



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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road,  
Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Digital Evidence Analysis  
**Involves:** Akeem A. Holtz (S), Karita Thomas (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 04/16/2025  
**Activity Location:** Kroger – 4500 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45212  
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**Narrative:**

On May 20, 2025, Special Agent Doug Eveslage (SA Eveslage) with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) reviewed surveillance video from the morning of April 16, 2025 at Kroger, 4500 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212.

The video depicts Akeem Holtz (Holtz) and Karita Thomas (Thomas) grocery shopping and at some point during the approximately 40 minutes inside the Kroger, Holtz and Thomas completely switch clothing attire to include shoes and purse. Holtz is using a motorized wheelchair and walking a black dog on a leash throughout the store.

**Surveillance video notes:**

- Parking lot entry video – Holtz and Thomas observed walking a black dog from the Montgomery Road area, across the parking lot holding hands, and off camera near the front of Kroger
- Store Entry (1) video – Holtz observed wearing a black/white hoodie, light colored pants, red winter cap and green shoes walking a black dog into the Kroger. Thomas is observed wearing a brown colored jacket over a pink colored hoodie, dark pants, a small shouldered purse, black crocs and a black wash cap walking into Kroger. Holtz removes numerous plastic bags from the recycle container in the foyer and then returns again riding on the motorized wheelchair to remove more plastic bags from the recycle container.
- Store Entry (2) video – Holtz and Thomas observed. Nothing to note.
- Shopping video – Holtz observed talking with a customer wearing Amazon clothing in the produce section.
- Checkout video – Holtz observed sitting in motorized wheelchair and Thomas is standing assisting with bags during the checkout process.
- Checkout (2) video – Holtz and Thomas observed during the checkout process.

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Thomas removes a stack of personal cards from pocket and gives them to Holtz. Holtz uses an Ohio EBT card to make the purchase and scans a Kroger plus card also.

- Store Exit (1) video – Holtz and Thomas appeared to have completed swapped clothing and shoes with one another while inside Kroger.
- Store Exit (2) video – Holtz and Thomas observed. Nothing to note.
- Parking lot exit (1) video – Holtz and Thomas observed leaving the Kroger across the parking lot. Nothing to note.
- Parking lot exit (2) video – Holtz and Thomas observed. Nothing to note.
- Parking lot exit (3) video – Holtz and Thomas moved purchased items from wheelchair into shopping cart and both Holtz and Thomas walk away/steal with shopping cart. Holtz removes shoes as walking and places them in cart and then continues walking for the duration of the video without shoes on.

**References:**

Axon Justice: Kroger surveillance videos

**Attachments:**

No attachments.