

Officers' body camera footage released in Aug. 7 - Herald-Times (Bloomington, IN) - August 28, 2018

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The Monroe County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday released the body camera footage of the Aug. 7 police-action shooting that killed a 24-year-old Bloomington man.

The footage from Deputies Don Teague and Deandre Moxley show how quickly the fatal shooting unfolded in a wooded area behind a mobile home in southwestern Monroe County.

In about six seconds, the two deputies fired at least 15 shots at **Daniel Boyer**, who investigators say pointed a loaded handgun at the officers there to serve arrest warrants.

Boyer, whose face and injuries were redacted in the body camera footage released to The Herald-Times, sustained four gunshot wounds. The bullet that killed Boyer entered through the front of his thigh, traveled upward and penetrated his aorta, liver and lung.

That Tuesday morning, Teague, a field training officer, had been paired with Moxley, a rookie deputy. The body camera footage released for Teague is 7 minutes and 24 seconds long; Moxley's is less than two minutes.

Thirty-seven seconds into Teague's footage, he yells, "Sheriff's Office, stop. Right now."

Four seconds later, the gunfire starts in a rapid-fire succession that continues for about six seconds until Boyer stops running and crumples to the ground.

In Moxley's body camera footage, he draws his weapon and starts shooting after Teague fires his first four shots.

Teague reports to dispatchers that shots have been fired and a man is down. The deputies then start yelling at Boyer to put his hands up.

He doesn't, he can't. He's incapacitated.

"The weapon's down on the ground, right here. Unknown if anybody else has a weapon," Teague says while Deputy Moxley cuffs Boyer and another deputy unloads the ammunition from Boyer's handgun into the grass. This is about a minute after the last shot was fired.

The remainder of Teague's body camera footage shows the deputies struggling to find a safe way to carry the injured Boyer out of the woods and to the road that medics and firefighters can access.

The deputies don't know how many people remain inside the Tower Road mobile home, and who

may be armed with guns.

Sheriff Brad Swain described the scene hours after the police action shooting. "The male subject who they had been looking for came out the back door with a handgun, pointed it at the deputies and said a comment to the effect of 'f--- this,'" Swain said during an Aug. 7 press conference at the scene of the shooting.

The body camera footage isn't as clear as Swain's description.

Foliage and trees fill the foreground as the deputies surround the wooded area behind the mobile home, and the footage shakes and blurs as the deputies run and yell at Boyer to stop. Then, the deputies' forearms, hands and 9 mm Glock 17 handguns take over the foregrounds during the shooting.

Boyer comes into focus as he staggers and falls to the ground.

The four deputies and two sergeants that went to the 5996 W. Tower Road residence that morning had information that Boyer, who was wanted on methamphetamine charges, was there. Boyer had run from deputies out of the back of the mobile home before, the sheriff said.

Teague and Moxley were placed on paid administrative leave for 14 days during an internal investigation into the shooting and Boyer's death.

The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office last week determined the police-action shooting was justified, and both deputies returned to full and active duty on Aug. 22.

In a press release issued Friday, Sheriff Brad Swain said Boyer's family requested a private viewing of the footage. That happened late Tuesday afternoon before footage was released to the media.

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