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

Investigative Activity: Review of Surveillance Camera Footage
Activity Date: July 5, 2022
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong #146










Narrative:

On July 5, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) began reviewing recovered surveillance video footage related to the June 27, 2022, officer-involved shooting in Akron, Ohio.

A canvass for surveillance video cameras and footage was previously completed to identify potentially relevant video recordings captured by government-owned or privately-owned video surveillance cameras. The canvass resulted in the collection of surveillance video footage captured on eight Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) traffic cameras located along St. Rt. 8, between E. Tallmadge and Archwood Ave.

This report contains only the details believed to be most relevant to this incident. Not every detail observed in the footage was documented. The reader of this Investigative Report is encouraged to view each video in its entirety. Each video contained a date and timestamp. The timestamps on the video footage were used for time references throughout this report.

SA Armstrong reviewed the following videos in their entirety:

-  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

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The videos contained footage of the pursuit from the area of E. Tallmadge and St. Rt. 8. At 00:31:33 hours, the involved subject vehicle, followed by one police vehicle, traveled from E. Tallmadge Ave. onto the St. Rt. 8 southbound entrance ramp (*Image 1 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*). As the pursuit continued, the subject vehicle and numerous police vehicles were captured on Rt. 8 traveling south, past ODOT cameras at the following times and locations:

- 00:32:18 hours, Glenwood Ave. (*Image 2 - SR-8 at E Glenwood*)
- 00:32:45 hours, Perkins St. (*Image 3 - SR-8 at Perkins St, PTZ*)
- 00:33:04 hours, E Market St. (*Image 4 - SR-8 at E Market St, PTZ*)
- 00:33:23 hours, Exchange St. (*Image 5 - SR-8 at Exchange St, Quad*)

At 00:34:51 hours, the subject vehicle and numerous police vehicles exited St. Rt. 8 at the Archwood Ave. exit (*Image 6 - I-77 at E Archwood Ave*). The subject vehicle continued south, across Archwood Ave., on Burkhardt Ave. (*Image 7 - I-77 at E Archwood Ave*) and was pursued by numerous police vehicles.

The following two videos were identified as cameras at St. Rt. 8 and E. Tallmadge. They contained the most notable footage:

- *6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
- *SR-8 at E Tallmadge Ave, Quad*

Both videos contained footage of the same location but during different times.

6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)

This video contained footage recorded between 00:30:57 hours and 00:32:01 hours.

- At 00:31:14, what was later determined to be a Cuyahoga Falls police vehicle stopped for a traffic signal at E. Tallmadge Ave. on the southbound exit ramp from St. Rt. 8.
- At 00:31:17 (*Image 8 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*), police overhead lights can be observed west of the camera on Tallmadge Ave. As the video continued, it became clear the police vehicle was traveling east on Tallmadge Ave.
- At 00:31:28, the subject vehicle can be seen traveling east on Tallmadge Ave., in front of the police vehicle (*Image 9 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*). It appears the police vehicle is pursuing the subject vehicle.
- At 00:31:32, the subject vehicle began to turn on the St. Rt. 8 southbound entrance ramp from E. Tallmadge Ave. (*Image 10 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*).
- At 00:31:35, the subject vehicle continued south on the St. Rt. 8 entrance ramp and exited the west-facing camera view (*Image 12 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*).

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*Note the subject vehicle was out of view of the ODOT cameras for approximately six seconds.

- At 00:31:41, the subject vehicle entered the south-facing camera view and was observed continuing south on the St. Rt. 8 entrance ramp (*Image 12 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*).
- At 00:31:42, the police vehicle entered the south-facing camera view, directly behind the subject vehicle.
- At 00:31:43, a bright, white light can be seen near the driver-side window of the subject vehicle. It was captured in the following images:
 - *Image 13 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 14 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 15 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 16 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 17 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 18 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*
 - *Image 19 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*

*Note: Additional video analysis was requested for this portion of the video.

- At 00:31:48, the Cuyahoga Falls police vehicle's overhead lights become visible, and it travels south, across E. Tallmadge, onto the St. Rt. 8 southbound entrance ramp and joins the pursuit (*Image 20 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)*).

SR-8 at E Tallmadge Ave, Quad

This video contained footage recorded between 00:31:43 hours and 00:32:43 hours. The relevant footage captured on this video was captured on the previous video.

Additional ODOT Video Footage

During the investigation, agents learned Akron Police Department personnel recovered a shell casing from the entrance ramp to St. Rt. 8 at E. Tallmadge Ave. Metadata from the photographs of the shell casing revealed the time the first photograph was taken was 06/27/22, at 0317 hours. Additional ODOT video footage was requested for the ODOT camera located at St. Rt. 8 and E. Tallmadge Ave. The following videos were provided and captured footage between 0030 hours and 0400 hours:

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- 🚧 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)
- 🚧 6_27_2022 12_29_56 AM (UTC-04_00)_0002
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After reviewing the footage, agents were unable to locate anyone present on the St. Rt. 8 on-ramp from Talmadge Ave. It was later learned that the shell casing was not recovered until 0516 hours; footage of that time was no longer available.

Attachments:

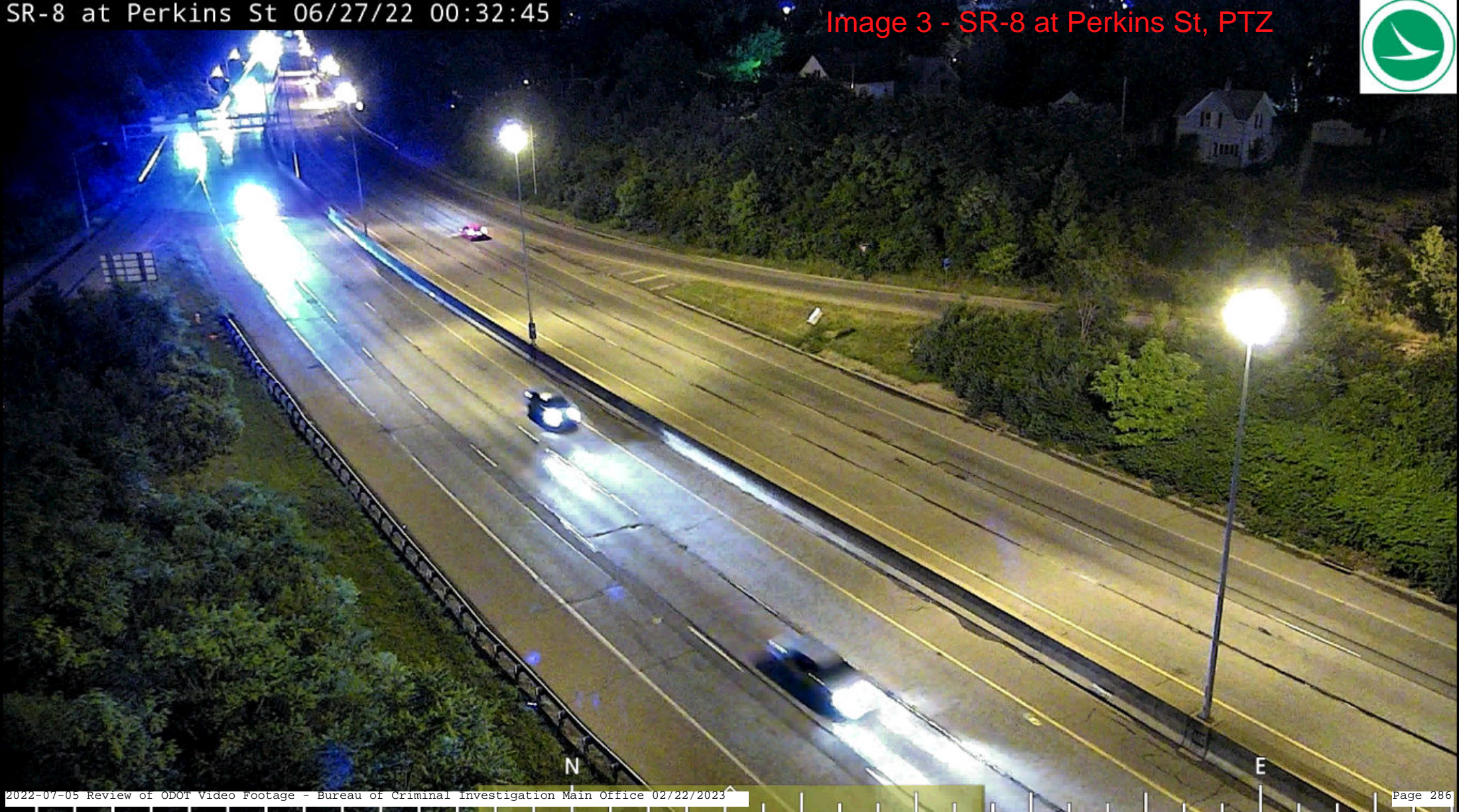
Still Images from ODOT Surveillance Cameras

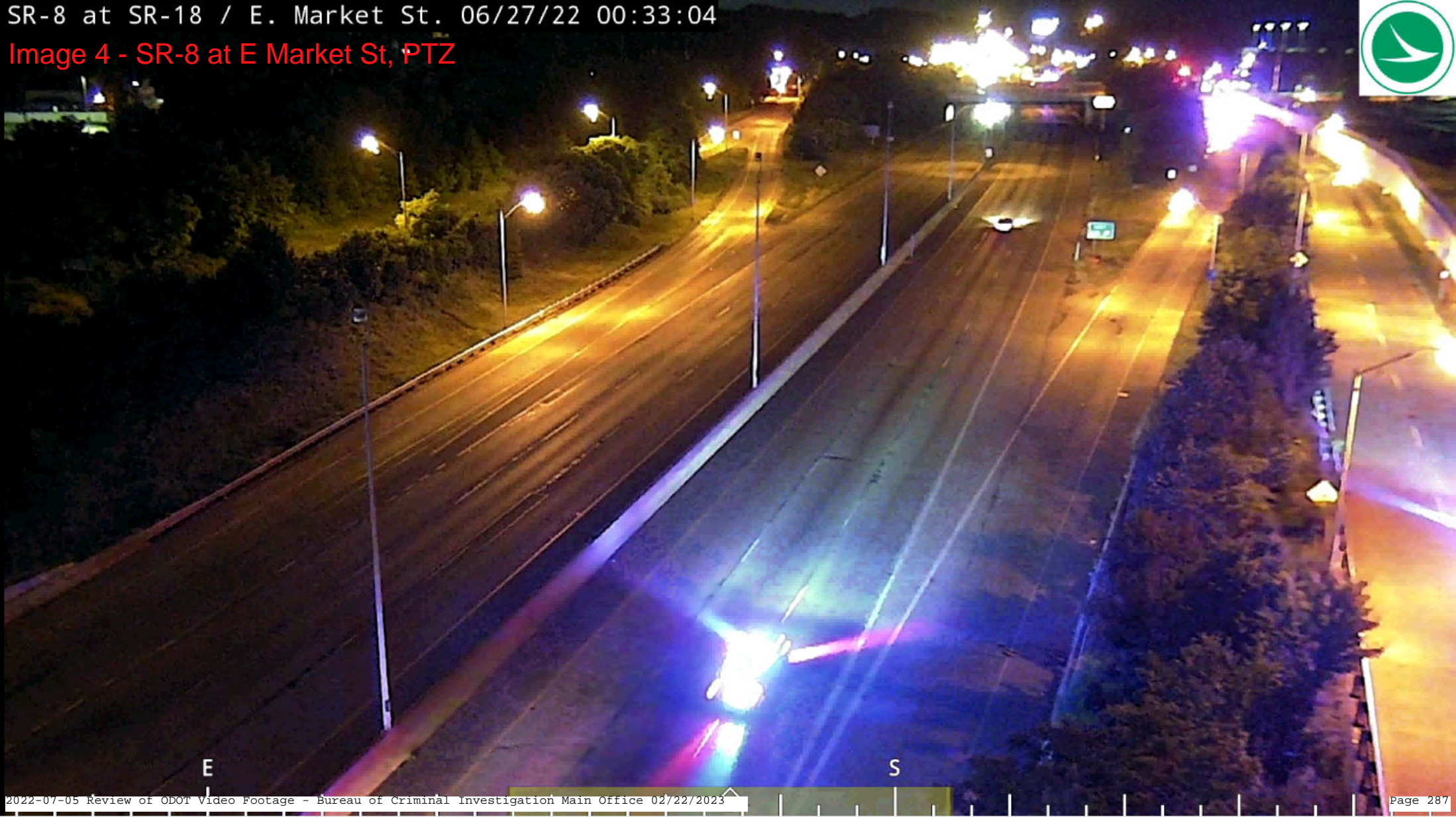
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Image 1 - 6_27_2022 12_30_57 AM (UTC-04_00)









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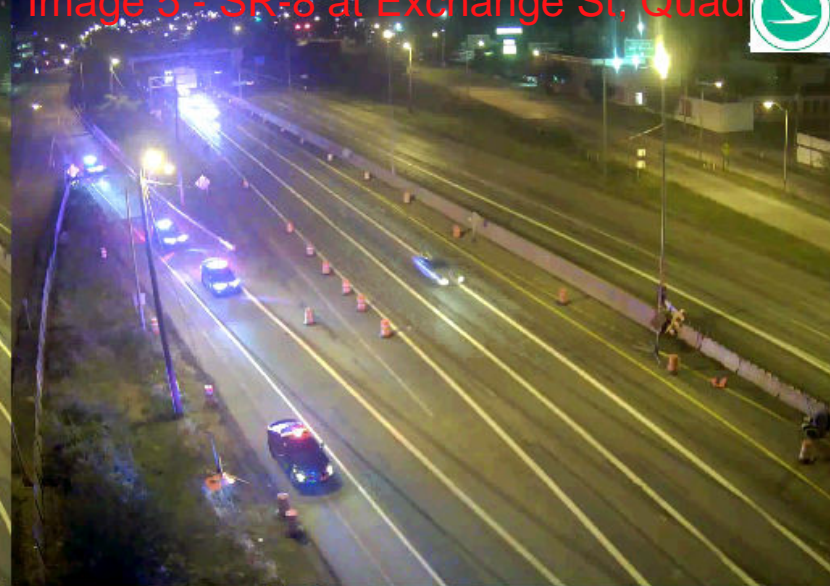


Image-6 - I-77 at E Archwood Ave



Image 7 - I-77 at E Archwood Ave













