



**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: Video review – Ofc. Michael Thornton
Involves: Ofc. Michael Thornton (W)
Activity Date: 04/09/2025
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) reviewed video footage from Akron Police Department (APD) Officer (Ofc.) Michael Thornton's (Thornton) body-worn camera (BWC) and dash camera. For a detailed review of the video footage leading up to and including the shooting incident refer to the report titled **2025-04-30: OCIC Video Presentation review**. The video review detailed in this report will begin where the report noted above left off.

SA Lieber reviewed the video recording and noted the following:

Body-worn camera

The video is titled **Thornton - East / Saxon - 294 Ira** and is 7 minutes and 36 seconds in duration. The timestamp at the beginning of the video is 09:08:09.

This report will begin the video review at 09:12:12. At that time officers are approaching Marcus Smith (Marcus). Marcus could be seen lying in the street. See screenshot below.

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Viewed by JLieber (OhioAGevidence.com) on 30 Apr 2025

Officers pulled Marcus further into the street and away from a handgun that was found on the ground near him. See screenshot below showing the location of the handgun.



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Several officers provided medical treatment to Marcus. At 09:15:11, an ambulance could be seen after having pulled up next to the area where officers were providing aid. Thornton then walked westbound on Ira Avenue. At 09:15:20, the audio is muted.

At 09:15:46, the video ended.

Dash camera

The video is titled **Thornton - 294 IRA Axon Fleet Car 7 Cam** and is 5 hours, 24 minutes and 10 seconds in duration. The timestamp at the beginning of the video is 09:08:11.

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At 09:12:23, officers had pulled Marcus Smith into the middle of the street and were about to begin medical treatment. See screenshot below.



Additional officers arrived on scene.

At 09:13:47, Thornton's vehicle was driven backward and moved to the side of the street. The screenshot below shows the view from the dash camera from the vehicle in its new location [09:14:02].



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At 09:14:54, an ambulance arrived on scene. At 09:18:35, the sound is muted. At 09:19:49, the ambulance began to drive away from the scene. At approximately 11:02:00, BCI Crime Scene Technician Mike Rostocil arrived on scene. At 14:30:45, the vehicle was driven away from the scene.

At 14:32:20, the video ended.

The videos have been stored on Evidence.com as Reference Item I.

References:

I - Akron PD BWC and dash camera videos

Attachments:

None

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