sitting in the front passenger seat of a police vehicle. At 22:08:37, sound can now be heard. At 22:09:51, Wilson begins to exit the vehicle. Wilson runs across a parking lot and into an apartment building. Wilson proceeds up a flight of stairs and then outside. As Wilson exits the apartment building, Ofc. Garrett Marino (Marino) and Ofc. Anthony Loparo (Loparo) can be seen standing near where Zachary Fornash (Fornash) is lying on the ground. See screenshot below.

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At 22:10:38, Loparo can be seen removing an object from Fornash. Loparo says "Gun's out." See screenshot below and the area circled in red. At 22:10:44, Loparo says "It's a BB gun, it's fake." Officers begin to provide aid to Fornash. At 22:16:36, an ambulance arrives and can be seen parked in the street. Wilson remains on scene and provides evidence security on a cellular telephone that was located in a nearby parking lot. At 22:47:00, the video ends.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item B for reference only.

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