



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



2024-1015
 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 100 Block 8th Street, N.E. New
 Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 Tuscarawas, County

Investigative Activity: Body Camera Review
Involves: ██████████ (S)
Date of Activity: 06/11/2024
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
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Narrative:

On June 11, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed body-camera video footage from Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) ██████████ (██████████). The video footage is related to the officer involved critical incident which took place on March 31, 2024, in the area of the 100 Block of 8th Street NE New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The incident involved Matthew Flynn (Flynn) and a member of the TCSO and resulted in the death of Flynn.

The listed narrative is a synopsis of the activities and conversations recorded on ██████████ ██████████'s body camera and only documents those activities which the author deems to be the most relevant. Furthermore, the narrative does not cover all of the activities or conversations of ██████████ and the other members of the TCSO, the New Philadelphia Police Department Officers, the Dover Fire Department personnel or the civilians which were recorded. Nor is the synopsis a word-for-word translation of the conversations or comments made by ██████████ or other members of the TCSO. It is suggested that the full recordings be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information documented in the narrative.

SA Tingley reviewed the video recordings listed as BWC2-10782 and noted the following: The video is 0:17:20 in length and begins at 21:08:24 as ██████████ was driving. Initially, there is no audio.

At approximately 21:09:23 hours, ██████████ put his cruiser into park and exited his cruiser.

At approximately 21:09:24 hours, the audio was activated.

██████████ then ran around the front of his cruiser and moved towards the passenger side of the cruiser.

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At approximately 21:09:25 hours, [REDACTED] came around the front passenger side of the cruiser and the front passenger door was seen standing open.

At approximately 21:09:27 hours, [REDACTED] reached the open front passenger door and began giving commands of "Get out of my car. Get out of my car."

At approximately 21:09:29 hours, a male subject, Matthew Flynn, was observed seated in the cruiser's driver's seat. Flynn stated, "It's me".



[REDACTED] continued to give multiple commands for Flynn to get out of his cruiser and Flynn responded multiple times "It's me."

At approximately 21:09:30 hours, [REDACTED] advised Flynn "I will shoot you." and "Do you understand? Get out of my car."

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At approximately 21:09:36 hours, ██████████ grabbed Flynn's arm.



As ██████████ has a hold on Flynn's arm, he repeated his commands for Flynn to get out of his car and again advised Flynn that he will shoot him.

At approximately 21:09:47 hours, ██████████ got on his radio and advised that he needed more units.

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At approximately 21:09:50 hours, Flynn stated "Look at me brother."

██████████ continued to give commands to Flynn to get out of his car but Flynn continued to ignore ██████████'s commands.

At approximately 21:09:54 hours, Flynn got free of ██████████'s grip and began facing forward in the driver's seat of the cruiser.

At approximately 21:09:58 hours, Flynn is facing forward and began to grab different controls related to the operation of the vehicle.



██████████ continued to give commands to Flynn to exit his vehicle and again advised Flynn that he would shoot him.

At approximately 21:10:06 hours, ██████████ fired multiple rounds as he is moving out of the cruiser.

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The frame of the passenger door is seen to the left of the picture frame. A shell casing can also be seen ejecting from the firearm. The blue lighting is from the cruiser's lightbar.

At approximately 21:10:08 hours, [REDACTED] fell out of the cruiser and landed on the roadway. The cruiser, with Flynn driving, then left the scene.

At approximately 21:10:14 hours, [REDACTED] radioed "Shots fired! He took my car! He's heading to Philly."

Local residents then came to the aid of [REDACTED] who was lying on the ground.

At approximately 21:11:17 hours, an unidentified NPPD Officer arrived on scene.

Other NPPD Officers then arrived and one of the NPPD Officers began giving first aid to [REDACTED] who was still lying on the ground.

At approximately 21:11:26 hours, [REDACTED] told the NPPD Officer giving him first aid that he ([REDACTED]) shot the subject (Flynn), who took his cruiser.

At approximately 21:11:37 hours, [REDACTED] told NPPD Officers that he shot part of his finger off because he was holding Flynn. [REDACTED] also stated that he fired because the subject (Flynn) had put the cruiser into drive and was preparing to drive away.

At approximately 21:15:32 hours, [REDACTED] notified TCSO Dispatch that he was on 8th Street and that NPPD Officers were with him.

At approximately 21:17:12 hours, [REDACTED] gave TCSO Dispatch a description of the subject who took his cruiser. The description was of a bald white male with a beard who was

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wearing jeans and a blue shirt.

At approximately 21:22:20 hours, TCSO Deputy Cottrell (the acting Deputy-in-charge for the TCSO shift) arrived on scene.

At this time the video was stopped for potential Garrity issues.

The video review then continued without the audio.

At approximately 21:24:24 hours, Dover Fire Department (DFD) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance personnel arrived on scene and took over treatment of [REDACTED]

The video then concluded as the DFD EMS personnel were removing [REDACTED]'s outer carrier vest.

The body worn camera video footage is attached as Reference Item B to this case file.

References:

REF ITEM B – USB Thumbdrive of [REDACTED] BWC Video

Attachments:

No attachments.