



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



2022-1356

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 1659 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio
44301

Investigative Activity: Video Surveillance Canvass
Activity Date: June 28, 2022
Activity Location: E. Tallmadge/St. Rt. 8/Brown St./E. Wilbeth Rd.
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On Monday, June 28, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) conducted a video surveillance canvass on the suspected route of the pursuit which concluded with the officer-involved shooting at the Bridgestone Center for Research and Technology, 1659 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify video surveillance footage related to the officer-involved shooting.

At that time, agents believed the pursuit began on E. Tallmadge. It traveled south on Rt. 8 to the Archwood Rd. exit. The route of the pursuit from there was unknown but it ended up on E. Wilbeth Rd. and continued west to the Bridgestone Parking lot.

SA Armstrong canvassed the suspected route of the pursuit and located the following traffic cameras believed to be maintained by the City of Akron:

- E. Tallmadge Ave. and Patterson Ave.
- E. Tallmadge Ave. and Gorge Blvd.
- E. Tallmadge Ave. and the exit/entrance ramp to Rt. 8 South
- E. Wilbeth Rd. and S. Firestone Blvd.
- E. Wilbeth Rd. and Brown St.

SA Cory Momchilov requested a copy of the relevant footage captured by the identified cameras. On June 28, 2022, Sergeant Tony Starvaggi indicated the only traffic camera they had was at E. Tallmadge and Route 8 but that it did not record footage. This information was provided in an email which has been attached to this report.

SA Armstrong identified 9 Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) traffic cameras along St. Rt. 8 between E. Tallmadge and Archwood Ave. SA Armstrong requested a copy of the relevant footage related to the incident.

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On June 28, 2022, at approximately 1307 hours, ODOT Traffic Management Center Specialist Paul Hilde (Hilde) provided SA Armstrong with the following 9 videos, via a secure link:

-  6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)
-  I-77 at E Archwood Ave
-  SR-8 at E Glenwood
-  SR-8 at E Market St, PTZ
-  SR-8 at E Market St, Quad
-  SR-8 at E Tallmadge Ave, Quad
-  SR-8 at Exchange St, Quad
-  SR-8 at Perkins St, PTZ
-  SR-8 at Perkins St, Quad

SA Armstrong learned that after the shooting incident, personnel from the Akron Police Department located a shell casing on the entrance ramp to St. Rt. 8 at E. Tallmadge Ave. SA Armstrong requested Hilde provide additional video footage from the ODOT camera at E. Tallmadge Ave. and St. Rt. 8 to determine the time Akron Police Department personnel searched that area.

On June 29, 2022, Hilde provided SA Armstrong the following video footage, via a secure link:

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- 6_27_2022 3_24_50 AM (UTC-04_00)
- 6_27_2022 3_24_50 AM (UTC-04_00)_002
- 6_27_2022 3_24_50 AM (UTC-04_00)_003
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0002
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0003
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0004
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0005
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0006
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- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0008
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0009
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0010
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0011
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0012
- 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0013

The video footage from ODOT was downloaded and stored on a DVD disc and stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item B.

SA Armstrong located multiple cameras at the Bridgestone Center for Research and Technology. There were two cameras mounted on the roof of the building and multiple cameras in the parking lots, which may have captured the actual shooting incident. Bridgestone Security Specialist Randy Hicks (Hicks) indicated most of the cameras were not operational at the time of the shooting incident. Hicks had provided SA Andrew Harasimchuck footage from one camera located in the east parking lot. The footage was provided on a thumb drive and turned over to SA Armstrong. It was placed in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A and contained the following three videos:

- APD 1 6 27 2022
- APD 2 6 27 2022
- APD 3 6 27 2022

Hicks explained there was one operational camera in the south parking lot, but it faced the building and did not capture the incident. SA Armstrong requested a copy of the footage, and the following videos were provided via email on June 29, 2022:

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The files were added to the thumb drive Hicks previously provided, which was stored in the BCI SIU case file as Reference Item A.

Reference Items:

Item A – Thumb drive containing video footage from Bridgestone

Item B – DVD Discs containing video footage from ODOT

Attachments:

FW__External_FW_Akron Traffic Camera Footage

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From: Cory Momchilov [Cory.Momchilov@OhioAGO.gov]
To: Matthew Armstrong [Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov]
Subject: FW: [External]FW: Akron Traffic Camera Footage
Sent: Tue 6/28/2022 9:15 AM GMT-04:00
Importance: Normal

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: Starvaggi, Tony <TStarvaggi@akronohio.gov>
Date: Tuesday, Jun 28, 2022, 9:14 AM
To: Cory Momchilov <Cory.Momchilov@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]FW: Akron Traffic Camera Footage

Cory,

We have a traffic cam only at E. Tallmadge and Rt. 8, not the other intersections you requested. However, they don't all record and sure enough this one does not record. We did get ODOT camera footage from that intersection and will be loading it up on evidence.com. When that happens, I'll send you a new link.

From: Cory Momchilov <Cory.Momchilov@OhioAGO.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Starvaggi, Tony <TStarvaggi@akronohio.gov>
Subject: [External]FW: Akron Traffic Camera Footage

Sergeant,

Is there anyway we could get City of Akron traffic camera footage for the areas listed below.

See forwarded email below. Thank you.

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: Matthew Armstrong <Matthew.Armstrong@OhioAGO.gov>
Date: Tuesday, Jun 28, 2022, 8:18 AM
To: Cory Momchilov <Cory.Momchilov@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Akron Traffic Camera Footage

Hey Cory,

We will need footage from the what I believe to be City of Akron traffic cameras at the following locations:

- * E. Talmadge Ave. and Gorge Blvd.
- * E. Talmadge Ave. and the exit/entrance ramp to Rt 8 South
- * E. Wilbeth Rd. and S. Firestone Blvd.
- * E. Wilbeth Rd. and Brown St.

There may be some other ones added to the list once we know where the traffic stop was initiated.

Matt



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