



**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: Case Opening
Involves: Marcus Smith (S), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Akron Police
Department (O)
Activity Date: 02/17/2025
Activity Location: 294 Ira Avenue, Akron, OH 44301
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, at approximately 0925 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Lieutenant Whiddon of the Akron Police Department (APD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 294 Ira Avenue, Akron, OH 44301. BCI Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1045 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Allison Fletcher, Jesse Bynum, and Joe Goudy. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Marcus L. Smith (Smith), and members of the Akron Police Department. The incident resulted in the death of Smith.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Request for Assistance APD [REDACTED]

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AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Brian J. Harding, *Chief of Police*

February 17, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request that the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) of the State of Ohio, investigate an officer-involved critical incident, involving an on-duty Akron Police Officer that occurred on Monday, February 17, 2025, in area of Lakeshore Blvd and Ira Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Brian Harding
Akron Police Department
217 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.