



**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: Dispatch related information review
Involves: Akron Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 02/27/2025
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received requested records and recordings from Akron Police Department (APD) Sergeant Michael Orrand. SA Lieber had previously requested all dispatch records, audio recordings (radio, 911, and phone), mobile data terminal (MDT) communications, and any other dispatch/communications-related to the February 17, 2025, officer-involved critical incident occurring near 294 Ira Avenue, Akron, OH 44301. As a result of that request, the following items were received and reviewed:

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records:

Two files were received listing the date, time, and duration of dispatch radio traffic.

Radio Traffic Recordings:

Akron PD radio traffic OIS_ [REDACTED]

The audio recording was 12 minutes and 08 seconds in duration. Only the radio traffic deemed to be most relevant to the incident is shown below.

Description	Elapsed time
7 you calling [REDACTED]	00:35
Yeah, if, if you guys gimme like two minutes. I'm just waiting for this guy to put some gas in the car. I should be uh, free.	00:38
(Unintelligible) copy uh, sounds like he took the dad's Toyota car. I don't know if he's gonna try switching plates or what he's gonna do, but that sounds like this, uh, car he stole is gonna be there.	00:46
(Unintelligible) yeah, uh, the vehicle they took is a white Camry. The one they put the plate on was like a dark green car.	01:06
Yeah, it's a dark green car. They said uh, no gun was used or anything when he stole it. He just pulled the lady out, pushed her to ground and uh, took the vehicle.	01:15

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Yeah, just a quick bolo too with that. Uh, white Toyota Camry. It's out. Uh, if anybody sees it, it's uh, looks like uh, has an army or military license plate. And then in the back window the back seats have like a uh, red cover over 'em in case anybody sees that vehicle.	02:08
Okay reference car [REDACTED] call on Ira Avenue. Anybody spots that white Toyota Camry uh, with an army or military type plate, back windshield would reveal that the back seats have a red covering. Again, that's related to 294 Ira Avenue.	02:37
[REDACTED], I have a car that just blew two red lights right in front of me. It's a white Camry. We are eastbound on Lakes or on Kenmore coming up the Lakeshore. Extreme, extreme reckless op trying to get a plate, uh, coming up to Lakeshore.	03:01
Okay. All cars stand by. Uh, [REDACTED] are you copying that traffic?	03:23
That's gonna be uh, our suspect.	03:29
He's not stopping. You could probably make this a chase. Uh, we're gonna be north on Lakeshore.	03:34
Shots fired. Shots fired. He is shooting at us. Shots fired. Shots fired. He just took two shots at us. Use caution.	03:42
Alright, that car just uh, still going. He's gonna be making an eastbound turn onto Lake. Sorry, eastbound turn onto Ira.	03:51
All cars standby.	04:00
Everybody. Okay.	04:13
They're on two patch channels.	04:22
He just took three more shots at us, he's on foot. Brown leather jacket, tan pants running uh, no he's running uh, eastbound on uh, Ira. Units responding use caution.	04:28
Yeah. All units signal 21, 294 Ira Avenue.	04:51
7, I pulled. I'm en route.	04:56
Hey, anybody with a rifle? Get up here. Rifle. Get up here.	04:59
Where you at [REDACTED]	05:09
Shots fired, Police shots fired. He's down. Still Signal 21. He's down right in front of the cruiser. (Unintelligible) to approach.	05:17
44, you copying this traffic?	05:34
Yeah, I'm en route.	05:38
40, I'm en route as well.	05:42
Copy 40.	05:45
(Unintelligible) Moving up on him. No movement.	05:51
Stop right there.	06:01
All responding units. Make sure you get there safely but get there	06:09

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Description	Elapsed time
(Unintelligible).	06:17
All cars standby.	06:19
Start EMS. He's still moving. Still armed. Start EMS. Somebody with a shield.	06:28
EMS en route.	06:35
Get a shield up here now.	06:41
Is it safe for EMS approach?	06:45
No.	06:48
I have a shield.	06:54
Units, slow down. It's safe for EMS approach. Have them approach now. Units if you're blocking the road, move for EMS.	07:02
Have EMS approach from the east.	07:16
(Unintelligible) suspect is down. Not conscious, not breathing.	07:26
Make room for EMS down on Lakeshore. Make room for EMS.	07:38
40, we have CPR in progress.	07:52
Units approaching on Ira from the east to the west, set up crime scene, block everything off back at that cruiser at the intersection.	08:13
We also need units to block traffic at Lakeshore and Kenmore. That's where the first shot was fired.	08:36
Remaining radio traffic related to shift notifications, officer response, and securing the scene.	

Phone Calls:

Call from John Smith to Akron PD

The audio recording was 3 minutes and 53 seconds in duration.

John L. Smith (John) called Akron police and fire dispatch stating that he needed to report a theft. John provided the address as 294 Ira Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44301. The dispatcher asked John what was stolen. John replied "My car? Well, uh, my son, he has a, he has a mental problem and he stole my, all my credit cards about, oh, the 14th of, of February, last Friday. And he disappeared until now. He come here, he just come here, home here? Well, he's been staying with me about a week, but he actually live in Cincinnati with his mom. And so, he came, he just came here first time seeing him since he took my credit cards and, and ran off last Friday, just coming here half an

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hour ago. And I don't know, he's in some kind of stage, but I tried to talk to him and I didn't have my clothes on, so I went in the bedroom and put, put some clothes on while I went in the bedroom, put the clothes on. He ran out, got, he ran there and got my keys to my car and took off" [00:39].

John stated that this occurred approximately 15 minutes ago. John stated that his car was a 2020 Toyota Camry that is pearl in color but looks white. John provided the license plate as L-E-N-B-O-Y (LENBOY). The dispatcher asked John if he knew where his son was headed. John replied, "No, he just come in here and I was in the bed and I got up and uh, I asked him, uh, you know, you know where, where you been? And he said, Columbus. And I said, Columbus, why you go to Columbus? And he said, casino, which all of a sudden he ain't no casino person really. And then I look out the window and asked him, where's your car at? He said, it is in Columbus. I said, well, you done rented a car. He got a black Toyota look like, uh, uh, a little, I can't get the name of it now black. It's parked out here, uh, in front of the house. And I said, you rented that car? And he said, yeah. I said, well, where's your car in Columbus? He said, and I said, you rented that car you rented with my credit card huh? He said, yeah. So, I stopped, talking, went in back, went in the bedroom, put on my well pajamas and while I was in there doing that, uh, I heard the door shut. I got pajamas come out and he was driving. I had my car blocked in the driveway with my van. So, but he's able to back up and cut across the yard" [02:23].

The dispatcher stated that he would get police out there as soon as possible.

The records and recordings received are stored on Evidence.com as Reference Item M.

References:

M - Akron PD radio traffic and dispatch

Attachments:

None

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