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2026-1239
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route
 250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

Investigative Activity: Body Worn Camera Review
Involves: Deputy Jason Saylor (W)
Activity Date: 04/17/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David M. Hammond

Narrative:

On Friday, April 17, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David M. Hammond (SA Hammond) reviewed the body worn camera (BWC) recordings received from the Harrison County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The BWC video was captured during the vehicle pursuit of the subject and subsequent officer involved critical incident (OICI) which occurred on March 30, 2026, on US 22 near Miller Station Road, Hopedale, OH.

The recording consisted of Body Worn Camera video utilized by Deputy Jason Saylor (Dep. Saylor). The recordings were uploaded to Axon Justice and stored in Reference Item F - Video Footage - HCSO BWC Video.

Title	Uploaded Date	File Type	Size	Duration
Deputy J. Saylor HCSO BWC 3-30-26.mp4	10 April 2026 09:54	Video/mp4	2.0GB	33:00

SA Hammond reviewed the BWC recordings and noted the following¹:

The video was marked as Wolfcom, 2026/03/30, 11:46:24, HCSO3416, N40/17/42 W81/04/31 177KM/H. It documented a portion of the vehicle pursuit after the initial traffic stop by [REDACTED] where shots were fired, and prior to the crash where Michael W. Decker (Decker) fled the vehicle. Deputy Saylor can be heard documenting the vehicle pursuit, noting crossroads, speeds and traffic violations being committed by Decker. The pursuit ends with the crash, and Dep. Saylor can be seen exiting his marked Harrison County Sheriff's Cruiser before taking cover behind the vehicle. He then radioed that Decker had fled into the woods near the crash scene. Due to the poor camera angles, the pursuit, subject, and subsequent crash are not

¹ The summary was generated with the assistance of AI. While the summary was reviewed for accuracy, refer to the original recording for further detail.

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visible in the footage (*BWC, Figure 1*). Dep. Saylor then took up a defensive position and maintained scene security while coordinating additional search efforts.



BWC, Figure 1

While listening to the BWC recording, the following portions of audio were deemed the most relevant to the investigation:

- At the 00:18 mark (11:46:42), Dep. Saylor stated, “We are at Maloney, still, still 113 Maloney Farm.”
- At the 00:31 mark (11:46:52), [Dep. Saylor], “Try to relay to the post. He's on him. We are coming up on Barger, Barger Road. At the turn of Barricklow coming around Barricklow 95.”
- At the 01:12 mark (11:47:37), [Dep. Saylor] “Passing the county home. Patch me with CPD. Also update the patrol. We got that. We got um, C2. So, he's got a dog. We are uh, passing the trailer park almost to County 11. Drivers in and out of traffic”.
- At the 02:23 mark (11:48:47), [Dep. Saylor] “We’re at County 11”.
- At the 02:51 mark (11:49:17), [Dep. Saylor] “We're still continuing on. Uh, we're getting on 22 now. 22 eastbound.”
- At the 04:11 mark (11:50:35), [Dep. Saylor] “22 eastbound speeds. Hundred. We're passing the North Main extension.”
- At the 05:02 mark (11:51:33), [Dep. Saylor], “OSP just tried to uh, stick him. Uh, 2213. I don't think they made contact.”
- At the 05:27 mark (11:51:52), [Dep. Saylor], “We are still eastbound speeds at a hundred. Coming up on County 13.”
- At the 06:32 mark (11:53:00), [Dep. Saylor], “22 - 151 speed still at a hundred. Watch. There's a trooper westbound. Looks like they're gonna spike again. We're

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in between, uh, Hopedale exit. They got a spike. Got a spike. He's uh, code four, code four, 22 Westbound. 22 Westbound.”

- At the 07:30 mark (11:53:55), Special Agent Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) noted that suspected gunshots were captured on the recording (*Figure 2, Suspected gunshots heard*).



Figure 2, Suspected gunshots heard

- At the 07:32 mark (11:53:56), an unknown Unit advised “He’s shooting”, (*Figure 3, BWC*)



Figure 3, BWC

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- At the 07:33 mark (11:53:57), [Dep. Saylor], "Shots fired. Dep. Saylor exited his vehicle taking a defensive position near the driver's side rear bumper of the cruiser. He then radioed, "Going into the woods. Going into the woods."
- At the 08:44 mark (11:55:09) [Dep. Saylor], "It was a white male, white male." Subsequent video shows the monitoring of the woods where Decker fled (*Figure 4, BWC.*)



Figure 4, BWC

- The recording continues for approximately 24 minutes. Nothing relevant to the investigation was observed.

The thumb drive containing the BWC footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as Reference Item F - Video Footage - HCSO BWC Video. The recordings were also uploaded to Axon Justice and stored in Reference Item F - Video Footage - HCSO BWC Video.

References:

- Reference Item F - Video Footage - HCSO BWC Video - stored in Axon Justice
- Reference Item F - Video Footage - HCSO BWC Video - (*Figures 1-4*) - stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None

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