



**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] interview
Involves: [REDACTED] (S)
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 1305 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, Noah Munyer, 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:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Sgt. Dan Metzger
Radio Channel Utilized: Channel 1	Mobile Data Terminal: Present; Not Used
Cruiser Description: 2019 Ford Interceptor, black, APD markings on sides, emergency light bar	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: No other occupants

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Assignment: Traffic	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Not Present	Duty Status: On-Duty
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Spotlight: Present; Not utilized
Shift Day of Incident: [REDACTED]	Siren: Present & Utilized
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: None
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 6-7	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: Exterior vest, dark blue, patches on shoulders, badge on chest, POLICE on back.	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Belt: Taser, pistol, handcuffs, mags. Vest: cuffs, ASP baton, OC, BWC
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: Annual in-service, traffic courses	OPOTC Certification: Akron Police Academy
Military Experience/Training: None	Use-of-Force Training: Annual at APD
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	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? Alcoholic beverage yesterday evening	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: None

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 17
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Hip holster
Magazine Capacity: 17	Total Rounds as Carried (including

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	chamber): 17+1=18
Extra Magazines: 2 mags each containing 17	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17+17=34
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 12	Number of Rounds Fired: 6
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: 11/07/2024	Type of Holster, if any: Hip

Narrative:

On February 17, 2025, [REDACTED] was on the scene of a traffic crash on the Kenmore leg of the expressway. [REDACTED] recalled something coming in on the computer in his vehicle related to a BOLO (Be on the lookout) from Columbus PD. [REDACTED] then heard radio traffic related to locating a vehicle. [REDACTED] finished his crash report and was then driving on Kenmore Boulevard approaching Manchester Road when he observed a vehicle proceed through 2 red lights without stopping.

[REDACTED] activated his vehicle's emergency lights and siren. [REDACTED] then radioed that he had observed an extremely reckless op. The vehicle blew two (2) red lights, and that they were traveling eastbound on Kenmore Boulevard toward Ira Avenue. [REDACTED] also described the vehicle as a white-color Toyota Camry. Another officer radioed that the vehicle [REDACTED] described was a BOLO vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle did not yield to his emergency lights and siren. As they approached Lakeshore Boulevard, [REDACTED] noticed another APD vehicle (driven by [REDACTED]). They turned left on Lakeshore Boulevard and at that time [REDACTED] took over, calling out the pursuit on the radio.

[REDACTED] then observed the subject in the Camry reach out of the vehicle and fire a shot. [REDACTED] ducked down and radioed that shots were fired, and the subject was shooting at them. [REDACTED] then drove past [REDACTED]. They then turned onto Ira Avenue. [REDACTED] saw the subject pull the vehicle to the curb and jump out of the vehicle. [REDACTED] radioed the subject's clothing description as black and gray in color. [REDACTED] then exited his cruiser and took cover. [REDACTED] radioed that the subject was walking away from officers in an eastbound direction on Ira Avenue. The subject turned and started coming toward officers. [REDACTED] stated that he had activated his BWC manually as it did not automatically activate when he activated his vehicle emergency lights.

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██████████ stated:

"So, I remember ██████████ being on my left somewhere. I remember who I believe was ██████████ running across the road in front of me. And I remember whether I said it or not, there's a big tree. I, you know, was I said, you know, take the tree or what, I don't know if I did or not whatever, but I, I believe ██████████ was running across the road. He was over somewhere to my right. So, we're looking, you know, he had already shot at us several times. So, um, I knew that I didn't want him to get any closer. And I was also remember like worried that because he, there was houses behind him, but I also did not want him to get any closer to us to have a, you know, closer shot.

So, at that point I just, I knew that I had to stop him before it got any closer. And I remember saying drop the gun or whatever I said, and I got on my sights and I fired three times. Uh, I know that the second shot hit him, uh, 'cause I saw him like react to it. And then I fired a third time in that, that's when he went down. So, I kept cover on him, which I remembered only being about four or five seconds. And then he started getting back up again and that's when I fired three more times. And that's when he's remained down. And we started coming up and approaching him and that's when I saw the gun on his left" [12:38].

Officers then dragged the subject away from the gun. ██████████ ran back to his cruiser to grab gloves and his coat. ██████████ stated that a person yelled to them that the subject was his son.

SA Lieber asked if the subject fired shots when he exited the vehicle. ██████████ stated that he had not watched his BWC video, but he had heard audio portions of the recording from the news. ██████████ stated that he did radio that the subject fired additional shots at them, but if he had been asked before hearing the audio he is not sure if he would have remembered.

SA Lieber asked if ██████████ believed that he fired all 6 of his rounds from the same location. ██████████ stated that was what he remembered. SA Lieber asked ██████████ if he recalled any other officers firing. ██████████ stated that ██████████ fired, but he did not know how many shots.

SA Lieber asked ██████████ specifically what caused him to fire his first 3 shots. ██████████ stated "To not let him get any closer, to have a better shot at us" [17:15]. SA Lieber asked if the subject had a firearm at that point. ██████████ stated "Yes,

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yes" [17:23]. SA Lieber asked when [REDACTED] fired the second 3 shots. [REDACTED] stated "When he started getting back up off the ground" [17:37]. SA Lieber asked if [REDACTED] could see that the subject had a firearm when he was getting back up. [REDACTED] stated, "I don't remember. I don't remember seeing the firearm. I don't remember seeing the firearm. I just remember him trying to get back up. I mean he was advancing towards us, you know, clearly, he had already taken shots at us. Um, I just didn't want him to get any closer to us" [17:45].

[REDACTED] was then given the opportunity to review his BWC video. After reviewing the video, [REDACTED] was asked if there was anything that he would like to add, modify or change about his statement. [REDACTED] stated that he realized that he radioed the color of the subject's clothing as brown and tan (not black and gray). [REDACTED] also stated that the video showed that officers utilized [REDACTED] vehicle and moved closer to the subject. [REDACTED] did not recall moving closer to the subject.

The interview concluded at approximately 1338 hours.

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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