



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2025-0512

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

Investigative Activity: APD [REDACTED]
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 03/07/2025
Activity Location: Ohio Defense Firm 121 S. Main Street, Akron, OH 44308
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Friday, March 07, 2025, at 1413 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) and SA John Tingley (Tingley) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, Jordan Knabb, from the Fraternal Order of Police. Also present during the interview was Fraternal Order of Police President Brian Lucey. The interview took place at the Ohio Defense Firm 121 S. Main Street, Akron, OH 44308. The interview was audio and video recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

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| Name: [REDACTED] | Rank: [REDACTED] |
| Badge Number: [REDACTED] | Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED] |
| Radio Call Sign: C [REDACTED] | Immediate Supervisor: Unsure |
| Radio Channel Utilized: Channel 1 | Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized |
| Cruiser Description: Ford Explorer, black, APD markings, emergency lights | Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: No other occupants |
| Assignment: [REDACTED] | Normal Shift: [REDACTED] |

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| In-Car Camera: Operational, But Not Used | Spotlight: Present; Not utilized |
| Emergency Lights: Present; Not Utilized | Siren: Present; Not Used |
| Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED] | Duty Status: On-Duty |
| Days Off: Could not remember | Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None |
| Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: At least 8 hours | Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes |
| Total Length as Officer: [REDACTED] | Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED] |
| Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None | Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses |
| Uniform Worn: APD uniform, exterior vest, patches on shoulders, POLICE on front and back, badge on front | Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Vest: Taser, handcuffs. Belt: Magazines, pistol, OC, ASP baton, flashlight |
| Ballistic Vest: External Armor | Body Worn Camera: Present & Used |
| Other Recording Devices: None | Partner: None |
| Injuries: None | Equipment Damage: No |
| Training or Areas of Specialty: CIT training | OPOTC Certification: [REDACTED] |
| Military Experience/Training: [REDACTED] | Use-of-Force Training: Annually at APD |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: Car chase in approximately 2021 resulted in a shooting | Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None |
| Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None | Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: None |
| Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? None | Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: None |

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

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| Make: Glock | Model: 45 |
| Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm | Serial: [REDACTED] |

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| Type: Semi-Auto Handgun | Method of Carry: Hip holster |
| Magazine Capacity: 17 | Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 17+1=18 |
| Extra Magazines: 2 mags, each containing 17 cartridges | Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17+17=34 |
| Discharged During Incident? Yes | Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary |
| Rounds Remaining After Incident: 17 | Number of Rounds Fired: 1 |
| Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed | Ownership: Department Owned |
| Last Qualification Date: 09/18/2024 | Type of Holster, if any: Hip |

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█████ stated that ██████ had received a service call regarding a stolen vehicle near Ira Avenue. ██████ stated that while ██████ was headed to that call, a BOLO (Be on the lookout) from Columbus came up on his in-car computer regarding a carjacking/ robbery. ██████ stated that when he read the call notes from ██████ call, that call and the BOLO appeared to be related. ██████ decided to head toward ██████ call. ██████ decided that ██████ would contact the Columbus PD officer and then ██████ would meet up prior to heading to the stolen vehicle call.

While ██████ was driving to meet ██████ another officer ██████ radioed that a white-colored vehicle ran through some stop signs. ██████ stated that a white vehicle was what had been reported stolen near Ira Avenue. ██████ stated that a short time later, ██████ radioed that the person in the white vehicle had shot at him and that they were chasing the vehicle. Officers then radioed that they were turning on to Ira Avenue. The next radio traffic that ██████ heard was that the subject was running down the street. When ██████ turned on to Ira Avenue, he saw two APD cruisers, a white-colored vehicle that appeared to have crashed on the far right, and a guy that was "a good distance away" [10:43] in the middle of the street. ██████ stated that he also kept hearing gunshots. At that time, ██████ could not tell who was firing the shots.

█████ exited his vehicle. ██████ stated that the subject had fallen to the ground, so officers decided to move up closer to the subject's location. ██████ got into the driver's seat of ██████ cruiser and slowly drove it toward the subject. ██████ were walking behind the cruiser. As they were moving, another APD vehicle arrived (driven by Officer Michael Thornton).

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When they got closer, [REDACTED] exited the vehicle. Officers were giving verbal commands for the subject to drop his weapon and to put his hands up. [REDACTED] stated that the subject "... was kind of on the ground, but not on the ground. And I remember him getting up and then I just hear more gunfire. And I don't know at this point, I, I wasn't sure where it was coming from or which direction it was going. My ear was ringing all of a sudden, like loud" [11:29].

[REDACTED] looped around and stopped near a black-colored vehicle that was parked on the right side of the road. [REDACTED] said "... I'm standing there with my gun drawn and yelling, you know, drop the gun, drop the gun, and I just keep hearing gunfire. So, I'm like, well, shit, this guy is still shooting at us. I don't know how he's still shooting at us. So, then I shot, um, and then time kind of slowed down for a second. And then the next thing I remember I heard another one or two shots and he was down" [12:09].

Officers then approached the subject. [REDACTED] saw a gun that was partially covered in snow next to the subject. [REDACTED] pulled the subject further into the street and away from the gun. [REDACTED] then began CPR.

SA Lieber asked [REDACTED] to describe the position of the subject when he said that the subject "was kind of on the ground, but not on the ground..." [REDACTED] said, that the subject looked like he was sitting or half lying on the ground."

SA Lieber asked [REDACTED] to describe what the subject was doing at the time he decided to fire. [REDACTED] said, "He was standing there and he still had the gun in his hand. And all, everybody's yelling, drop the gun, drop the gun, drop the gun. But there's still gunfire going on. And I was like, how is this in my mind, you know? I'm like, how is this guy still shooting at us? We're all standing, you know, really close now. So that's why I was like, this guy has gotta quit shooting at us. And that's why I shot. Because plus I didn't know where the other officers were and I didn't want any more officers or people coming out of their, like coming up or coming outta their homes and get shot by somebody on accident" [15:11].

[REDACTED] was then given the opportunity to view his BWC video. After reviewing the video, [REDACTED] stated that he now realized that he only fired 1 shot. Previously, [REDACTED] stated that he believed that he fired 1 or 2 shots.

The interview concluded at approximately 1438 hours.

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The interview was audio and video recorded. The recordings were added as Reference Item H and stored on Evidence.com. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form was also added to Reference Item H.

References:

H - Involved officer interviews

Attachments:

None

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