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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Video Review
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Narrative:

On October 19, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) reviewed the video footage from 9 video recordings from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) helicopter camera systems recorded on August 19–20, 2022, as the helicopter provided support for the law enforcement agencies involved in the situation which led to the officer-involved critical incident involving Randy and Bradley Wilhelm.

Although it was the same OSHP helicopter involved throughout the operation, there were two different OSHP flight crews that participated in this operation. For each of the videos, the OSHP flight crew on board the helicopter will be listed, along with their position on the crew.

All of the times listed will be the times as displayed on the video recording from the OSHP helicopter.

Furthermore, as this incident covered a large area, the following terms, as used by the OSHP helicopter crew, will be used to describe the different buildings located on the Wilhelm property:

- The "mother's house" describes the residence at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where Randy and Bradley Wilhelm's mother resides.
- The "brother's house" describes Bradley Wilhelm's residence which is located north of the mother's house on Gilchrist Road.
- The "main suspect/targets house" describes Randy Wilhelm's residence which is located at 15159 Monroe Mills Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. However, this residence is still part of the larger property surrounded by a fence.
- The "outbuilding" describes the detached garage, apartment and dog kennel building located south of the mother's house, just off of the driveway leading to the mother's house.
- The "business" location encompasses the two-pole barn style of buildings where the Wilhelm Bottled Gas business was operated out of. At the beginning of the incident there were three gas tanker trucks parked here.

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It should also be noted that there were two different camera systems deployed on the helicopter including: a standard high definition (for normal daylight) and a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) system which had multiple settings for different applications.

SA Tingley reviewed the videos, which are listed as received from the OSHP, and noted the following:

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_001_Shooting at helicopter

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 19, 2022, at 23:53:42 hours, is 48:19 in length, and begins with the helicopter camera system recalibrating.

At 23:59:07 hours, the camera comes online as the helicopter is traveling toward Knox County.

At 00:14:03 hours, the helicopter arrives on scene over the Wilhelm property located at 15266 Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

At 00:23:45 hours, an unknown subject carrying a long gun is spotted north of the mother's residence at the aforementioned location, walking southbound, and eventually going into the mother's house. (The "mother's house" will be used throughout this report as that is how the OSHP crew identified the residence where Randy and Bradley's mother lived at the 15266 Gilchrist Road address.)

At 00:30:28 hours, an unknown subject is seen standing between two parked cars, which are parked just outside of the garage at the mother's house. As the OSHP helicopter continues its orbit and is west of the mother's house, the subject fires multiple rounds from a semi-automatic long gun at the helicopter (unknown as to number of rounds fired as the focus of the camera was moving).

At 00:32:22 hours, as the helicopter continues to orbit and is east of the mother's house, the unknown subject again fires an undetermined number of rounds from a semi-automatic long gun at the OSHP helicopter.

At 00:33:05 hours, the helicopter continues its orbit and is south of the mother's house, when the unknown subject again fires an undetermined number of rounds at the helicopter using a semi-automatic long gun.

At 00:37:25 hours, two subjects are seen standing on the back (east side) deck of the mother's house, just outside a door. Both subjects then move to a vehicle parked a short distance to the east of the mother's house in the yard and take up positions at the vehicle; one at the front on the driver's side and one at the rear on the driver's side. Both subjects are also observed to be carrying long guns and are looking to the east.

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At 00:40:48 hours, one subject moves eastbound away from the vehicle further into the yard, while the other one subject returns to the mother's house.

The video then ends with the helicopter orbiting the property.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_003_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 01:22:33 hours, is 36:54 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the mother's house. Two SUV-style vehicles are seen parked just outside the garage doors (both parked facing north) with a pickup truck parked a short distance away, south of the house, in a turnaround off of the driveway, with the pickup facing west. A gas tanker truck is seen parked a short distance south of the SUVs in the driveway.

At 01:23:20 hours, an unknown subject exits the driver's seat of the tanker truck and is observed carrying a long gun. Shortly thereafter, the subject enters into the mother's house through a door off of the patio on the east side of the house.

The video then ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit the mother's house.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_004_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 02:00:25 hours, is 1:00:39 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the mother's house.

This video footage is of the helicopter as it continues its orbit over the property. There is no movement of subjects or vehicles throughout the video.

The video ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit the property.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_005_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

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- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 03:45:42 hours, is 1:08:33 in length, and begins with the video system recalibrating.

At 03:51:10, the picture comes on as the helicopter is orbiting the property.

At 03:55:24 hours, an SUV is seen in the field between the business and the fence line along Gilchrist Road. The SUV drives around and eventually comes to a stop under the trees on a path that runs through the tree line between the business and the outbuilding.

At 04:12:24 hours, two subjects walk southbound from the SUV toward the business location. The two subjects then enter the west building.

At 04:21:54 hours, the two subjects are observed on the northside of the aforementioned building at the business location. The two subjects eventually move back toward the SUV, which is still parked on the path through the tree line.

At 04:24:47 hours, the SUV begins driving northbound through the fields, heading toward the brother's house. The SUV continues northbound checking the property line with a spotlight. The SUV then turns and begins driving southbound, following the fence line, and eventually drives in front (eastside) of the mother's house. The SUV continues and crosses the driveway leading to the mother's house, before turning eastbound and passing the north side of the business location. The SUV continues through the fields eastbound until hitting the property fence line on Monroe Mills Road. The SUV then turns southbound and follows the fence line before turning back westbound near the driveway leading to the main target/subject's residence (Randy Wilhelm). The SUV then pulls over and parks under a tree, a short distance and to the south of the driveway.

At 04:46:21 hours, the SUV moves westbound on the driveway and stops on the southside of the main target/subject's house (15159 Monroe Mills Road). One subject then exits the SUV and is seen walking along the garage.

This video then ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit over the Monroe Mills portion of the property.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_006_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 04:53:26 hours, is 20:49 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the main target/subject's house with the SUV still parked on the southside of the house.

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At 04:56:46 hours, the SUV begins traveling westbound through the yard/field before coming to a stop under a tree line which runs north and south between the main target/subject's house and the business.

This video ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit the property.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_007_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 05:14:19 hours, is 31:45 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the property. The SUV is observed still parked under the tree line running between the main target/subject's house and the business.

At 05:19:32 hours, the SUV begins traveling northbound along the tree line before turning westbound through a path through the tree line. The SUV then turns westbound and travels a short distance before turning northbound and parking on a path leading through the tree line running between the business and the outbuilding.

At 05:24:57 hours, two subjects exit the SUV and begin moving toward the east side of the outbuilding.

At 05:27:31 hours, the two subjects are seen standing at the southeast corner of the outbuilding.

At 05:33:45 hours, the two subjects, both carrying long guns, begin moving northbound toward the mother's house. Upon arriving at the house, both subjects enter the house through a door off of the patio on the east side of the house.

This video ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit the property.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_008_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 05:46:09 hours, is 28:47 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the mother's house.

At 06:05:34 hours, one subject is seen standing on the patio near the door on the east side of

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the mother's house. After standing there for a few minutes, the subject enters the house. This video ends with the helicopter continuing to orbit the mother's house.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_009_U1328_U617

Flight Crew:

- Sergeant Edington – Pilot
- Sergeant Hasty – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 06:15:02 hours, is 29:37 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the mother's house.

The helicopter TFO begins to switch back and forth between the FLIR camera and the standard daylight camera as the dawn begins to break and the lighting begins to change.

This video ends with the helicopter preparing to leave the area and head to the Knox County airport to refuel and switch out flight crews.

8-20-22_KnoxCounty_012_Suspects Shot

Flight Crew:

- Lieutenant Sizemore – Pilot
- Trooper Vogelmeier – Tactical Flight Officer/Systems Operator (TFO)

This video starts on August 20, 2022, at 08:53:16 hours, is 30:59 in length, and begins with the helicopter orbiting over the main target/subject's house. A tan SUV is parked behind the garage of the house facing southbound.

At 08:53:59 hours, Bradley Wilhelm is seen standing on a patio on the westside of the house behind the garage. Bradley Wilhelm is wearing blue jeans and a dark blue coat and is carrying a long gun. Eventually Bradley enters the house through the door into the garage. He then re-appears and begins carrying items to the SUV where the rear hatch is up (at this point, he is no longer armed with the long gun).

At 09:02:39 hours, the Richland County Allied Special Response Team (ASORT) Bearcat begins traveling westbound down the driveway from Monroe Mills Road toward the main target/subject's house.

At 09:02:54 hours, the ASORT Bearcat strikes the tan SUV.

At 09:03:53 hours, a Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) BATT armored vehicle arrives in front of the main target/subject's house and parks in front of the garage.

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At 09:04:34 hours, Bradley Wilhelm exits the house and begins walking toward the ASORT Bearcat with his arms and hands raised and extended out to his side. Randy Wilhelm, wearing a camouflage jacket, can be seen standing in the doorway into the garage, holding the door open.

At 09:05:02 hours, Randy Wilhelm is seen at the doorway pointing a rifle at the ASORT Bearcat. Bradley Wilhelm initially walks back toward the house, but then stops and turns around and walks to the SUV. Eventually, Bradley Wilhelm closes the back hatch and gets into the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

At 09:06:25 hours, the ASORT Bearcat begins pushing the SUV on the driver's side with Bradley Wilhelm inside, westbound across the yard.

At 09:06:32 hours, a call is heard over the radio on the helicopter of "shots fired."

At 09:06:50 hours, as the tan SUV is still being pushed by the ASORT Bearcat, Bradley Wilhelm exits the SUV through the front passenger door and walks back toward the main target/subject's house.

At 09:09:56 hours, the DTU BATT begins backing away, eastbound, from the main target/subject's house.

At 09:11:07 hours, a rifle barrel is seen sticking out of an upper eastbound window in the southern most dormer, with the rifle pointing at the retiring DTU BATT vehicle. The subject holding the rifle can be seen wearing a camouflage jacket.

At 09:13:04 hours, a Razor side by side (Razor) is seen exiting the garage heading eastbound. The Razor almost immediately turns northbound; and once at the edge of the house, turns eastbound. Two occupants are seen in the Razor with Bradley Wilhelm in the driver's seat and Randy Wilhelm in the passenger seat.

At 09:13:50 hours, the Razor cuts through the north/south tree line between the main target/subject's property and the business. The Razor continues until turning northbound on a path through an east/west tree line which separates the business and the outbuilding. At this point, the Razor is momentarily lost from view under the trees.

At 09:14:34 hours, the Razor becomes visible stationary, facing southbound near the east/west tree line between the business and the outbuilding, with the Razor being a short distance east of the outbuilding.

At 09:18:10 hours, the DTU MRAP armored vehicle comes through the tree line on the same path taken a few moments earlier by the Razor between the business and the outbuilding. The DTU MRAP approaches the Razor from the driver's side and stops a short distance away. A DTU member is in the open hatch on the MRAP covering the Razor with his rifle. Other DTU members exit the MRAP and take up positions on the passenger side of the MRAP and also begin covering the Razor with their rifles.

At 09:20:27 hours, an OSHP Bear armored vehicle approached the Razor from the northwest. The OSHP Bear moves forward and bumps the rear of the Razor. OSHP tactical team members

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are then seen exiting the Bear and they and the DTU members from the MRAP approach the Razor. After a few moments, the tactical personnel leave the area of the Razor and return to their respective armored vehicles.

Radio traffic is then heard advising that the MRAP and the Bear are moving away from the Razor, due to a possible improvised explosive device (IED) seen on the Razor. Radio traffic is also heard advising that both subjects in the Razor were checked and were deceased.

The video then ends with the helicopter orbiting the area where the Razor came to a final rest.

All 9 of the video recordings from the OSHP helicopter are attached as reference item D to this case file.

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