

AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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CLEARANCES:

A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF OFFENDER	E <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY	I <input type="checkbox"/> INVEST PENDING
B <input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED	F <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST-ADULT	J <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED
C <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED	G <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST-JUVENILE	K <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED
D <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM REFUSED COOP.	H <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED	U <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
U <input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED TO PROS		

ACTION TAKEN:

On Monday morning February 17, 2025, I was assigned to work car 40 during my normal [REDACTED] shift. I was walking to my cruiser when I heard [REDACTED] state that a reckless operator had just run two stops directly in front of him. He stated the car was driving very recklessly and he was trying to catch up to the vehicle. I also heard car [REDACTED] state that he was in the area. Very shortly after, I heard car [REDACTED] report that a shot was fired at his cruiser. I started toward the area and heard the officers call out shots fired on Ira Ave and that the suspect was down. Officers stated the suspect was still armed and they wanted someone with a ballistic shield. I indicated I had one and was on the way. As I turned onto Ira Ave from S Main St, I heard an officer state the suspect was now unconscious and not breathing. As I pulled onto the scene, I saw Sgt Gupta running to his car and grabbing his medical bag. Officer Radak and another officer were actively doing CPR on the suspect. I then assumed the role of Incident Commander on this scene.

My first actions were to identify the officers that were involved in this shooting and to begin the process of isolating them and securing an FOP representative for each. Sgt Gupta and Sgt Donohue were tasked with isolating the involved officers in cruisers until we were ready to transport them to the station. Detective Bill Lagasse arrived on-scene as the first Detective and he took over the crime scene and I remained as the Incident Commander. After we isolated the involved officers, Sgt Gupta and Sgt Bowman began organizing officers to do a canvas of the homes for potential witnesses and/or Ring Doorbell cameras. Sgt Davis arrived on-scene and assisted with the canvas as well. I heard some of our Gun Violence Detectives arriving and they set up a crime scene and began a canvas in the area where the first shot was fired at Manchester and Lakeshore Blvd. Once the canvas activity was up and running, Lagasse asked me to assign someone to take custody of the officers BWC. Sgt Gupta volunteered and began collecting the BWC that were still on-scene. FOP President Lucey arrived on-scene and assisted in coordinating the officer transport to the station.

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Multiple officers came to the scene and were tasked with protecting the crime scene and evidence located inside the scene. Each officer was directed to do a detailed Action Taken of what they did on the call. I met with Chief Harding and DC Leeser at the scene and filled them in on the actions that had been implemented. We had set up a Command Post at Ira Ave and Victory St and many Detectives and additional resources were directed to report to that location for future deployment in relieving officers and assisting on the scene.

Detective Lagasse and I were talking to DB Captain Beitzel, and she asked if this incident was related to the Aggravated Robbery/Car Jacking that was BOLO'd from Columbus Ohio early this morning. I told her that it might be even though the car BOLO'd was a green Toyota Corolla and the chase and shooting was with a white Toyota Camry. I then recalled the officer in car [REDACTED] telling me on-scene that there was another stolen car parked in front of 294 Ira. Lagasse and I went to that car and ran the plate through LEADS. Tech Cherry confirmed this was the vehicle stolen in the robbery from Columbus this morning. She provided us with the Columbus PD incident number and I reported the recovery of the foreign stolen/locally recovered car and the condition of the vehicle.

As our scene was more secure, we began to clear perimeter cars and waited for BCI to get on-scene. Once BCI arrived, I spoke with one of the investigators about results of the canvas and potential eye witnesses to the shooting. I also informed them that GVRTT Detective Crockett had a witness on Lakeshore that was outside shoveling snow when the chase drove past and the suspect fired shots at the officers. I then began to brief Lt Greg Joyce on what needed to be done as I, and the rest of dayshift, began to be replaced on the perimeter by Platoon 2 officers. I shared that we needed to tow the green Toyota Corolla that was stolen from Columbus to Dan St, and that we needed to get the four cruisers on-scene driven back to the station or our Triplett pumps. I cleared the scene and went to the station to complete this action taken for Sgt. Orrand.

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