



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



2024-2465
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio
44314

Investigative Activity: Video Review
Involves: Michael Jones (S), [REDACTED] (W)
Date of Activity: 10/30/2024
Activity Location: BCI Richfield Office – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH
44286
Author: SA John P. Tingley, #154

Narrative:

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent John Tingley (SA Tingley) reviewed the surveillance camera video from the Duke and Duchess Gas Station (aka ARCO) located at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. This business was the location of the officer involved critical incident which occurred on August 17, 2024, and involved two officers of the Akron Police Department (APD) and Michael Jones (Jones) and resulted in the death of Jones.

SA Tingley reviewed the video recordings listed as ARCO EAST AVENUE-1-CANOPY_30 MINS-20240817000054-2 and noted the following:

The video is 0:29:55 in length and begins at 12:00:43 on 08/17/2024. The angle of the surveillance camera is angled and there is no audio. It should be noted that the times listed are those times displayed on the video, however, the times listed were one (1) hour off of the actual time which at the beginning on the video which was actually 01:00:43 hours on 08/17/2024.

At approximately 12:01:21, a U-Haul truck pulled into the gas station and parked at a gas pump.

At approximately 12:02:40, a marked APD cruiser pulled into the gas station lot.

At approximately 12:03:08, the APD cruiser pulled in behind the U-Haul and parked.

At approximately 12:03:14, APD [REDACTED] exited the passenger side of the cruiser and approached the U-Haul.

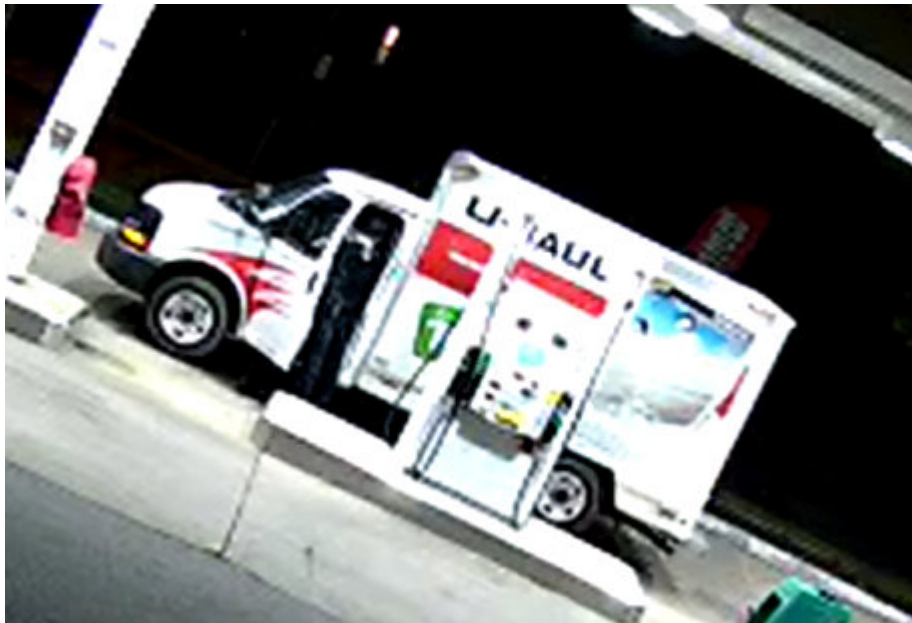
At approximately 12:03:23, [REDACTED] contacted the driver of the U-Haul who was still

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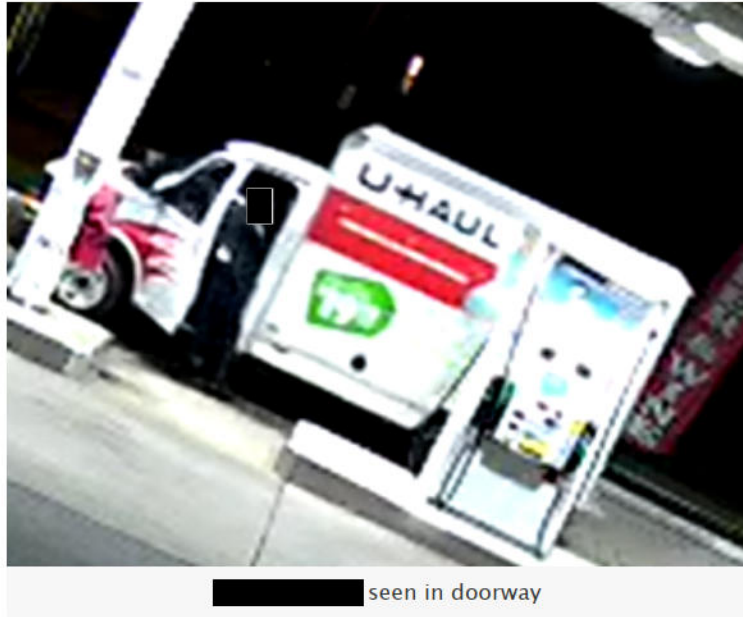
seated inside of the vehicle. [REDACTED] was also observed as he exited the driver's side of the cruiser and approached the U-Haul.

At approximately 12:03:29, [REDACTED] opened the driver's door of the U-Haul. [REDACTED] then began speaking with the driver of the U-Haul.

At approximately 12:03:45, [REDACTED] reached into the cab of the U-Haul and began to struggle with the driver (the following photographs are angled due to how the surveillance camera was mounted at the business).



At approximately 12:03:49, the driver of the U-Haul appeared to rapidly accelerate away from the gas pump with both [REDACTED] still partially in the vehicle.



██████████ seen in doorway

At approximately 12:03:53, the U-Haul exited the gas station lot and made a sharp turn to the right and began to travel northbound on East Avenue. Both ██████████ are still partially in the cab of the vehicle at this time.

At approximately 12:04:13, the U-Haul slowed and came to a complete stop (with the U-Haul being at the right edge of the camera view).

At approximately 12:04:56, ██████████ is seen running back to the cruiser. Upon arrival at the cruiser, ██████████ opened the rear hatch to the cruiser and reached into the rear area of the cruiser.

At approximately 12:05:20, a second APD cruiser arrived at the incident location from the south.

At approximately 12:05:23, ██████████ closed the rear hatch to the cruiser and began running back towards the U-Haul.

As the driver's side of the U-Haul was not visible from the camera angle due to the body of the vehicle blocking the view. Accordingly, there is no other pertinent information able to be obtained from the surveillance camera video footage related to the activities which occurred on the driver's side of the U-Haul after the vehicle stopped.

The remainder of the video was of multiple APD units securing and containing the scene of the officer involved critical incident.

The video concluded with a view of the gas station lot with the U-Haul visible at the right side of the screen.

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The surveillance camera video footage is attached as Reference Item C to this case file.

Attachments:

No attachments.

References:

C – USB Thumbdrive–Business Surveillance Videos