



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



2022-1316
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Ackerman Izak (V)

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: Logan Patton (W)
Date of Activity: 06/30/2022
Author: SA Tiffany Vollmer, #49

Narrative:

On 06/24/2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Vollmer (Vollmer) received video footage from the Lima Police Department Records Bureau. SA Vollmer was informed that the videos contained footage from Patrolman Logan Patton's (Patton) body cam.

SA Vollmer reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

Video 1 – Patton was riding with his trainee, Patrolman Garrett Weekly (Weekly), on the night of the shooting. They were on a pedestrian stop in the 300 block, E. Second Street, when dispatch advised there was a call with a gun and a deputy was down at Second and Sugar Street. Weekly was driving and they arrived in the area shortly thereafter. Both officers began running in between houses towards police cruiser lights; someone could be heard yelling. The officers, with their guns drawn, approached the subject, who appeared deceased. The subject was lying on the ground in an open area in a supine position. A dark object can be seen lying on the subject's chest and a dark object can be seen lying on the ground a few feet away. One of the subject's shoes was off and his shirt partially pulled up. Cruiser lights were flashing in the background and the deputy can be heard yelling for them.

Patton told Weekly to go to the deputy's aid, while he stayed with the subject. Weekly told Patton the deputy was ok. More officers arrived on scene and Patton told them the subject had been shot and was deceased. Patton discussed the scene with other officers; in particular, the deputy was shot in the face, only one suspect was believed to be involved, the deputy shot the subject, there must have been a fight, the deputy's badge and name plate were lying close to the subject and a gun was lying on the subject's person.

Patton told other law enforcement officers to stay clear of scene, as there may be casings. He coordinated with officers where to tape off the perimeter and secured the scene.

The video was 29 minutes and 11 seconds long.

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Video 2 – A continuation of Patton securing the scene.

The video was 1 minute and 25 seconds.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Exhibit 1

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.

The CD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file.

