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Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio
44307, Summit County
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Investigative Request

On Thursday, November 28, 2024, Chief Brian Harding of the Akron Police Department (APD) requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on November 28, 2024 in the area of 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307 and resulted in the death of Jazmir Tucker (Tucker).

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the November 28, 2024 officer-involved shooting in Summit County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Incident Summary/Overview

On November 28, 2024, at approximately 2300 hours, APD Officers (Officer) Davon Fields (Fields) and Steven Loar (Loar) were in a marked APD cruiser in the parking lot of the Antioch Baptist Church, 670 Vernon Odom Boulevard, Akron, Ohio. The officers heard two gunshots that sounded close to their location. Fields radioed dispatch that they had shots fired in the area of Manchester and Vernon Odom. Both officers exited their vehicle while retrieving their patrol rifles.

The officers took their patrol rifles because they did not know how many armed subjects they may encounter, and they also did not know what kind of weapons the subject(s) had. Fields stated during his subsequent interview that a rifle is superior to a pistol because it is more accurate at greater distances, and it is easier to control. Fields also stated that there have been multiple shots-fired calls and murders in the area. In addition, several months ago there was a shootout in the area of the Springhill apartments where multiple people had firearms, including rifles.

The officers proceeded on foot toward the Miller-South School. Officers then observed a male, later identified as Jazmir Tucker, walking toward East Boulevard from a lower parking area.

Fields stated that at that time there were several things that he was processing. Fields stated that people in the city typically fire guns on holidays such as July 4th, Juneteenth, and New Year's. When they do fire shots, it is on the night before the holiday, just before and after midnight. Fields stated that no one fires shots on Thanksgiving, especially around this time (2300 hours).

Fields stated that as they were approaching the northwest corner of the school, he looked to his left, toward the area where the shots came from, but due to the darkness he could not see anything. Fields stated that knowing that it was not normal for shots to be fired at this time, he thought someone may have been shot and possibly dying in the parking lot area where he believed the gunshots were fired. Fields stated that he could not go and check that area because he had now observed the suspect of a possible murder or felonious assault walking away.

Fields stated that he began jogging toward the subject because, based on his prior training and experience, if he yelled out commands from a further distance, the subject would turn and run away. Fields stated that the problem with the subject running away is that the Sherbondy Hill and Lane Field neighborhoods are very populated. Fields stated that he has worked in the area for the last 4 years and, prior to that, he had lived in the area. Fields stated that there is always someone riding a

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bike, walking, or driving. Fields stated that directly to the south of where the subject was walking, there are a lot of houses and people are often out on their porches. Fields also said that directly across the street to the west there is a large apartment complex and condos. Located to the southwest are the Springhill apartments. Fields stated that they had just come from a call at the Springhill apartments, and he knew they were highly populated.

Fields began to jog toward the subject. When Fields got to within 30-40 feet of the subject, he had his rifle in a low-ready position and used his rifle-mounted flashlight to illuminate the subject's legs. Fields stated that this position allows him to be able to see a subject and what they are doing with their hands. It also allows the subject to see Fields and his police markings. Fields yelled for the subject to put his hands up. Fields stated that he knew the subject heard the commands because the subject turned and looked at him. Fields stated that after the subject looked at him, the subject turned toward the south and ran.

Fields and Loar gave chase. After a few seconds, an APD cruiser with emergency lights activated, drove past the officers and then the subject. Fields believed that the cruiser was going to cut in front of the subject. The subject then reached toward the front of his waistband with a "high 90-degree elbow bend." Fields stated that this is indicative of a person that carries a gun in the appendix position. Seeing the subject reaching for his front waistband, the cruiser's position, and believing that the subject would do anything to get away from what he had just done (shooting and possible murder), Fields believed that the subject was going to shoot the officers in the cruiser. Fields stated that since the officers were in a vehicle they would not have seen what was going on because of paying attention to the road. Fields said, "So I stopped, fired several rounds, and uh, I stopped firing once (the) suspect fell forward and onto his right arm." Fields also stated, "So, like I said, as he was reaching down, uh to the front of his waistband I seen um what appeared to be either a maga, magazine to a handgun or the magwell to a handgun in the bottom of his hand."

Officer Loar stated during his subsequent interview, "So, we started to chase. A cruiser was coming down the street, but while chasing him, with his right hand, he went to reach into his waistband, for what, I don't know, but it was, you know, it was assumed he had a firearm, because he came from where we heard the shots, and he took off running and at that time Officer Fields deployed his weapon and discharged rounds and it kind of gets a little blurry until I get on-line with Officer Fields and we kind of start making verbal commands because we could still see movement. So, we were telling him to get his hands out from under him and then, after multiple officers got on-line with us, we backed up to the cruiser that was on East Avenue. I'm not sure

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which car that was though, we got shields together, so that we could, you know, roll him over, render aid, handle the situation and when we went back down, the subject was rolled over. I thought his gun was in his waistband when we rolled him over just because when I saw it on the ground, that's just kind of where my brain put it together. Officer Fields checked for his pulse and at that point we were pulled away from the scene, and I was put in a cruiser."

When Loar was asked why he did not fire his weapon, he stated, "In our rifle training, you do not fire if you are not on-line and I, 5 steps behind Officer Fields, so if he had started to discharge his weapon and Officer Fields jumped in front of me I could have shot and killed him. So, that is the only reason I did not fire my weapon that night."

Additional officers arrived on scene. Fields informed officers of a possible victim in the lower parking area. Officers decided to wait and obtain ballistic shields prior to approaching Tucker due to him not responding to commands to put his hands out and not being able to see Tucker's right hand or the gun.

After officers approached Tucker, a Taurus model G2C, 9mm Luger caliber handgun was found in Tucker's right side jacket pocket which was zipped shut. A short time later, EMS personnel arrived on scene. Ultimately, Tucker died at the Akron General Medical Center.

Decedent

Jazmir Tucker

DOB: 03/11/2009

Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent (Jazmir Tucker) was obtained from the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Tucker was determined to be [REDACTED]
The manner of death was ruled [REDACTED] The toxicology report [REDACTED].

The "FINDINGS AND DIAGNOSES" section of the report listed the following relevant information:

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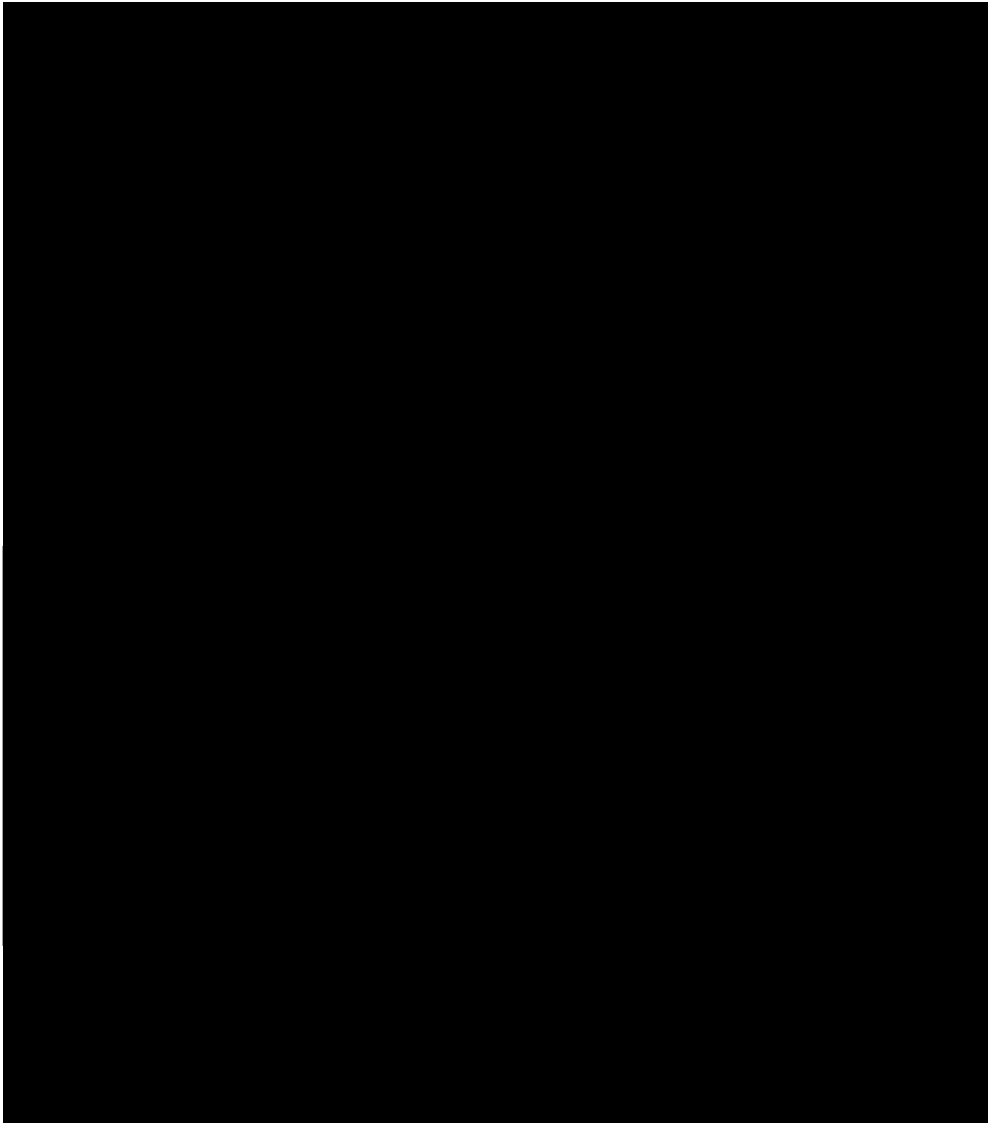


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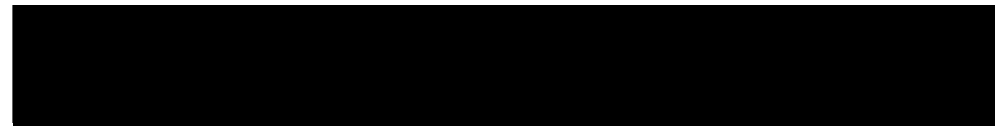


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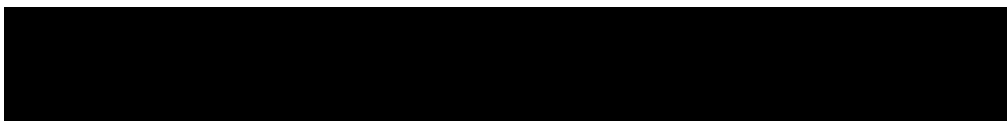
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The "TOXICOLOGY REPORT" contained the following pertinent information:



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Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

On Thursday, November 28, 2024, at approximately 2330 hours, Crime Scene Technician (CST) Rostocil was contacted by Special Agent Larry Hootman and was requested to assist the Akron Police Department with the processing of an outdoor crime scene located at 1055 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307 (Miller-South School for the Visual & Performing Arts) regarding an officer-involved critical incident.

The crime scene was located around the Miller-South School (Figure #1). The school was situated on the East side of the roadway facing West. A driveway entrance located on the North side led down a small hill to a parking lot area. The small parking lot area dead-ended into a fenced area with a small access point to a field area where a track was located. Two fired cartridge cases were located in the North parking lot of Miller South School. On the East (back side) of the building was another parking lot area. The front of the building faced the roadway (East Avenue). Between the sidewalk and the building was a grass area. Eight (8) fired rifle cartridges were located on the sidewalk and just in the grass area near the front entrance. In the middle of the grass area, in front of classroom windows 109/209 were a black pistol with an extended magazine, personal belongings, money, and a cell phone. The two involved officers' patrol vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the Antioch Baptist Church on Vernon Odom Blvd., just East of the East Avenue intersection. The vehicle was marked with Akron Police Department lettering and marked as vehicle 20. The vehicle was backed into a spot under trees along the South fence line. The temperature at the time of processing was approximately 33°F with falling snow. CST Rostocil photographed the scene as it was found (Figures #2-12).

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Figure #1 – Overall scene location

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Figure #2 – Overall scene (Antioch Baptist Church parking lot)

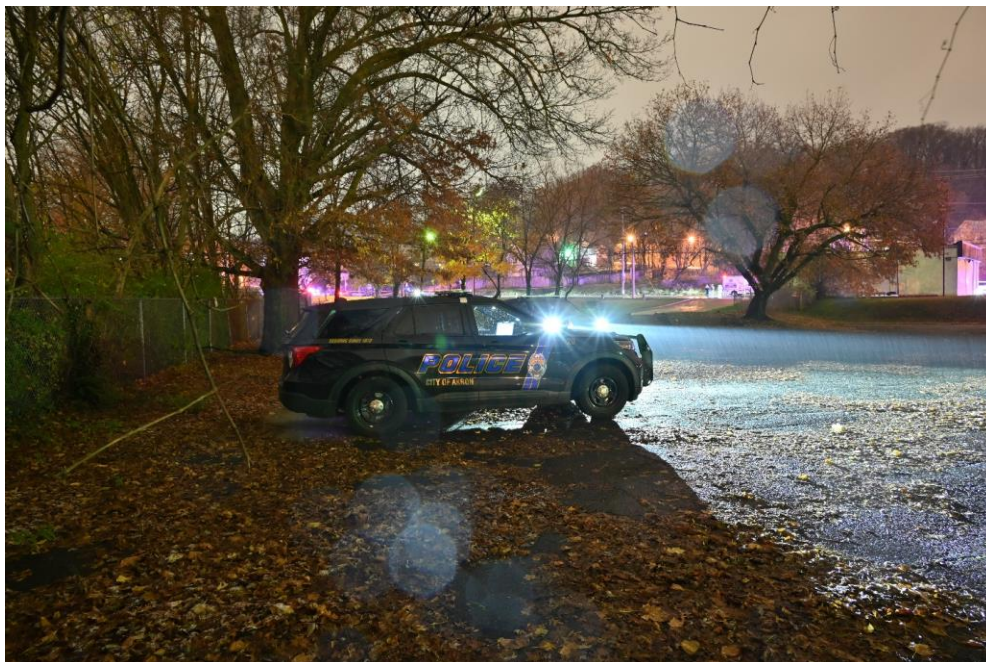


Figure #3 – Overall scene (Antioch Baptist Church parking lot)

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Figure #4 – Overall scene (Miller South School)



Figure #5 – Overall scene (Miller South School)

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Figure #6 – Overall scene (Miller South School North driveway)

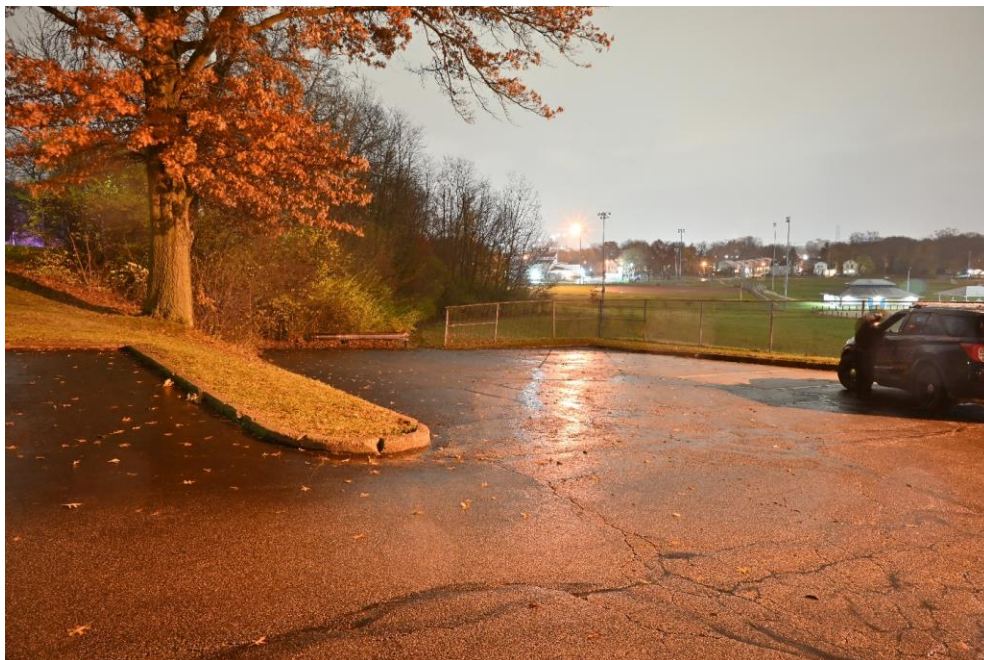


Figure #7 – Overall scene (Miller South School North parking lot)

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Figure #8 – Overall scene (sidewalk in front of Miller South School)

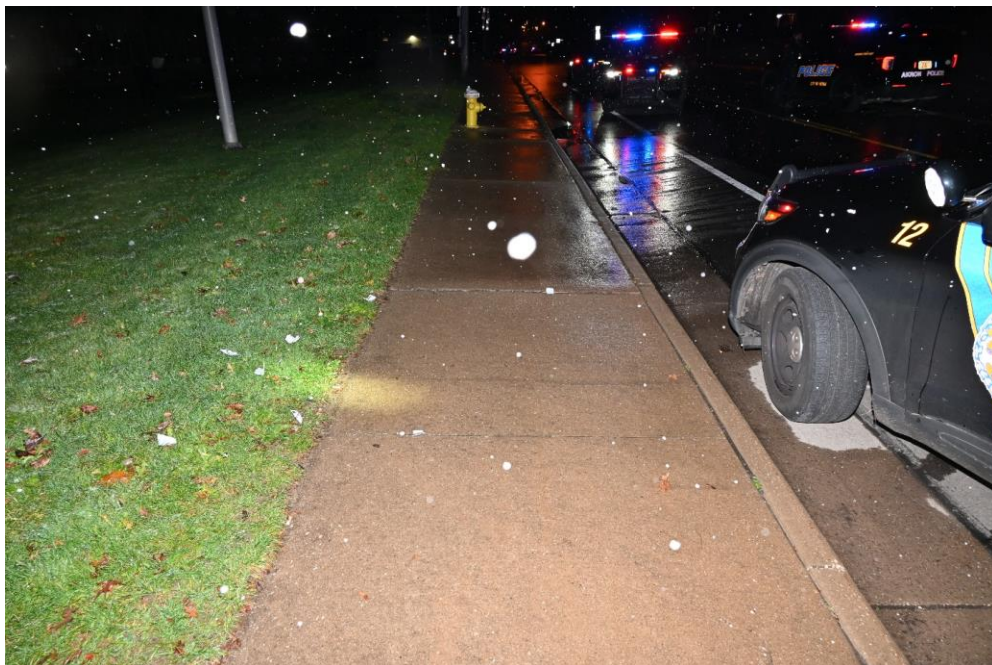


Figure #9 – Overall scene (sidewalk in front of Miller South School)

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Figure #10 – Overall scene in front of Miller South School



Figure #11 – Overall scene in front of Miller South School

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Figure #12 - Overall scene in front of Miller South School

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The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items of suspected evidence were located, photographed, and collected (Table 1, Figures #13-19).

Table 1- Items of Suspected Evidence

| Item | Description | Location |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | USA 9mm Luger fired cartridge case | North parking lot |
| 2 | USA 9mm Luger fired cartridge case | North parking lot |
| 3 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 4 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 5 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 6 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 7 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 8 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 9 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 10 | HORNADY 223 REM fired cartridge case | Sidewalk/grass |
| 11 | Taurus G2C 9mm semi-auto pistol w/ extended magazine (S/N: AEB092621); 1 cartridge in the chamber, 30 cartridges in magazine; magazine unable to be released | Grass area of school in front of classroom windows 109/209 |
| 12 | 2 lighters | Grass area of school in front of classroom windows 109/209 |
| 13 | Apple iPhone | Grass area of school in front of classroom windows 109/209 |
| 14 | 2 one-dollar bills | Grass area of school in front of classroom windows 109/209 |
| 15 | Misc. belongings: charging cable, flashlight, electric razor, vape | Grass area of school in front of classroom windows 109/209 |

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Figure #13 – Items #1-2, North parking lot of Miller South School



Figure #14 – Items #3-10, sidewalk/grass Miller South School

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Figure #15 – Items #11-15, grass area in front of Miller South School

Item #11 was a Taurus G2C 9mm semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine wrapped in blue painter's tape. The magazine was unable to be released, and it was cycled to remove all cartridges. One (1) PPU 9mm Luger unfired cartridge was removed from the chamber. Thirty (30) various brands of 9mm cartridges were removed from the magazine:

- WIN 9mm Luger (2)
- BLAZER 9mm Luger (3)
- Black Rambo 9mm (4)
- FC 9mm Luger (4)
- FC 9mm +P (4)
- CBC 9mm Luger (2)
- G.F.L. 9mm Luger
- USA 9mm Luger (9)
- WMA 18

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Figure #16 - Item #11, Taurus G2C 9mm pistol



Figure #17 - Item #11, Taurus G2C 9mm pistol

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Figure #18 - Item #11, Taurus G2C 9mm pistol



Figure #19 - Item #11, 30 cartridges from extended magazine

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CST Rostocil further documented the scene and evidence using a Leica BLK360 3D scanner. The scan data was prepared for viewing using the Leica Cyclone Register360 software. Overhead diagrams were created using the Leica Map360 software (Figure #12).



Figure #21 – Overhead Diagram

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The scene was examined for suspected ballistic impacts and one suspected ballistic impact was located in the grass area in front of Miller-South School, south of Items #11-15 (Figures #22-24).



Figure #22 – Overall location of ballistic impact

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Figure #23 - Overall location of ballistic impact



Figure #24 - Close-up of ballistic impact

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All items of evidence were transported to the BCI Richfield Office by CST Rostocil at approximately 0400 hours and placed into the temporary evidence storage.

BCI Laboratory

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the Taurus 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model G2C, serial #AEB092621 located on Tucker. The pistol was found to be operable. In addition, two fired cartridge casings located in a driveway/parking area near the Miller-South School were found to have a source identification to the Taurus pistol located on Tucker.

The BCI DNA Section performed an analysis of swabs taken from the Taurus pistol. Swabs taken from the base of the magazine and extended portion (Lab #3.6) and from the body of the magazine (Lab #3.7) were found to contain a DNA profile consistent with Jazmir Tucker with an estimated frequency of occurrence of rarer than 1 in 1 trillion unrelated individuals.

Witnesses

Officer Steven Loar

Officer Loar stated that he and his training officer, Officer Davon Fields were sitting stationary in their cruiser, in a church parking lot (Antioch Baptist Church, 670 Vernon Odom Boulevard) near the intersection of East Avenue and Vernon Odom Boulevard, working on reports.

Officer Loar stated, "We hadn't been there, but 5 minutes and we heard what sounded like a gunshot. We kind of looked at each other and we were like, maybe it was a firework, we were just kind of like guessing, then we heard a second. So, at that point, Office Fields grabbed his rifle, I grabbed mine. Mine was on the floorboard because we don't have dual locks for our rifles. Officer Fields took off towards the incident. I got out but I came, I actually went back into my door because I realized we hadn't locked them. So, I locked the car door and ran around the car to catch up to Officer Fields, and we came through, there's an opening in the tree line and we could see."

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Officer Loar continued, "So, we saw the subject walking up around the school from like, the lower parking lot and we ran up to kind of confront him. Officer Fields got there before I did and he told him, he's like, 'show me your hands' and they locked eyes for maybe 5 seconds and then the subject took off running."

Officer Loar continued, "So, we started to chase. A cruiser was coming down the street but while chasing him, with his right hand, he went to reach into his waistband, for what, I don't know [4:54] but it was, you know, it was assumed he had a firearm because he came from where we heard the shots and he took off running and at that time Officer Fields deployed his weapon and discharged rounds and it kind of gets a little blurry until I get on-line with Officer Fields and we kind of start making verbal commands because we could still see movement. So, we were telling him to get his hands out from under him and then after multiple officers got on-line with us, we backed up to the cruiser that was on East Avenue, I'm not sure which car that was though, we got shields together, so that we could, you know, roll him over, render aid, handle the situation and when we went back down, the subject was rolled over. I thought his gun was in his waistband when we rolled him over just because when I saw it on the ground that's just kind of where my brain put it together. Officer Fields checked for his pulse and at that point we were pulled away from the scene and I was put in a cruiser."

At this point in the interview, agents began asking follow-up questions. SA Momchilov stated, "So, you guys are sitting in the car, you guys said you're working on reports, and you heard gunfire." Officer Loar replied, "Yes." SA Momchilov asked, "How many shots did you hear, do you recall?" Officer Loar replied, "We heard one and then we heard a second." Officer Loar later stated that "Maybe 20 seconds" elapsed from the first gunshot to the second gunshot.

SA Momchilov asked, "Could you tell like, the proximity of that shot? Was it off in the distance? Was it close by?" Officer Loar replied, "It was close, it was very close."

SA Momchilov stated, "I believe you said, Fields gets out and you go back to the car to lock it." Officer Loar interjected and stated, "Like as I get out of the door, I just lean back to lock it." SA Momchilov stated, "Okay, Fields is ahead of you." Officer Loar replied, "Yes." SA Momchilov then asked, "About how far?" Officer Loar replied, "Probably 5 to 10 steps the entire way. Because, the way the car was parked, he was able to get out and run straight and I had to run around the car." SA Momchilov stated, "Okay, we're not talking a great distance." Officer Loar replied, "No, we're talking, I, I could have reached out, jumped and grabbed his shoulder."

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SA Momchilov asked Officer Loar when they initially observed the individual if it was near the area of the gunfire. Officer Loar replied, "Yes, exactly where we heard it from is where we saw him walking." SA Momchilov asked Officer Loar if they observed any other individuals in that area. Officer Loar replied, "Nobody else was in the vicinity."

SA Momchilov asked, "Would it be fair to assume that you believed he was the one who fired the shots?" Officer Loar replied, "Yes, and that is why we were trying to stop him, to talk to him before anything took off. We were going, that's why Fields asked for him to show us his hands, that way we could try cuff him and investigate the situation."

SA Momchilov stated, "You said as you guys were running, he reaches down to his waistband, could you expound on that a little bit." Officer Loar replied, "So, as we were running, his arms were out and then he reached in and that's when Officer Fields discharged his weapon. Because we did not know if he was reaching for his weapon or not. I know a cruiser was coming down the street, he could have been trying to shoot the cruiser or, you know, if he was able to get to his weapon we had nowhere to go."

SA Momchilov asked, "Did you actually see him reach." Officer Loar replied, "Yes, I did." SA Momchilov then asked Officer Loar why he did not fire his weapon. Officer Loar stated, "In our rifle training, you do not fire if you are not on-line and I, 5 steps behind Officer Fields, so if he had started to discharge his weapon and Officer Fields jumped in front of me I could have shot and killed him. So, that is the only reason I did not fire my weapon that night." SA Momchilov asked, "So, would it be fair to say that if you were in line you would have fired your weapon?" Officer Loar replied, "Yes, yes sir."

SA Momchilov stated, "You made a comment that things got blurry." Officer Loar explained, "Yeah, it's just the high stress of the situation. Like, I remember hearing the shots and I don't remember how he fell."

SA Momchilov asked if they waited for additional units to arrive on scene before approaching the individual (after the shooting). Officer Loar replied, "We waited to get shields and in that respect is, he was lying on his right hand and, I mean, I did not, we didn't want to take a chance of rolling him over and then potentially being shot ourselves. So, we got riot shields together to go down and roll him over and render aid."

SA Momchilov replied, "Is that something you guys are trained on or did you attend training where you use the shields. Officer Loar replied, "In the academy, they mention that's a tactic you can take but at the same time it's just kind of common knowledge and Officer Fields is very tactically sound in that aspect."

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At the end of the interview, Officer Loar was afforded the opportunity to view his body-worn camera footage. After Officer Loar viewed his body-worn camera footage, he was asked if he wished to add or amend anything.

Officer Loar stated, "I was further away from Officer Fields then I thought I was. That is the only thing that I really noticed." SA Momchilov asked Officer Loar, "How much farther were you off." Officer Loar replied, "I was probably 20-25 steps behind him, but I know I was still able to see the subject reach, from where I was."

Officer Interview

The following paragraphs are an abbreviated version of Officer Fields' account of his actions pertaining to this incident and discharging his weapon. A more detailed account can be found by reading the separate report written by the interviewer and by reviewing the recording of the interview.

Officer Davon Fields

Fields stated that he is a field training officer (FTO) and that he and his officer in training, Steven Loar (Loar), had just finished handling a service call at the Springhill Apartments. The plan for the shift was for Loar to work on reports when they were not on a call. Fields stated that around 2300 hours, they parked in the church parking lot (Antioch Baptist Church) located to the southeast of the intersection of Vernon Odom Boulevard and East Avenue. Fields stated that they parked in that lot because it is in the central area of their assigned district. Fields stated that he instructs officers to leave their window cracked so that they can more easily hear what may be going on in the area. Fields provided examples of someone screaming for help, fighting, gunshots, or any other issue that may require police assistance.

Fields stated that while parked in the church parking lot, they heard a gunshot. Fields believed that the shot occurred within 100 feet behind them. Approximately two seconds later, they heard another gunshot. Fields and Loar then retrieved their patrol rifles. As they were exiting the vehicle, Fields radioed to dispatch that they were signal 5 (emergency radio traffic) and that they heard shots fired in the area near Vernon Odom and East Avenue. Fields and Loar then proceeded on foot toward the Miller-South school.

As Fields and Loar are walking toward the school, they observed a subject walking westbound from the area where Fields believed that shots had been fired. Fields stated that at this time it was approximately 20-25 seconds after hearing the gunshots. Fields

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stated that the subject was 60-70 feet away from them. Fields stated that the subject did not yet see the officers. Fields radioed dispatch that they were out with a code 9 (suspicious person).

Fields stated that at that time there were several things that he was processing. Fields stated that people in the city typically fire guns on holidays such as July 4th, Juneteenth, and New Year's. When they do fire shots, it is on the night before the holiday, just before and after midnight. Fields stated that no one fires shots on Thanksgiving, especially around this time (2300 hours). Fields stated that people also fire shots at bars and large gatherings.

Fields stated that as they were approaching the northwest corner of the school, Fields looked to his left, toward the area where the shots came from, but due to the darkness he could not see anything. Fields stated that knowing that it was not normal for shots to be fired at this time, he thought someone may have been shot and possibly dying in the parking lot area where he believed the gunshots were fired. Fields stated that he could not go and check that area because he had now observed the suspect of a possible murder or felonious assault walking away.

Fields stated that he did not know how far away the backup officers were, because when signal 5 traffic is called, the responding officers stay off the radio in case the officer that called out the signal 5 needed the airway. Fields stated that he began jogging toward the subject because, based on his prior training and experience, if he yelled out commands from a further distance, the subject would turn and run away. Fields stated that the problem with the subject running away is that the Sherbondy Hill and Lane Field neighborhoods are very populated. Fields stated that he has worked in the area for the last 4 years and, prior to that, he had lived in the area. Fields stated that there is always someone riding a bike, walking, or driving. Fields stated that directly to the south of where the subject was walking there are a lot of houses and people are often out on their porches. Fields also said that directly across the street to the west there is a large apartment complex and condos. Located to the southwest are the Springhill apartments. Fields stated that they had just come from a call at the Springhill apartments, and he knew they were highly populated.

Fields stated that if he had yelled at the subject when he first saw him and the subject ran, the subject would run into a highly populated area. Fields stated that, believing that the subject may have just shot and killed someone, he started to jog toward the subject so that when he did yell commands, if the subject ran, he would be able to catch the subject before he got to anyone else.

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Fields stated that when he got to within 30-40 feet of the subject, he had his rifle in a low-ready position and used his rifle-mounted flashlight to illuminate the subject's legs. Fields stated that this position allows him to be able to see a subject and what they are doing with their hands. It also allows the subject to see Fields and his police markings. Fields yelled for the subject to put his hands up. Fields stated that he knew the subject heard the commands because the subject turned and looked at him. Fields stated that after the subject looked at him, the subject turned toward the south and ran.

Fields gave chase. After a few seconds, Fields heard the acceleration of a car's engine and a few seconds after that, he saw red and blue colored lights going past him. As the police cruiser drove past the subject, it looked like the cruiser was going to cut in front of the subject. As that was happening, the subject observed the cruiser. The subject reached toward the front of his waistband with a "high 90-degree elbow bend" [23:35]. Fields stated that this is indicative of a person that carries a gun in the appendix position. Fields stated that the majority of people in the city that carry illegal firearms carry them in the front waistband position or in a front hoodie or jacket pocket. Fields indicated that kicking the elbow out high allows the person to quickly access the firearm. Fields said that if the subject was going to give up, he would have put his hands in the air. However, after seeing the cruiser about to cut him off, he reached for his waistband.

Seeing the subject reaching for his front waistband, the cruiser's position, and believing that the subject would do anything to get away from what he had just done (shooting and possible murder), Fields believed that the subject was going to shoot the officers in the cruiser. Fields stated that since the officers were in a vehicle they would not have seen what was going on because of paying attention to the road. Fields said "So I stopped, fired several rounds and uh, I stopped firing once (the) suspect fell forward and onto his right arm" [24:53]. Fields also stated "So like I said, as he was reaching down, uh to the front of his waistband I seen um what appeared to be either a maga, magazine to a handgun or the magwell to a handgun in the bottom of his hand" [25:47].

Additional officers arrived on scene. Multiple commands were given for the subject to move his hands out to his side and away from the firearm. Fields stated that based on his training and experience, even after a person is shot, they can bait officers in and once the officers close the distance, the subject can start shooting at or fighting with officers. Fields stated that the subject did not comply with commands. At the same time, they were trying to get officers to respond with a ballistic shield. While they waited for a ballistic shield to arrive, the officers pulled back to a nearby cruiser so that

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they could have cover. Once ballistic shields were on scene, the officers made an arrest team and approached the subject. The subject was secured, and officers began to provide medical aid. Fields was then removed from the immediate area.

Fields stated that once additional officers arrived on scene, he tried to inform officers of a possible shooting victim in the lower parking lot area where he believed the subject had fired his gun. Fields stated that he is not sure if officers immediately went to check that area or if it was after the subject was secured.

SA Lieber asked Fields why he and Loar chose to utilize their rifles. Fields stated that when hearing gunshots, he cannot tell what type of weapon was/is being fired. Fields stated that it was possible that they were going to end up in a gunfight with the suspect. Fields stated that a rifle is superior to a pistol because it is more accurate at greater distances, and it is easier to control. Fields also stated that there have been multiple shots-fired calls and murders in the area. In addition, several months ago there was a shootout in the area of the Springhill apartments where multiple people had firearms, including rifles.

Fields stated that it was possible that the suspect had a rifle and that there could have been more than one armed suspect. Fields stated that you always want to have greater numbers or greater fire superiority.

Fields stated that if someone is wearing baggy pants, and they are falling down, a person will reach to the side or back of their waist to pull up their pants. When reaching in that manner, the person's elbow will point backward. Fields said that grabbing pants to pull them up is not the same as drawing a firearm.

Fields stated that the subject was wearing a long-sleeve jacket or coat and pants. Fields could not recall the color of the clothing. Fields also stated that when he saw the subject he believed he was a black male in his mid to late 20's.

SA Lieber asked when Fields' body-worn camera (BWC) was activated. Fields stated that he activated his BWC by double tapping the activation button. Fields activated the camera when he saw the subject walking away from the area where he believed that the gunshots were fired. Fields stated that APD has a system where when the overhead emergency lights on a cruiser are activated for 8 seconds, any dash or body-cameras within a certain area will automatically activate. Fields stated that when the activation is automatic, the video will show a 30-second lookback but without sound. Fields stated that he believed that his BWC activated as the result of a nearby cruiser (Cruiser driving on East Avenue driven by Officer Dylan Ostrander with partner Officer Michael Shaffer).

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Fields stated that if his BWC had been successfully activated by him, the 30-second lookback would have included audio.

Fields was then given the opportunity to view his BWC recording. After reviewing the video, Fields stated that he realized that when the subject was walking westbound, the subject was a little further south in the grass than Fields initially remembered. Fields also stated that he believed that he fired 3 to 5 rounds, but after viewing the video he realized that he fired 8. Fields stated that officers do not train to fire a specific number of rounds, but instead they fire to stop the threat.

Dispatch-Related Information

One audio file was provided containing recorded radio traffic. The recording was 14 minutes and 3 seconds in duration. A text document titled *24_142010_Sig33_1077_EAST_AVE-CDR*, was provided with the recordings and contained identifying data for each of the recorded radio transmissions. The table below contains the radio data and content of the radio traffic for the transmission believed to be most relevant to the actual shooting incident.

| 11/28/2024 23:00:18 to 11/28/2024 23:14:07 | |
|--|--|
| Officer | [Unintelligible] 20 signal 5, we have shots fired in the area of Manchester and V-Odom |
| Dispatch | Channel 1 signal 5 |
| Officer | Be out with the male in the parking lot of the school |
| Dispatch | What unit is this? |
| Officer | Car 20 |
| Officer | 20 shots fired! |
| Officer | We have a suspect down. |
| Dispatch | Signal 5, keep the radio clear |
| Officer | 20 signal 21 (<i>officer needs assistance/officer in distress</i>) |

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| Dispatch | All cars signal 21, district 0, 1021 East Avenue. |
| Officer | All units clear the air, we need a unit to respond with the shield, we got one down, he's unresponsive, not following commands, we're in front of the school on East Avenue, Miller South. |
| Officer | Dispatch if you don't have a 32 (<i>ambulance</i>) can you get it started please? |
| Dispatch | Any units on East Avenue, are we still chasing after a suspect? |
| Officer | Negative suspect's down, west of the school in the middle of the building. |

The remainder of the radio transmissions included EMS response, officers coordinating access to shields and their approach of the subject, and scene management after the shooting incident occurred.

Video Recordings

24-00122 Clarified Video Segment

The video was captured on a surveillance camera located on a concession building in Lane Field Park. The video showed a person, believed to be Jazmir Tucker, walking behind the Miller-South School to the lower parking lot area. The region of interest in the video was enlarged 300%. The screenshot below was taken at 00:08 elapsed time. The red circle indicates the area where the person can be seen.

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The image below shows what appears to be a flash (noted inside of red circle). The flash only appeared in a single frame of the video [02:04]. The flash occurred in the same area where the subject was standing.



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The subject then walked across the grass toward the driveway [02:12].



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The screenshot below is believed to show Officer Fields (yellow color circle) and the APD cruiser (yellow arrow with red outline) occupied by Officer Ostrander and Officer Shaffer [02:57]. At 02:58, the cruiser appeared to activate the emergency lights.



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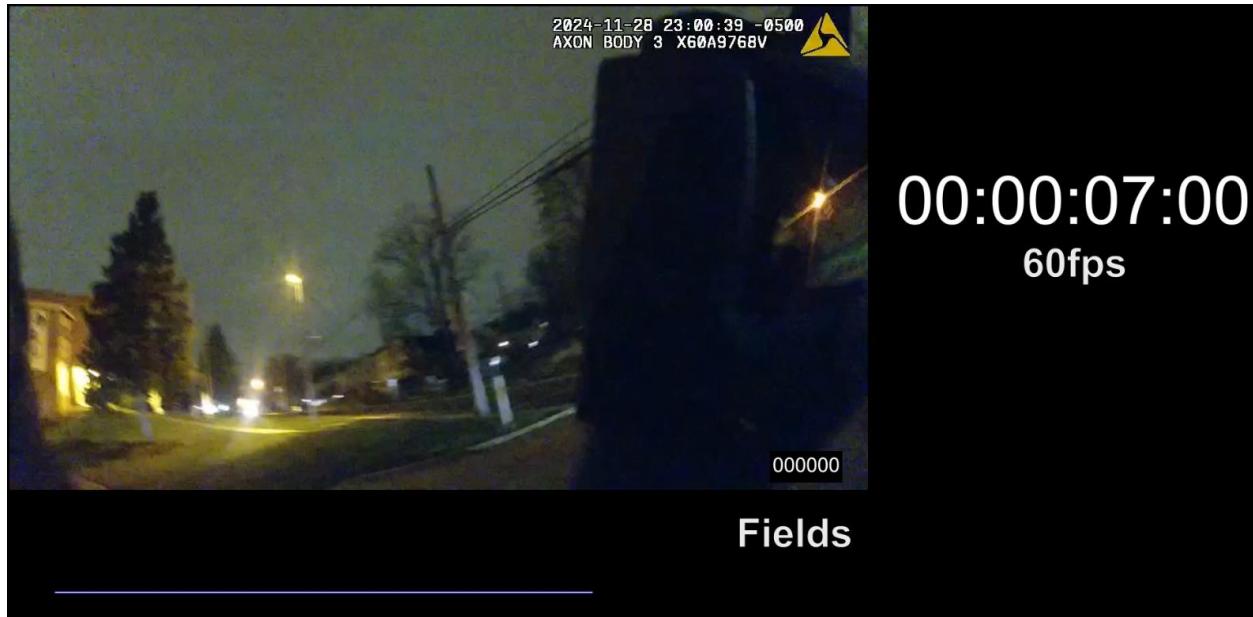
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24-00122 Video Presentation - Fields

The video began with Officer Fields on East Avenue 23:00:09. No sound can be heard until 23:01:09.



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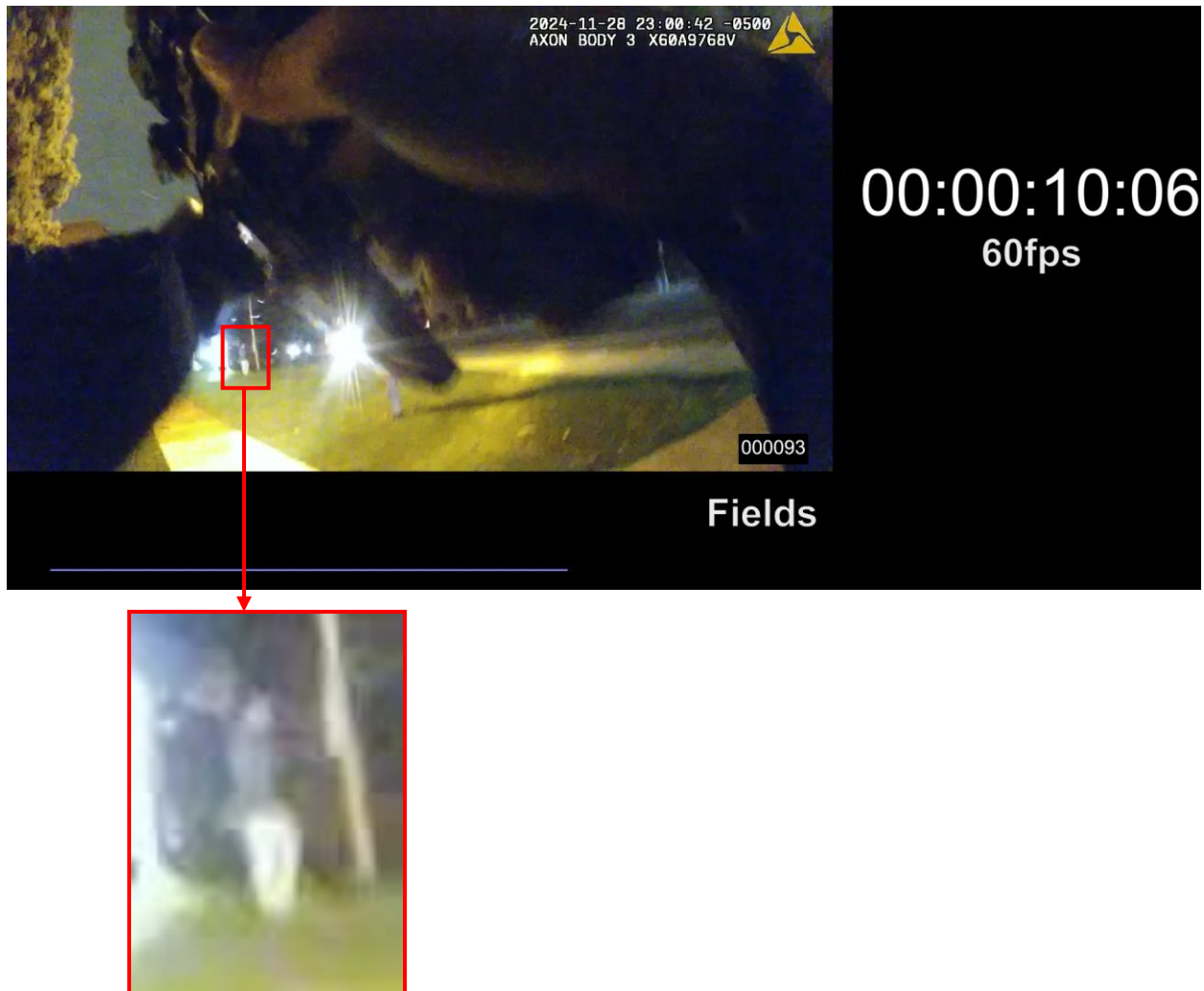


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Officer Fields was pursuing Tucker. Due to the movement of the body-worn camera, motion-blur was noted making it difficult to see Tucker. The screenshots shown below examples where less motion-blur was noted.



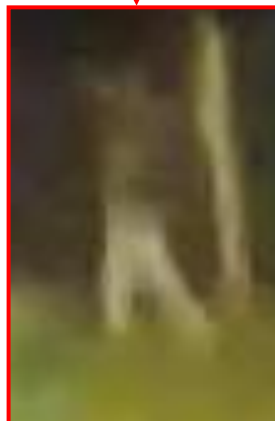
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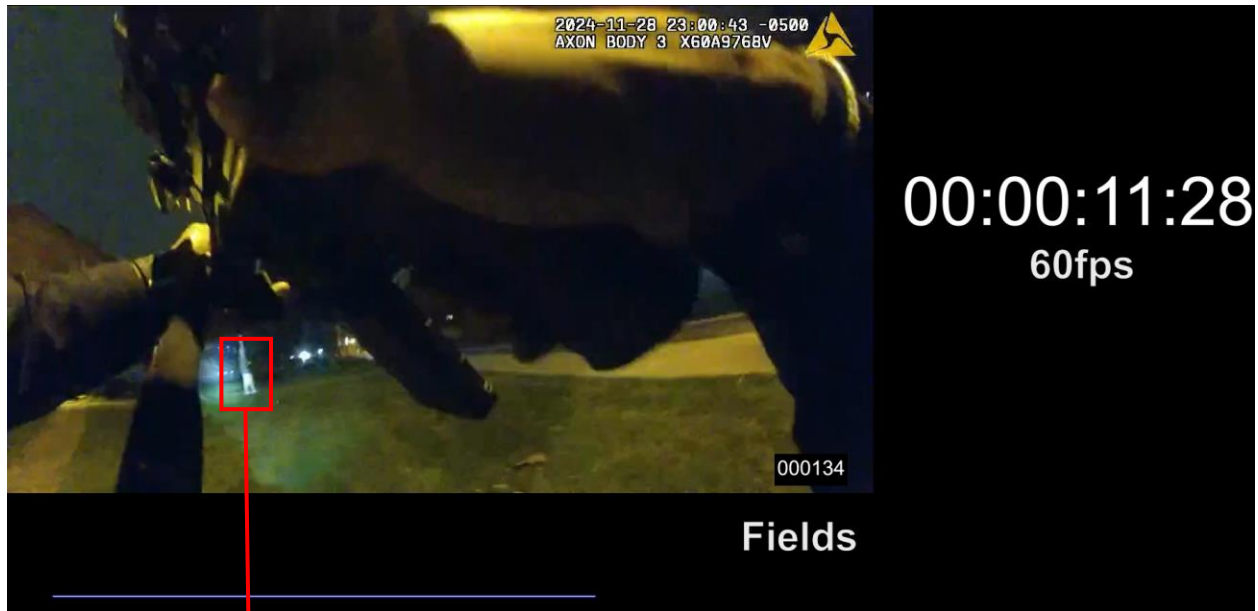
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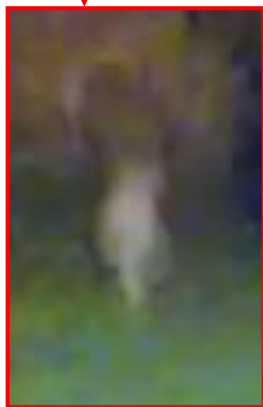
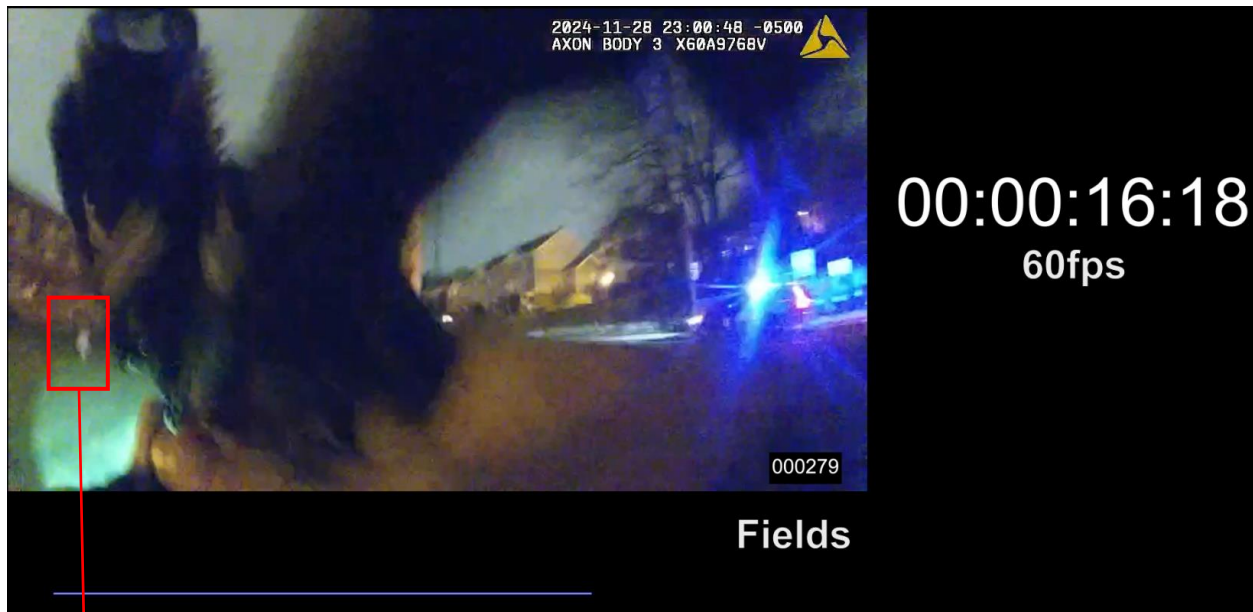


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Note the police vehicle on East Avenue on the right side of the image below, as well as Tucker running on the left side of the image 23:00:48.



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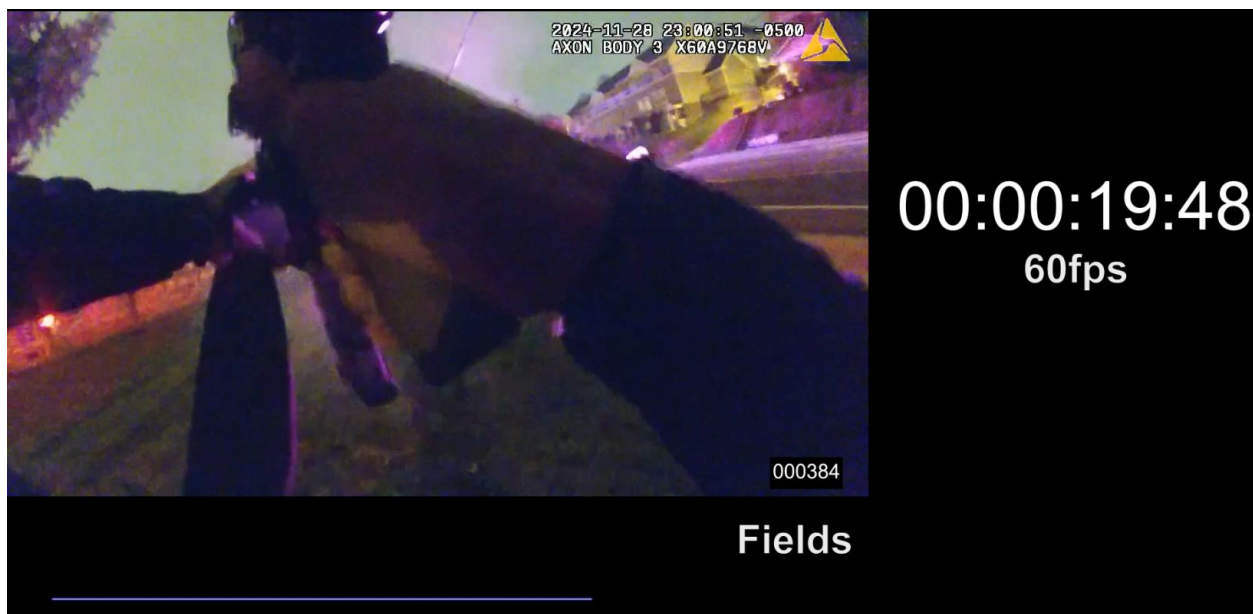


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At frame 384 [23:00:51], it appeared that Officer Fields' rifle recoiled for the first time. It is believed that this is when the first shot was fired. Note that due to the position of the BWC in relation to the rifle and sling, Tucker is not visible.



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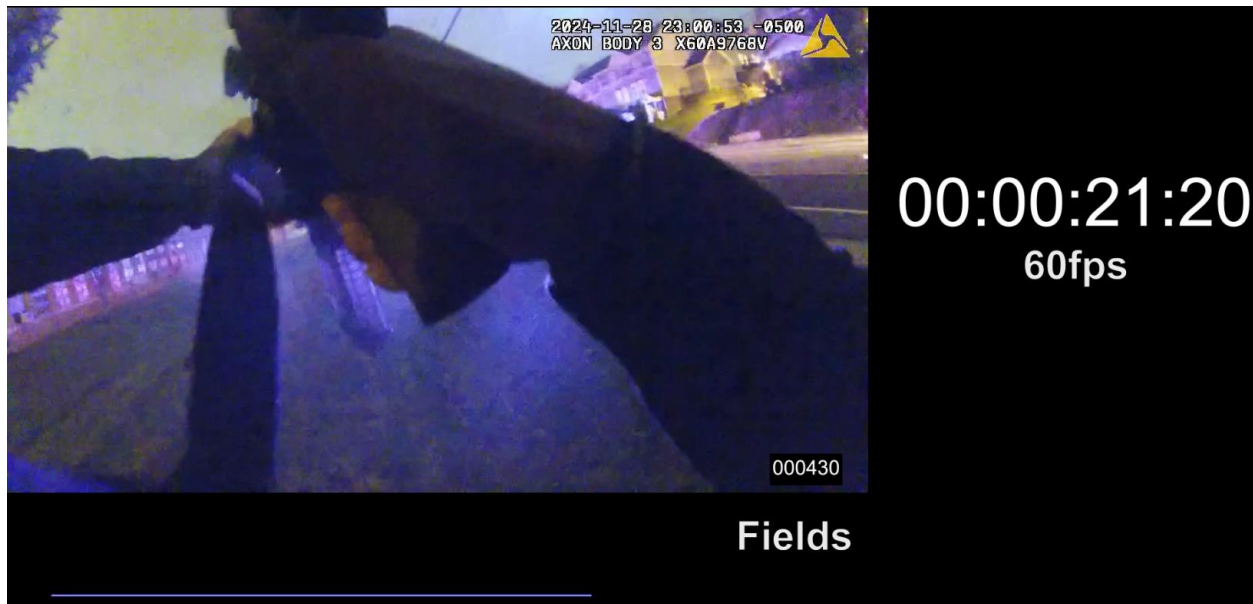


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It is believed that the 8th and final shot was fired at approximately frame 430 [23:00:53]. At no point was Tucker visible on the video while shots were being fired.



At 23:01:11, an officer yelled, “Stop moving.” At 23:01:12, another officer yelled “Stop moving,” Fields yelled “Put your hands out to your side.” At 23:01:14, an officer yelled, “Put your hands up.” At 23:01:24, Fields yelled, “Put your hands out.” Another officer also said, “Put your hands out.” At 23:01:27, An officer yelled “Hands out to your side.”

At 23:01:35, Fields radioed a signal 21 (Officer needs help). Other officers on scene yelled for the subject, Jazmir Tucker, to put his hands out to his side. At 23:01:51, Fields said, “He was reaching, he was reaching right with his right hand.” At 23:02:03, Fields said, “Again, he was reaching, reaching with his right hand.” Fields then said, “We need someone to check the parking lot behind us, that’s where he was shooting.” At 23:02:13, an officer asked, “Is there anybody else behind you?” Fields replied, “Not that I seen.” Officer Steven Loar replied, “I didn’t see anybody in the parking lot coming up.” At 23:02:17, an officer said, “Suspect, hands out to the side.” An officer then said, “Suspect put your hands out to the side.” At 23:02:26, the officers began to move to their right. The screenshot below was taken after the officers stopped moving [23:02:39].

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At 23:02:34, Fields said, "Again, he was reaching with his right hand." An officer said, "Hands out to your side suspect." At 23:02:39, an officer yelled, "Put your hands out to your side." At 23:02:47, Fields said, "Hey two of you break away and go check that parking lot behind us for suspects or victims." At 23:02:59, an officer said, "Hands out to your side." At 23:03:05, an officer said, "Put your hands out to your side." Another officer yelled, "Suspect put your hands out to your side." An officer said, "Do it now." At 23:03:14, an officer said, "Hands out to your side." Another officer said, "Put your arms out." At 23:03:20, an officer yelled, "Suspect put your hands out to your side." Multiple additional verbal commands were given to Tucker.

At 23:03:45, Fields said, "Hey get two people to check that parking lot right next to the building is where he was shooting." Additional verbal commands were given to Tucker. At 23:03:56, Fields said, "Does anybody have a shield." Multiple additional verbal commands were given.

At 23:05:06, officers began to move toward a cruiser parked on East Avenue. At 23:05:33, an officer said that it looked like he (Tucker) has a firearm at his right hip. As the officers were making a plan to approach and secure Tucker, Fields said, "Secure that right hand first that's the hand he was reaching with" [23:06:52]. Another officer said that there was a black object by his (Tucker's) right hip.

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At 23:07:22, a group of officers began to approach Tucker. As they approached, verbal commands were given. Officers then placed handcuffs on Tucker. See screenshot below.



As officers began to search Tucker, Fields walked toward East Avenue. At 23:08:33, the video ended.

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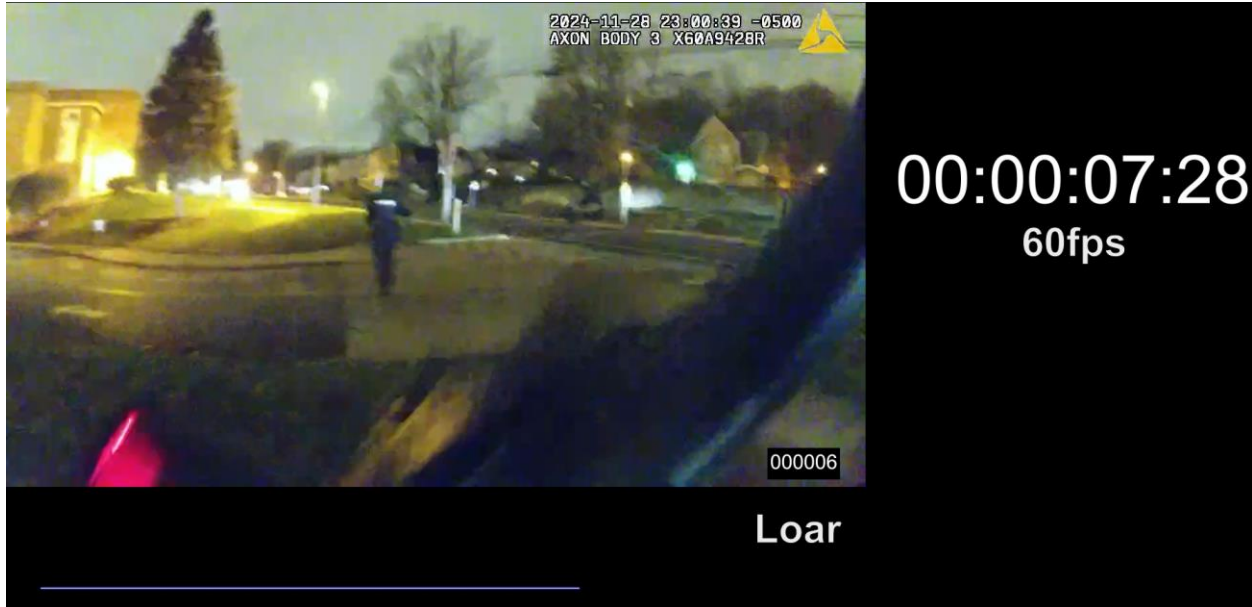
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24-00122 Video Presentation - Loar

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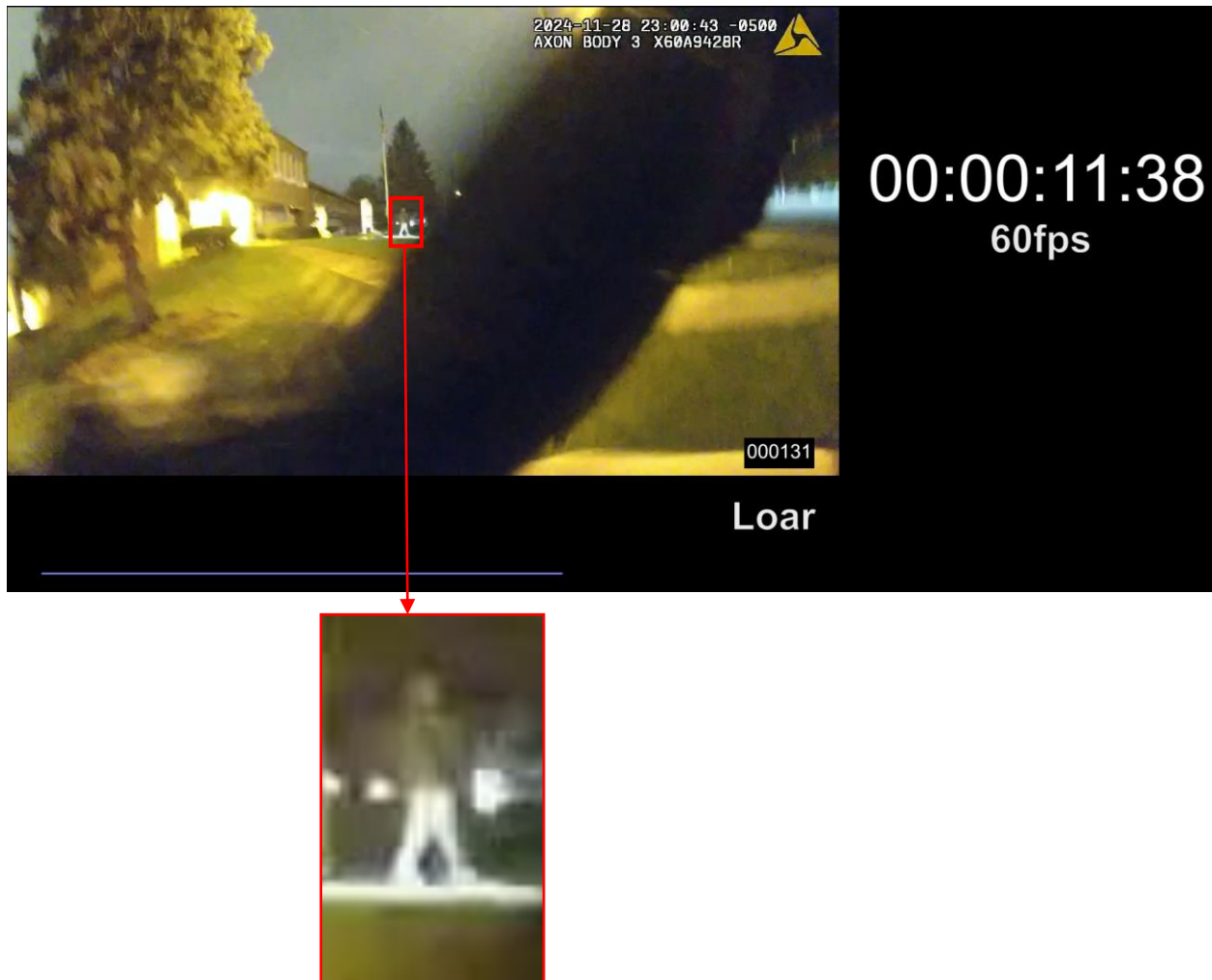


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Tucker was first observed in frame 131 [23:00:43].



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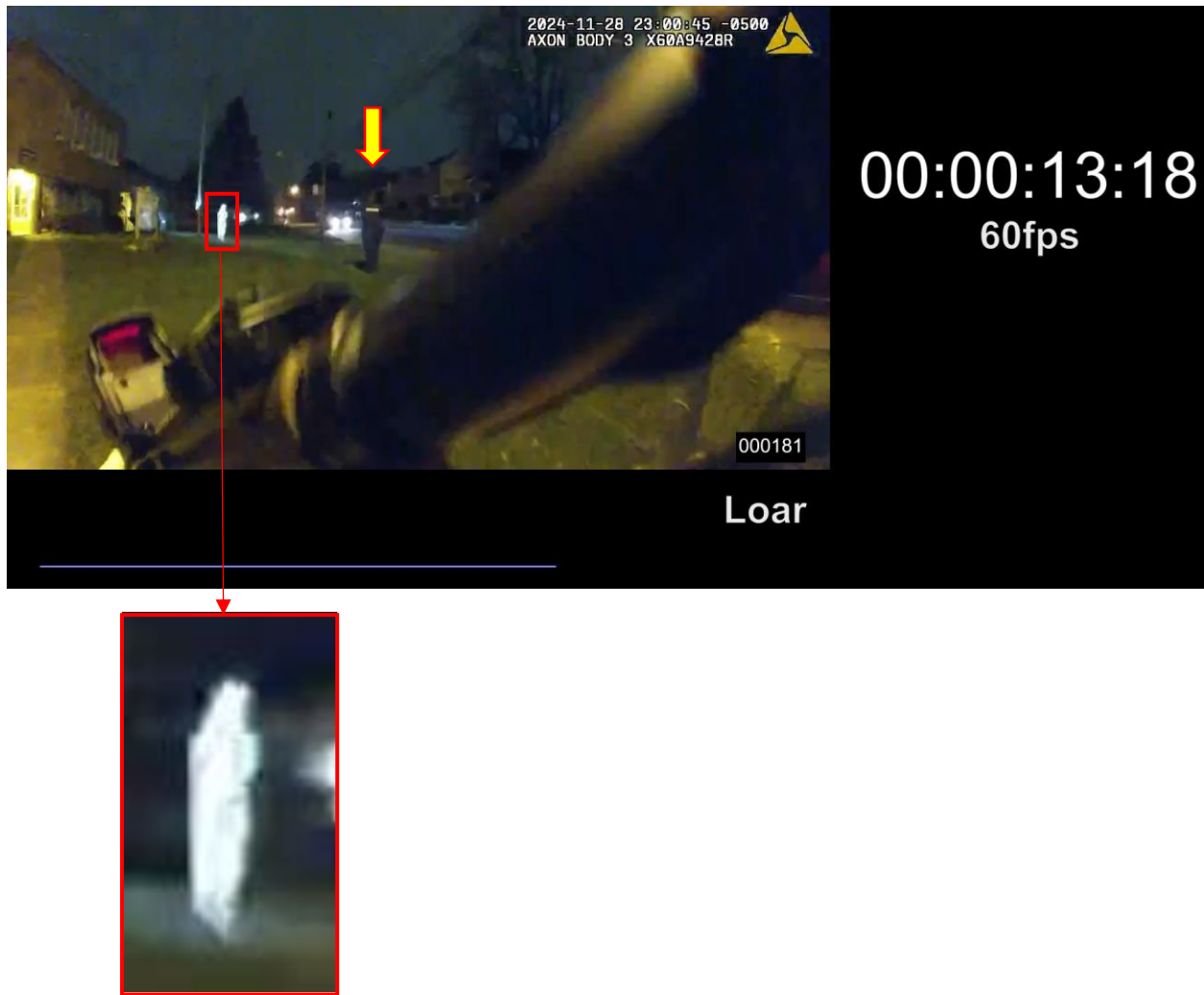


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Frame 181 [23:00:45] showed Tucker as well as Officer Fields. Note that detail on Tucker is washed out due to the brightness of Officer Fields' flashlight shining on Tucker.



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It is believed that the first shot fired by Officer Fields occurred at 23:00:51. Upon reviewing the 60 frames captured during this one second time period, the images below [Frame 355 and 372] are the clearest images located. Tucker was not visible in frame 355 due to the view being blocked by the tree trunk.



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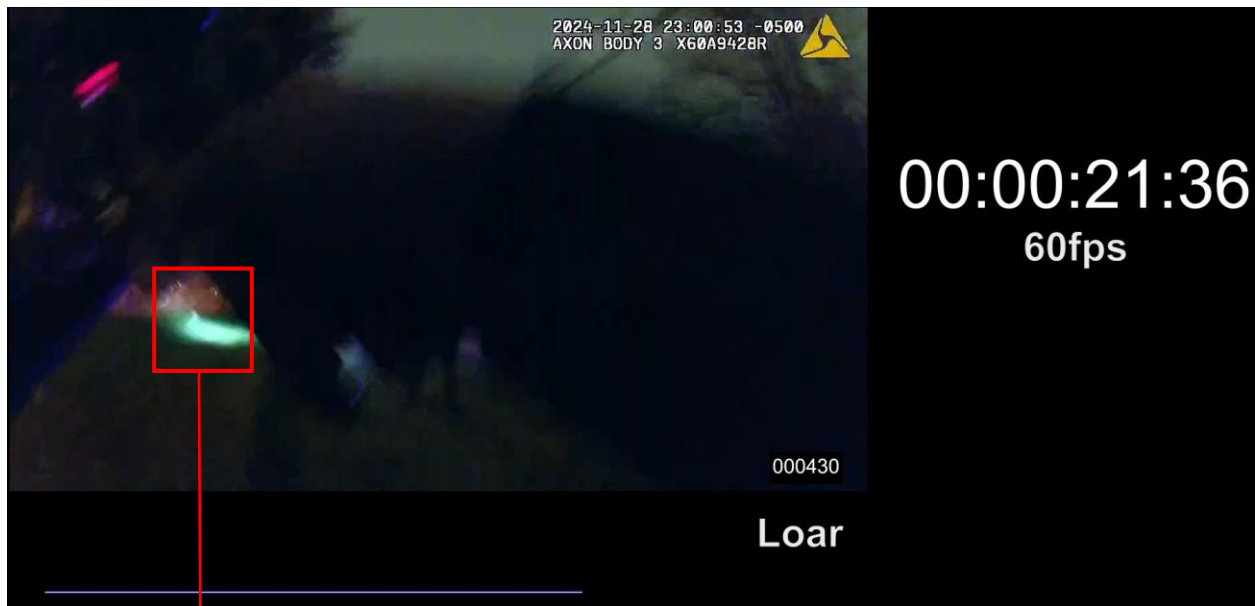


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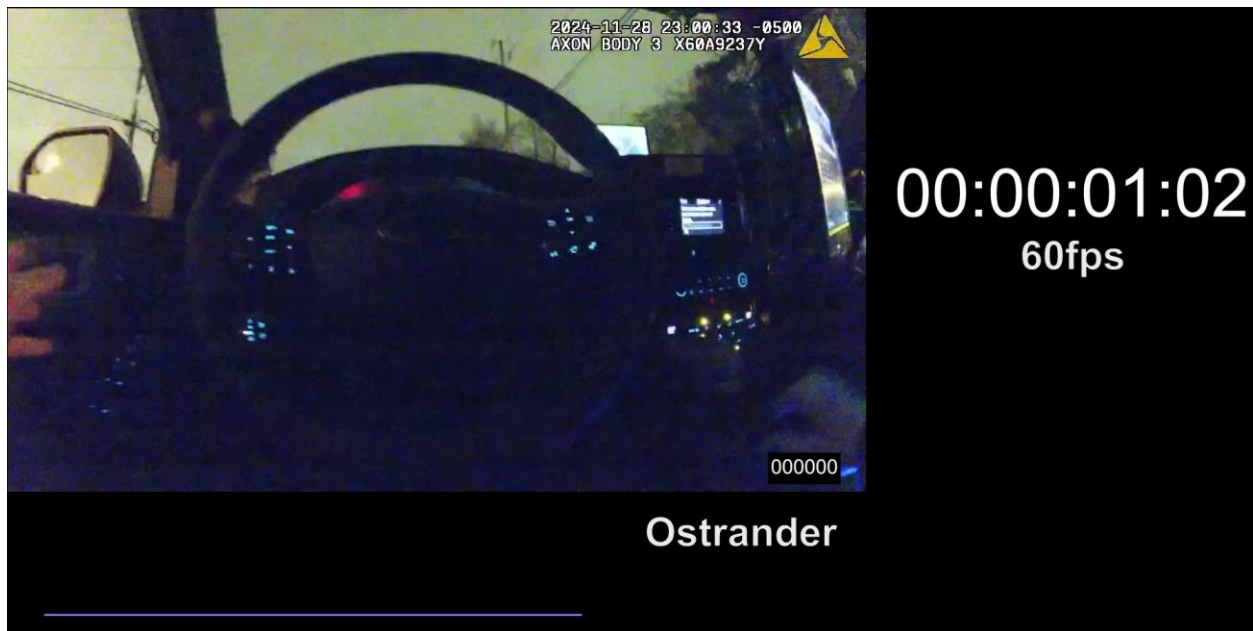
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24-00122 Video Presentation - Ostrander

The video began with Officer Ostrander seated in the driver's seat of a vehicle. No sound can be heard until 23:01:02.



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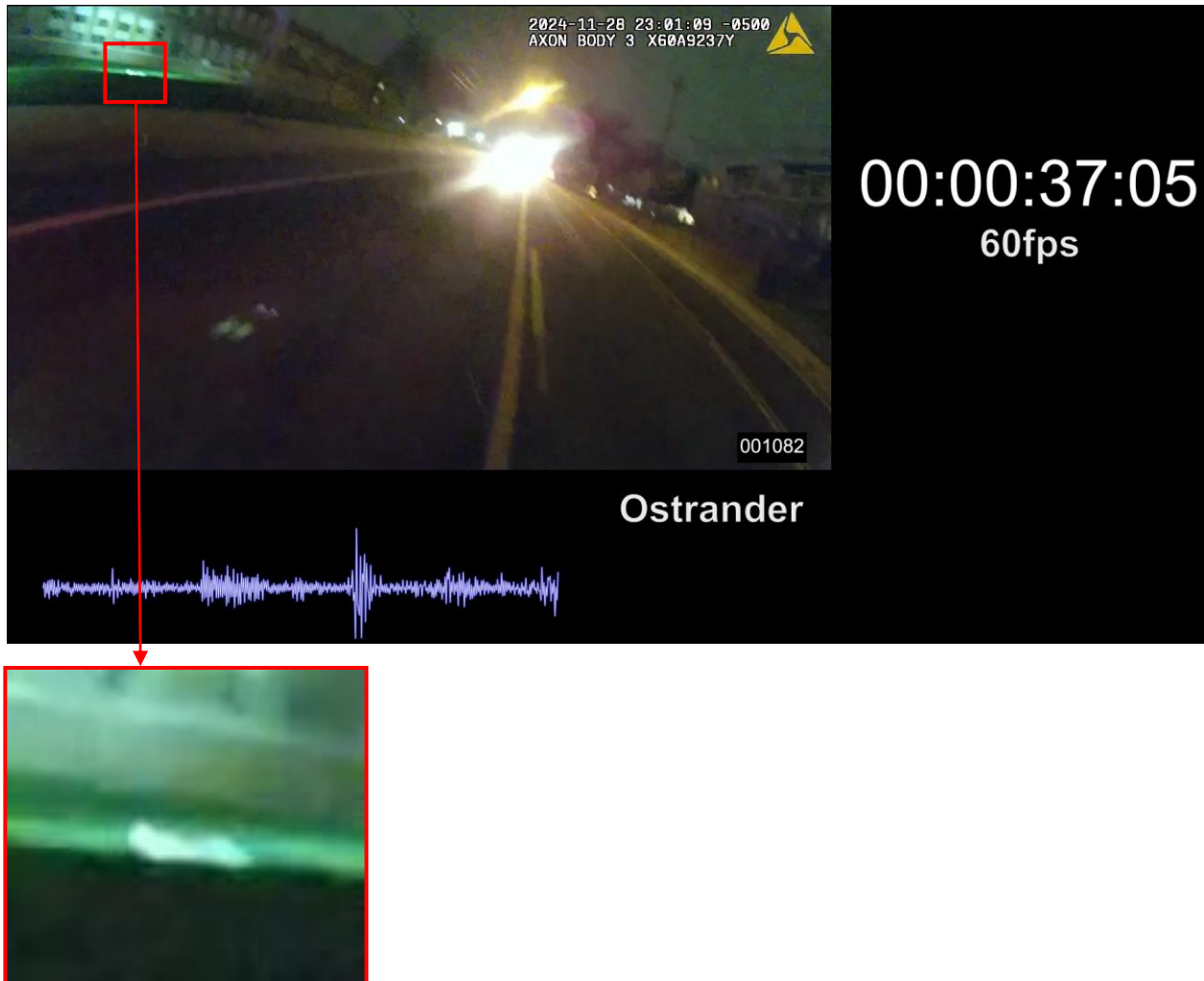


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The vehicle began to move. At 23:00:55, Ostrander began to make a U-turn. At 23:01:07, Ostrander exited the vehicle. The area where Tucker was lying on the ground first can be seen at 23:01:09.



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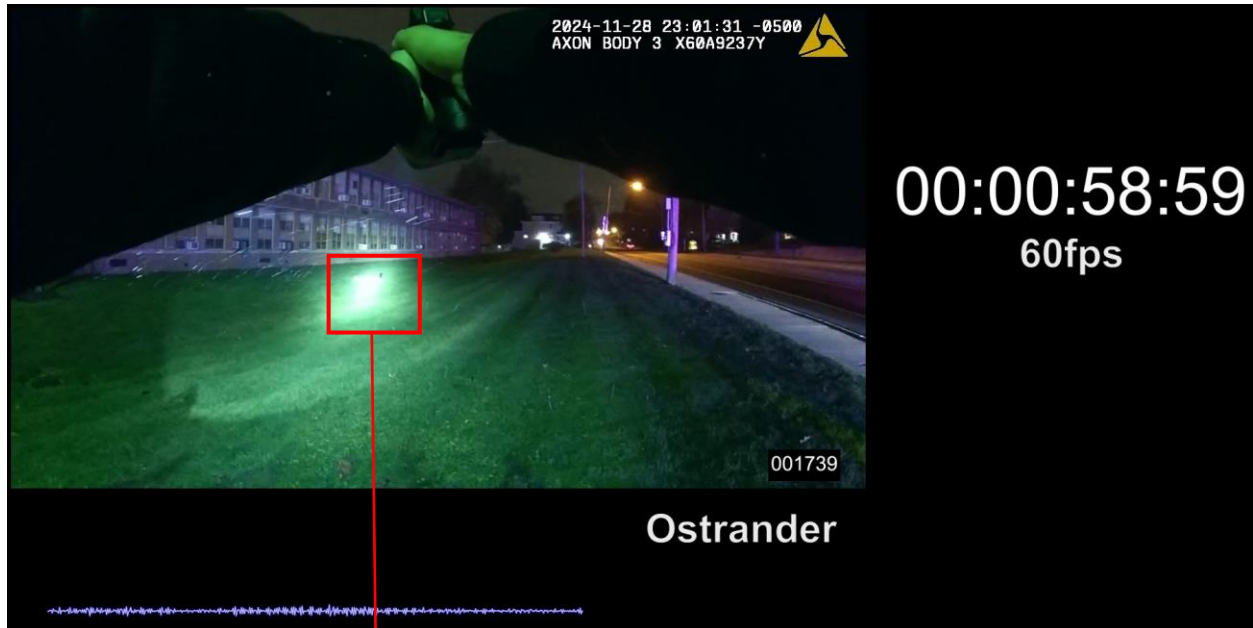


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Ostrander moved to the area near Officers Fields and Loar. The view from Ostrander's BWC at that time is shown below 23:01:31.



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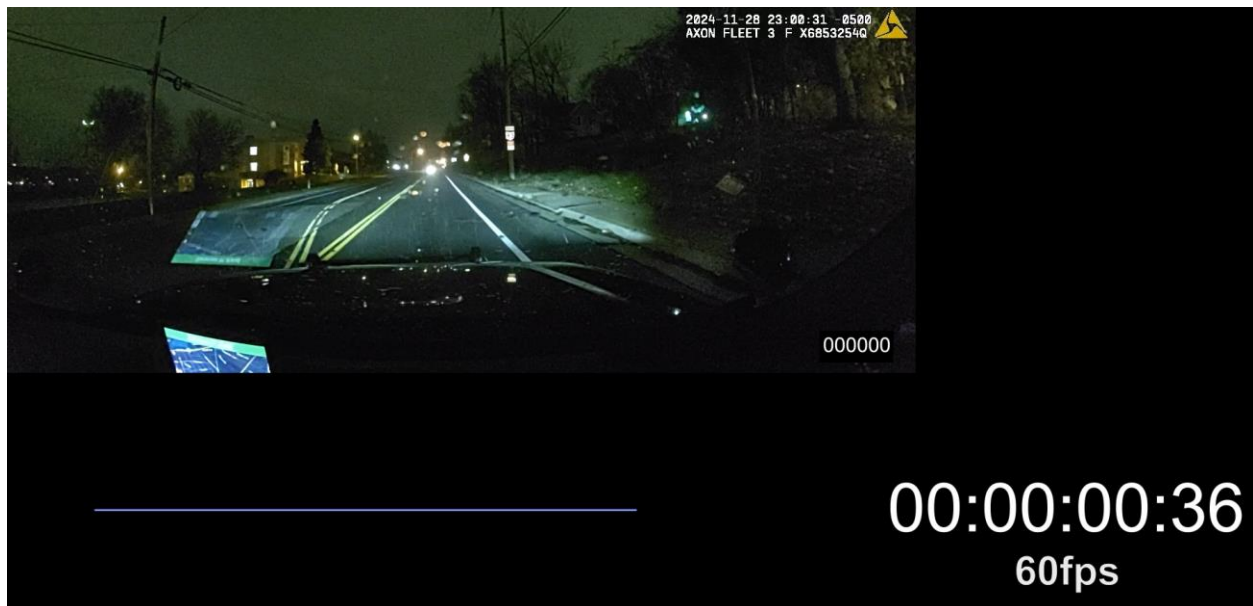
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24-00122 Video Presentation – Cruiser Cam

The video began with the vehicle stationery on East Avenue. No sound can be heard until 23:01:01.



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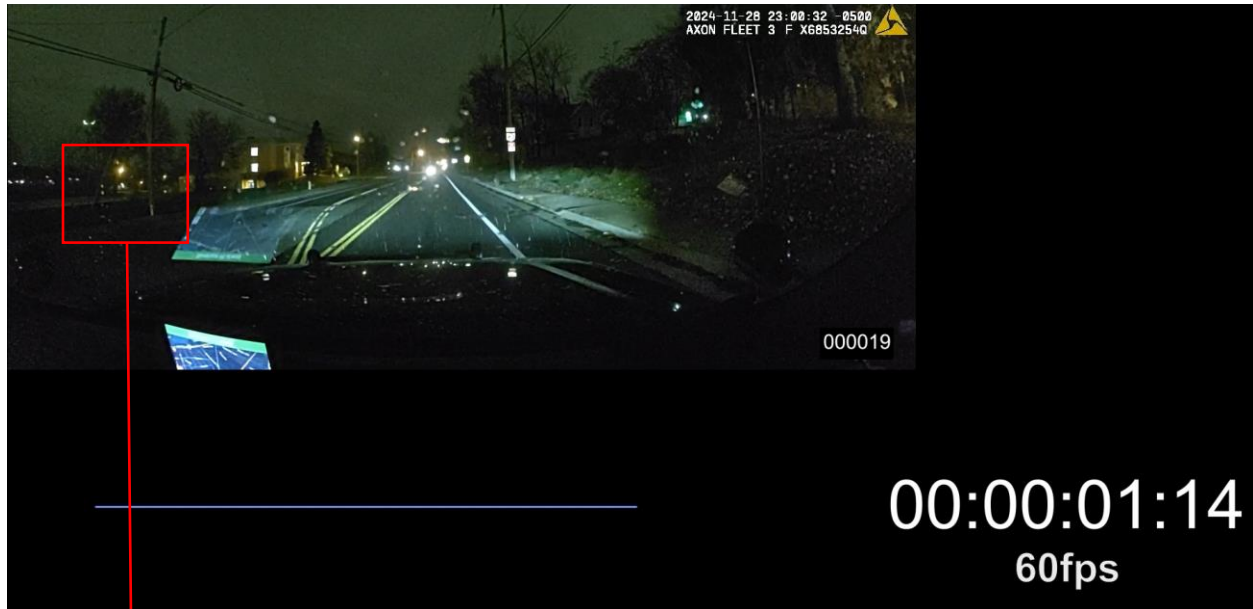


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Officers Fields and Loar were observed running 23:00:32. It is recommended that the video be reviewed as the movement of the officers is more easily seen when watching the video.



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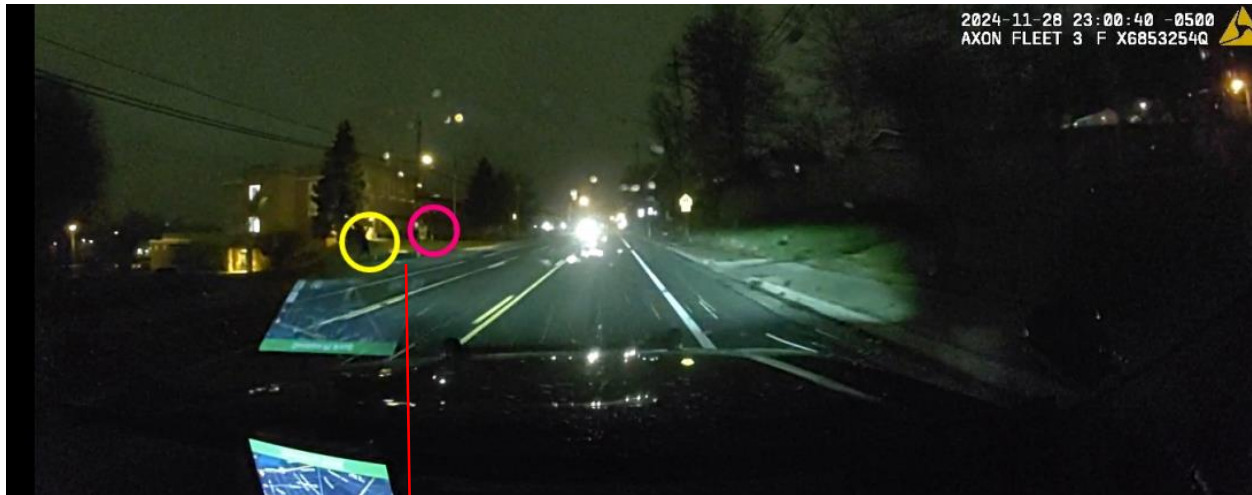


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At 23:00:37 the vehicle began to drive down East Avenue. A person believed to be Tucker is shown in the red color circle. Officer(s) are shown in the yellow color circle. For additional information refer to the report titled 2025-02-03: Video Review – Dash Camera – Amped Replay Used.



The image below shows Tucker being illuminated by a flashlight.

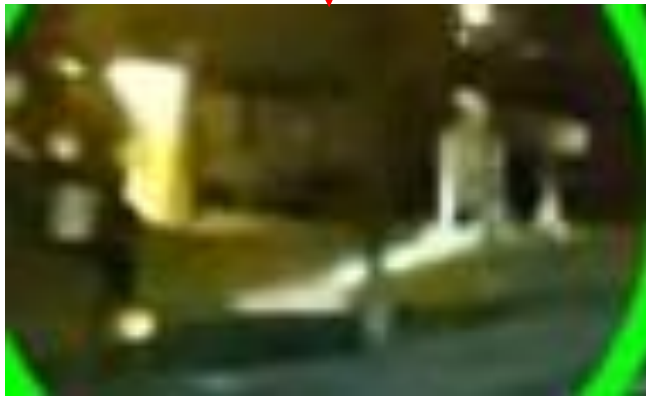
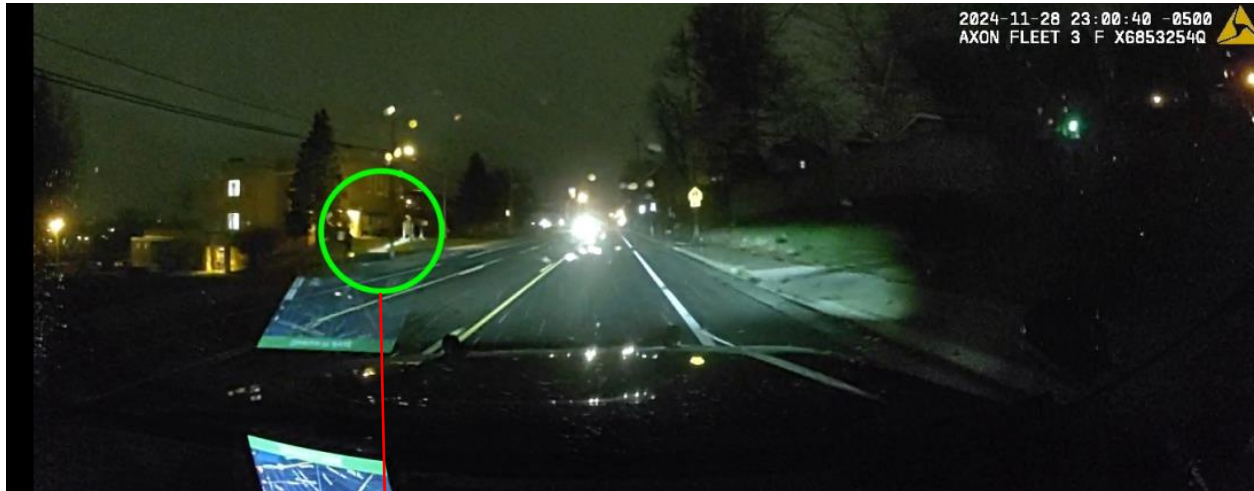
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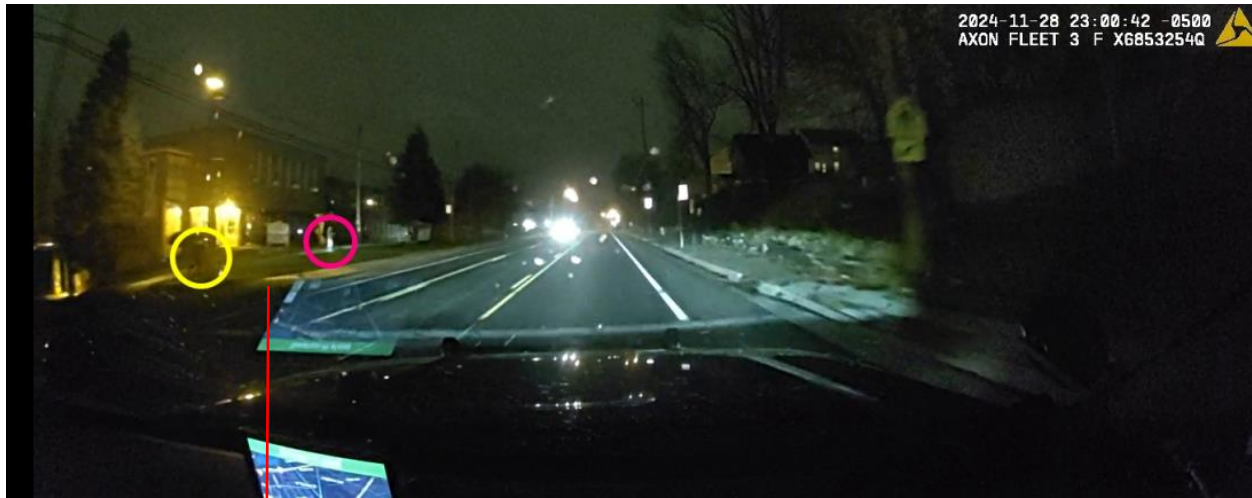


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As the vehicle drove further down East Avenue, Tucker can still be seen illuminated by the flashlight.



The image below shows Tucker as he appeared to begin to run.

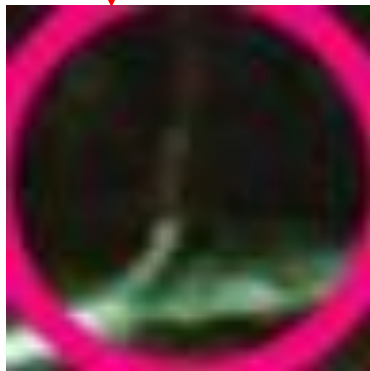
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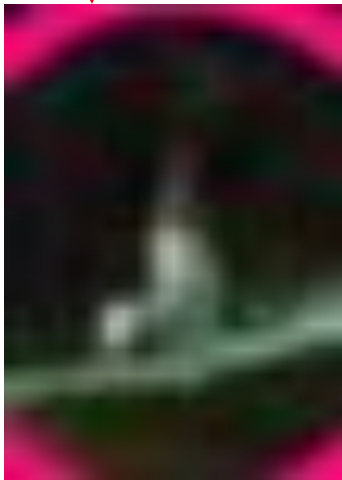
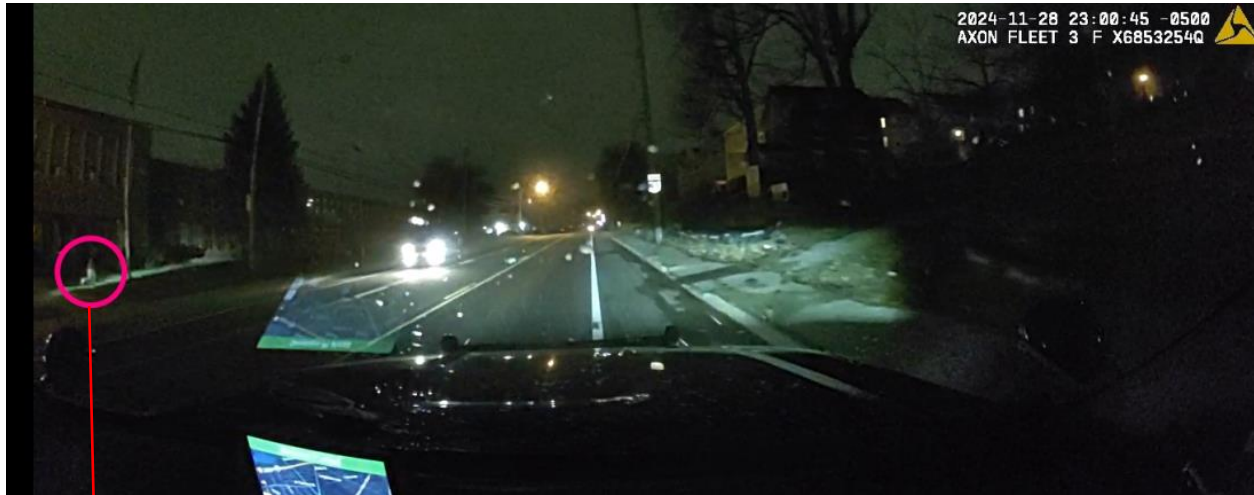
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Approximately one second later, Tucker is no longer visible on the video.

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At 23:00:54, the vehicle began to make a U-turn. As the vehicle drove back toward the officers, the area where Tucker was believed to be lying was illuminated by a flashlight 23:01:01.



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The vehicle drove past Tucker and stopped on East Avenue 23:01:04. Officer Fields can be seen standing on the grass area.



Officers Ostrander and Shaffer exited the vehicle and stood near Officer Fields. Another APD cruiser arrived at 23:01:30.

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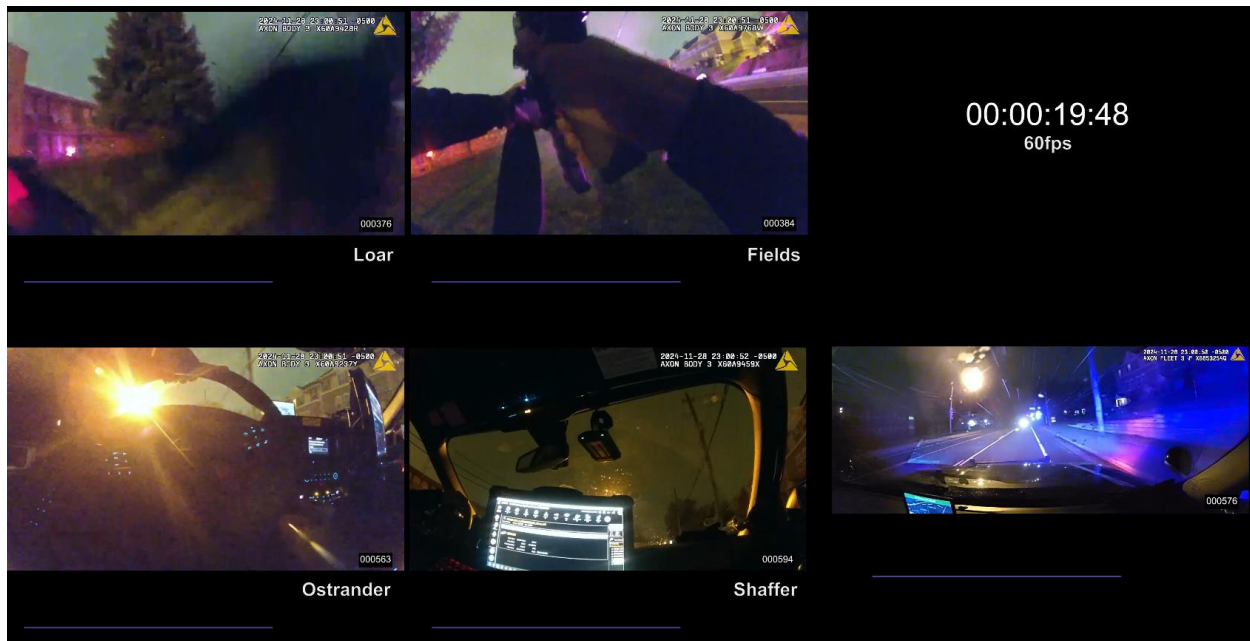


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24-00122 Synchronized Video Presentation

This presentation is 1 minute and 5 seconds in duration. No sound can be heard until 00:34 elapsed time. The video shows the BWC videos of officers Loar, Fields, Ostrander, and Shaffer as well as the in-car camera video from the vehicle driven by Ostrander. The videos were synced to show what each video captured at the same time.

The screenshot below was taken at the time it is believed that the first shot was fired 23:00:51 [00:25].



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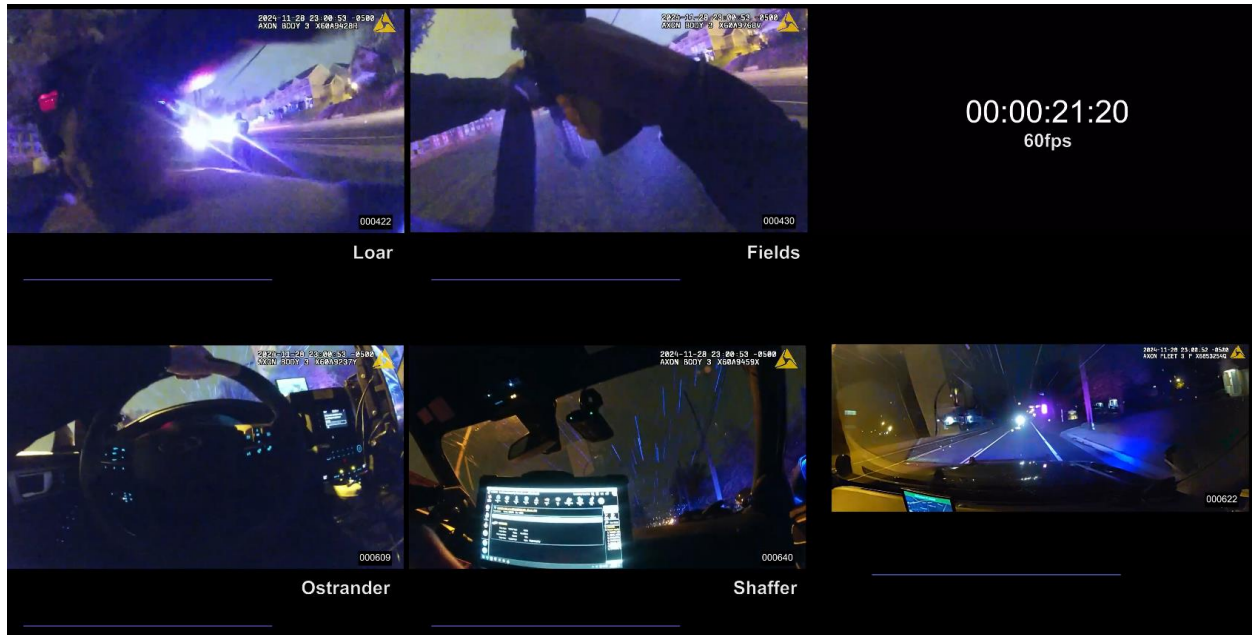


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The screenshot below was taken at the time it is believed that the last shot was fired
23:00:53 [00:26].



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Body-worn camera of Officer Michael Shaffer

The video is 17 minutes and 41 seconds in duration. The timestamp at the start of the video showed “2024-11-28 23:00:32.”

The video began showing the inside of a vehicle and a computer screen. The vehicle appeared to be stationary. At 23:00:38 [00:06], the vehicle began to move. At 23:00:46 [00:14], red and blue flashing lights could be seen in the passenger side review mirror and reflecting off of nearby residences. At 23:00:55 [00:23], the vehicle began to make a U-turn. No sound could be heard until 23:01:02 [00:29]. At 23:01:05 [00:33], Shaffer began to exit the vehicle. Upon exiting the vehicle, Shaffer's BWC pointed toward a subject (Jazmir Tucker) lying on the ground. See screenshot below taken at 23:01:07 [00:34].



Several officers could be heard giving verbal commands to include “Stop moving,” “Get your hands out to your side,” and “Put your hands up.”

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Due to the brightness of the flashlights being used by officers, much of the details around where Tucker is lying is washed out. See an example below of the wash-out effect taken at 23:01:38 [01:05].



At 23:01:51 [01:18], Officer Fields said, “He was reaching, he was reaching right with his right hand.” An officer could be heard radioing that they have one male down, he is unresponsive, he is not following commands, and they are on East Avenue in front of the Miller-South school. At 23:02:03 [01:30], Officer Fields said “Again, he was reaching, reaching with his right hand.” Fields then said, “We need someone to check the parking lot behind us, that’s where he was shooting.” At 23:02:18 [01:45], an officer yelled “Suspect, hands out to the side.” At 23:02:34 [02:01], Fields said “Again, he was reaching with his right hand.” Additional verbal commands were given to Tucker. At 23:02:48 [02:15], Fields said, “Hey two of you break away and go check that parking lot behind us for suspects or victims.” Additional verbal commands were given to Tucker.

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At 23:04:07 [03:35], for less than one second, Tucker could be seen lying on the grass. At that time, it appeared that the flashlights pointing toward Tucker moved, allowing Tucker to be seen without the wash-out effect. See screenshot below.



Officers continued to give commands to Tucker. At 23:05:00 [04:28], an officer said that they should get cover. The officers then began to move toward an APD vehicle parked on East Avenue.

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The screenshot below, taken at 23:05:16 [04:44], showed Tucker while the officers were in the process of moving to cover.



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At 23:05:32 [05:00], an officer said that it looked like he (Tucker) had a firearm near his right hip. At 23:07:20 [06:47], a group of officers began to move toward Tucker. At 23:07:47 [07:14], officers began to secure Tucker's hands. See screenshot below.



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After Tucker was placed in handcuffs, Tucker was rolled to his side. At 23:08:07 [07:35], Officer Dylan Ostrander (Ostrander) has his hand on the exterior of Tucker's right jacket pocket. Ostrander said "Something right, right here. I'm not sure what it is."



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Shaffer unzipped Tucker's jacket pocket. See screenshot below taken at 23:08:12 [07:40].



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At 23:08:21 [07:48], an extended pistol magazine wrapped in blue color tape became visible.



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See screenshot below taken at 23:08:25 [07:52], showing the pistol that was removed from Tucker's jacket pocket.



Officers then opened Tucker's jacket and sweatshirt and cut open his t-shirt. As officers were locating and opening a chest seal, an EMS worker arrived [23:09:46, 09:14]. At 23:10:14 [09:41], Shaffer began to remove the handcuffs from Tucker. At 23:11:47 [11:15], Tucker was placed on a gurney. At approximately 23:12:18 [11:46], Shaffer and other officers began to search the area for additional evidence.

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Conclusion

On November 28, 2024, at approximately 2300 hours, Officers Fields and Loar heard two gunshots near their location. The officers exited their vehicle and proceeded to check the area on foot. Officers observed a male, later identified as Jazmir Tucker, walking from a lower parking lot area. Fields activated his flashlight and yelled for Tucker to put his hands up. Tucker then ran southbound. Two APD officers, Ostrander and Shaffer, were driving southbound on East Boulevard and activated their vehicle emergency lights. As their vehicle drove past Tucker and began to turn around, Tucker reached toward his waistband area. Fields believed that Tucker was reaching for a gun and would use that gun to shoot at Ostrander and Shaffer. Fields then fired 8 shots at Tucker, striking him 3 times. Tucker died as a result of the injuries he sustained.

A loaded Taurus 9mm caliber pistol was located in the zipped right side jacket pocket of the jacket worn by Tucker. Scientific testing of the cartridge casings from this pistol matched the two cartridge casings found in the lower parking lot area of the Miller-South School.

Contact Information

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