



Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report



2025-2193
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 33635 Haning Road,
Albany, Ohio, 45710 (L)

Investigative Activity: Body Worn Camera Video Review
Involves: Meigs County Sheriff's Office
Activity Date: 08/25/2025
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Monday, August 25, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) reviewed video footage from the Meigs County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). SA Douglass was informed that the received video contained footage from body worn cameras (BWC) recorded by MCSO deputies on scene on the date of the officer involved critical incident (OICI) which occurred on July 8, 2025. The OICI involved MCSO deputies and an individual identified as Patrick McDaniel (McDaniel).

SA Douglass received one (1) video file from MCSO related to the incident, which was recorded from the BWC of MCSO Deputy Bill Gilkey (Dep. Gilkey). SA Douglass reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

- Video begins after the OICI concluded.
- Dep. Gilkey approaches the McDaniel residence and enters the home.
- Dep. Gilkey begins questioning McDaniel's mother, Janet McDaniel (Janet), and McDaniel's brother, Christopher McDaniel (Chris) about the incident.
- Janet explains she initially did not understand why MCSO deputies were at her house or what was happening.
- Janet states, "Before I knew it, they was just out there wrestling for the gun."
- Janet says MCSO deputies told her to stay inside the house.
- Janet explains she had observed MCSO deputies outside the house preparing to arrest McDaniel.
- "They was fighting over the gun, he [McDaniel] was trying to get their gun I guess," Janet states.
- Janet confirms she observed McDaniel "in a scuffle" with MCSO deputies.
- Janet identifies herself as "Kay" and Christopher identifies himself as "Adam" to Dep. Gilkey.

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- Christopher states, "They was wrestling for the gun," and says he observed McDaniel take a gun from an MCSO deputy's holster and shoot himself in the head; Christopher makes a motion with his hand demonstrating what he saw.
- Janet confirms she heard a single gunshot.
- Christopher explains where he was standing when the shooting incident occurred.
- Christopher apologizes and says he's "in shock" because of the incident.
- Christopher explains he was yelling at McDaniel to put the gun down and not to shoot, and says he observed McDaniel "kept putting the gun to his head like this," and makes a motion with his hand to demonstrate how he had seen McDaniel pointing the gun at himself.
- Christopher says McDaniel pointed the gun at himself "the whole time" he was in possession of the MCSO deputy's gun.
- Christopher denies McDaniel said anything during the shooting incident.
- Christopher estimates McDaniel was in possession of the gun for 20 to 30 total seconds.
- Janet recalls hearing McDaniel say, "I'm sorry mama, I love you."
- Dep. Gilkey explains the investigative process to Janet and Christopher.
- Dep. Gilkey asks if there are firearms in the house, Janet reports they have two (2) guns and informs MCSO deputies where they are in the house.
- MCSO deputies secure two guns and remove them from the residence.
- Audio feed on the video concludes, Dep. Gilkey walks Janet and Christopher to the backyard area.

SA Douglass also received two (2) audio recordings containing portions of interviews conducted with McDaniel before the shooting incident occurred. SA Douglass reviewed the audio recordings and noted the following:

Detective Samantha Wiedmer (Det. Wiedmer)

- The start time of the audio recording is unknown.
- An MCSO can be heard speaking to an unknown individual, advising a detective was going to ask questions.
- McDaniel (Patrick) can be heard identifying himself.
- Det. Wiedmer identifies herself to McDaniel and says she wants to question him.
- Det. Wiedmer advises McDaniel of his Miranda rights.
- Det. Wiedmer explains to McDaniel they had received a "tip" regarding allegations of child exploitation involving child pornography.

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- Det. Wiedmer states to McDaniel someone at his address had been uploading or downloading child pornography.
- McDaniel initially denies being involved in the allegations.
- Det. Wiedmer asks McDaniel if he uses the "Kik" messaging app, McDaniel says he currently does not have a cell phone.
- McDaniel denies using Kik messenger.
- McDaniel reports he used to have an iPhone but got rid of it.
- McDaniel explains the house's wireless internet bill is in his name.
- McDaniel claims to have no knowledge about the allegations.
- McDaniel says he believes his brother, Christopher, has an Android tablet.
- An MCSO detective explains the search warrant process to McDaniel.
- Det. Wiedmer asks McDaniel what sites he uses to watch pornography, to which McDaniel replies, "PornHub, stuff like that."
- McDaniel denies currently being in possession of a cell phone, tablet or laptop.
- McDaniel is told he cannot speak to his mother, Janet, while the search warrant is being executed.
- McDaniel advises Det. Wiedmer where his electronic devices are located inside the house, and says his tablet is in a dresser drawer.
- McDaniel is asked if he used the tablet to view child pornography, his response is inaudible.
- Audio recording ends.

Lieutenant Tylun Campbell (Lt. Campbell)

- The start time of the audio recording is unknown.
- McDaniel can be heard stating, "We've all been fuckin' stabbed, cut by our fuckin' dad, our fuckin' minds are all fucked up."
- Lt. Campbell asks McDaniel about his relationship with his father, Dwight McDaniel, who McDaniel says he doesn't speak to.
- McDaniel asks to say 'goodbye' to his mother.
- Lt. Campbell asks McDaniel what's going to be on his tablet, McDaniel replies, "I have no idea dude."
- McDaniel states, "I can tell you some shit too about where I seen shit, shit that shouldn't be [inaudible] out there."
- McDaniel tells Lt. Campbell, "It's on Kik, some fucked up shit."
- McDaniel indicates people on Kik offer money for child pornography.
- McDaniel states, "I downloaded shit, and fuckin' deleted it."

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- Lt. Campbell asks McDaniel what specifically he downloaded; McDaniel answers, "It doesn't matter," and says he will show MCSO deputies where to find what he downloaded.
- McDaniel indicates the information MCSO deputies are looking for can be found in the Kik messaging app on his tablet.
- McDaniel confirms he had downloaded pornographic video files depicting minors or juveniles performing sexual acts.
- Lt. Campbell tells McDaniel he will allow him to say goodbye and give his mother a hug before he leaves.
- Audio recording ends.

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 the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.

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.

All audio and video evidence from this incident can be accessed electronically via Axon Justice at Evidence.com, a website operated by Axon to store and maintain electronic evidence files. Please review the video and audio files in their entirety for specific details about the incident.

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References:

1. Files from Axon/Evidence.com
2. P00020-1044334: Documents and Files - Meigs County Sheriff's Office

Attachments:

1. Patrick_McDaniel-_audio_recording_SMW
2. Patrick_McDaniel_audio_recording-TC

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