



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report**



2025-0512

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 294 Ira Avenue, Akron,
OH 44301, Summit County

Investigative Activity: Video review – METRO Regional Transit Authority
Involves: METRO Regional Transit Authority (O)
Activity Date: 04/08/2025
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received video footage from Akron Police Department (APD) Sergeant Michael Orrand (Orrand). SA Lieber was informed that the videos contained footage from the METRO Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

SA Lieber reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

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The cameras are located on the METRO RTA facility at 416 Kenmore Boulevard, Akron, OH 44301.

The video contains 3 camera views labeled as follows:

- C-87 Front Parking Lot(1)
- C-87 Front Parking Lot(2)
- C-87 Front Parking Lot(3)

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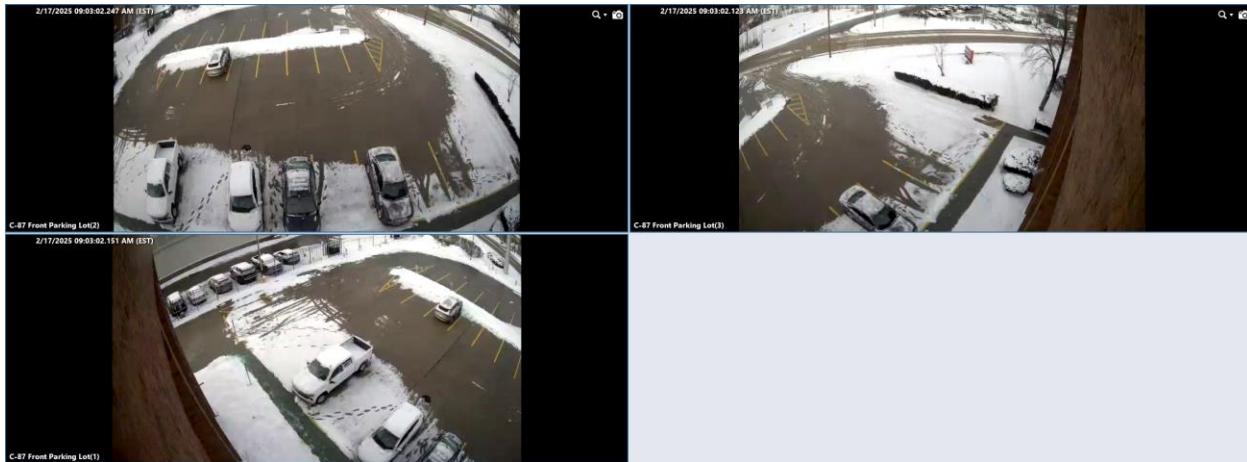


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The timestamp at the beginning of the video is 2/17/2025 09:02:59 AM.

At 09:04:08, an APD marked police vehicle entered the parking area and stopped near Kenmore Boulevard. See screenshot below.



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At 09:07:53, a white-colored vehicle (believed to be the Toyota Camry driven by Marcus Smith) became visible.



At 09:07:55, an APD-marked cruiser could be seen following the white-colored sedan.



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Both vehicles proceeded from Kenmore Boulevard onto Lakeshore Boulevard. The APD vehicle that was parked in the METRO RTA parking lot began to follow behind the white sedan and APD cruiser.

At 09:08:59 the video ended.

Folder titled: APDshooting

The video contained 8 camera views from a Metro bus. The bus was traveling northbound on Lakeshore Boulevard.



At 09:10:23, a sound consistent with a gunshot could be heard. See screenshot below showing the view from a side camera. The camera was pointing toward Ira Avenue.



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The screenshot below, taken at 09:10:31 AM, shows a police vehicle parked on Ira Avenue as well as several additional vehicles further down the street.



A total of approximately 6 gunshot sounds could be heard. The last gunshot was heard at 09:10:37.

At 09:10:48, the bus driver used the radio and said, "Hey the police having a shootout over here in um, Summit Lake, I just, uh, they everywhere, they, they, shots are fired."

At 09:11:17, the bus driver had a brief conversation with a citizen driving a dark color SUV. The SUV driver said, "He's on the ground, whoever they just shot."

The video ended at 09:11:59.

Folder titled: **2320APD**

The video contained 8 camera views from a Metro bus. The bus was traveling southbound on Lakeshore Boulevard.

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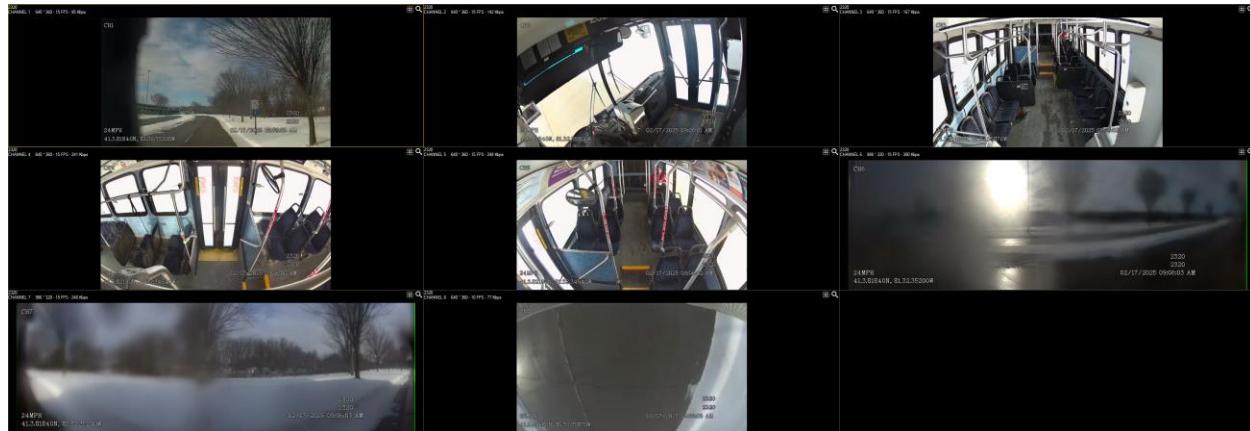


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At 09:08:37, a sound consistent with a gunshot could be heard. See screenshot below showing the view from a side camera. The camera was pointing toward Ira Avenue. Note that the camera lens is blurry. A red-colored light could be seen on Ira Avenue. It is believed that this is the vehicle overhead emergency lights of an APD cruiser.



At 09:08:43, the bus driver said, "God damn."

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The screenshot below was taken at 09:08:46. At this time the vehicles on Ira Avenue are within a clearer area of the video frame.



The bus stopped at the intersection of Ira Avenue and Lakeshore Avenue. The screenshot below was taken at 09:08:52.



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The bus drove forward a short distance. The screenshot below was taken at 09:09:03 and shows the view down Ira Avenue after the bus stopped.



At 09:09:08, an APD cruiser pulled up in the area behind the bus. At 09:09:15, the cruiser drove down Ira Avenue and stopped. See screenshot below taken at 09:09:22.



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At 09:09:27, 09:09:29, and 09:09:31, sounds consistent with gunfire could be heard (3 total shots). The screenshot below was taken at 09:09:27.



At approximately 09:10:05, the bus proceeded on Lakeshore Avenue and the incident on Ira Avenue was no longer visible on the camera.

The thumb drive containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as Reference item G.

References:

G - METRO Regional Transit Authority videos

Attachments:

None

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