

# What happened minute by minute

Hamilton County Prosecutor Mike Allen said Monday that he made his decision not to criminally charge six Cincinnati police officers based in part on a hired expert's video production that synchronized video from both the police cruiser and a White Castle camera with police and fire dispatch tapes. Some of the times are based on that new synchronized tape, others are from the original police camera.

## Dancing in White Castle



■ **Shortly after 5:30 a.m.:** Nathaniel Jones arrives at White Castle on West Mitchell Avenue in North Avondale. He parks in the back of the lot and walks inside. He hugs a woman and talks to her briefly.

■ **5:37 a.m.:** Jones goes outside with a woman he knows. She comes back in, telling others to call 911 because Jones has fallen down a hill. He's out of sight of the restaurant video camera for about seven minutes, then goes back inside the restaurant.

## Paramedics arrive



■ **5:45 a.m.:** Emergency medical workers treat Jones' female friend, who is hyperventilating. Jones leaves the restaurant again and continues to dance in the lot. He also shouts obscenities at people in the nearby Marathon gas station.

■ **5:55 a.m.:** The fire crew calls for help from police, saying a man is being a nuisance in the White Castle lot.

■ **5:58 a.m.:** Officer James Pike pulls his cruiser into the White Castle lot. When he turns off the car, the video

## Dancing in parking lot



camera automatically turns off. Someone turns it back on by remote control a minute and 35 seconds later.

■ **6 a.m.:** Jones can be heard, off camera, shouting at the officers, calling one of them a "white boy." One tells him to "back up, back up." He also says, "My momma taught me this" as he charges one officer.

■ **6:00:16 a.m.:** Jones throws a roundhouse punch to the side of one officer's head — "clearly a felonious assault," Allen said Monday.

## The lunge



■ **6:00:46 a.m.:** Jones tries to take one officer's gun, Allen says, adding if he lived, Jones would have been charged with aggravated robbery.

■ **6:00:53 a.m.:** Jones tries to take one officer's baton, Allen said. The physical struggle lasts 2 minutes and 55 seconds. During it, officers tell Jones 23 times to back up, show his hands and/or put his hands behind his back. Officers swing or jab their batons at him 36 times.

## The fight



■ **6:03 a.m.:** The 342-pound Jones is down, and the officers work to handcuff him. Because of his size, they need three sets of handcuffs. Jones, on the ground and out of the camera's view, can be heard moaning and occasionally mumbling, "Momma."

■ **6:03:30 a.m.:** The officers appear to realize Jones is in distress. One begins checking his vital signs; another looks for paramedics, who have left. "Where'd they go?" he says.

## Arrival of other units



■ **6:04 a.m.:** An officer kneeling near Jones shouts "Sir? Sir?" Another officer says, "I don't see him breathing." They continue to look for paramedics. "They bailed," one officer says. "What a bunch of crap," says another. Two officers appear to try to roll Jones on his side, but he remains on the ground and out of the camera's view.

■ **6:05 a.m.:** The paramedics return and, within a minute or so, begin CPR.

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