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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 3487 Belmont Avenue,
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Investigative Activity: BWC/Dash Camera Video Review
Involves: Jason A. Cain (S), Liberty Township Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 01/13/2025
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received video footage from Liberty Township Police Detective Jeff Plamer. SA Goudy was informed that the videos contained footage from the dash and body worn cameras recorded by the Liberty Township Police Department.

SA Goudy reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

The following video files were provided by the Liberty Township Police Department.

[LibertyT.LibertyPD_20241218_0750](#)

[LibertyT.LPD_20241219_0833](#)

■ BrandonRice 202412161440 WFN1005222 88286630
■ BrandonRice 202412161443 CAR10 363094177
■ ChristianThoma 202412161436 WFN1002236 44112649
■ ChristianThoma 202412161437 WFN1002236 44112650
■ ChristianThoma 202412161438 Car15 207678916
■ [REDACTED] 202412161437 WFN1001099 103823142
■ [REDACTED] 202412161440 WFN1001099 103823143
■ [REDACTED] 202412161443 CAR [REDACTED] 193653488
■ NickRyan 202412161442 CAR17 354232138
■ NickRyan 202412161442 WFC1152617 82840153
■ NickRyan 202412161525 WFC1152617 82840154

■ ChristianThoma 202412161436 WFN1002236 44112649
■ ChristianThoma 202412161437 WFN1002236 44112650
■ [REDACTED] 202412161437 WFN1001099 103823142
■ [REDACTED] 202412161440 WFN1001099 103823143

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BODY WORN CAMERAS



Video File: [REDACTED] 202412161437_WFN1001099_103823142

(Duration: 2 minutes, 42 seconds)

This video file consisted of [REDACTED] responding to the area where the stolen Jeep SUV was located and stopping at another location waiting to receive the signal to drive up to the Jeep's location.

Nothing further to report from this video file.

Video File: [REDACTED] 202412161440_WFN1001099_103823143

(Duration: 15 minutes, 56 seconds)

This video file begins with [REDACTED] driving to the Harbor Freight parking lot and positioning his vehicle at an angle to the rear of where the stolen Jeep SUV was parked. [REDACTED] LTPD vehicle was parked next to LTPD Captain Buhala's black unmarked vehicle.

At the 00:50 mark, [REDACTED] exited his vehicle and pointing his duty weapon at the white Jeep SUV while giving the commands, "put the car in gear, do it now." Immediately thereafter, the Jeep backed into the black SUV.



(Image #1)

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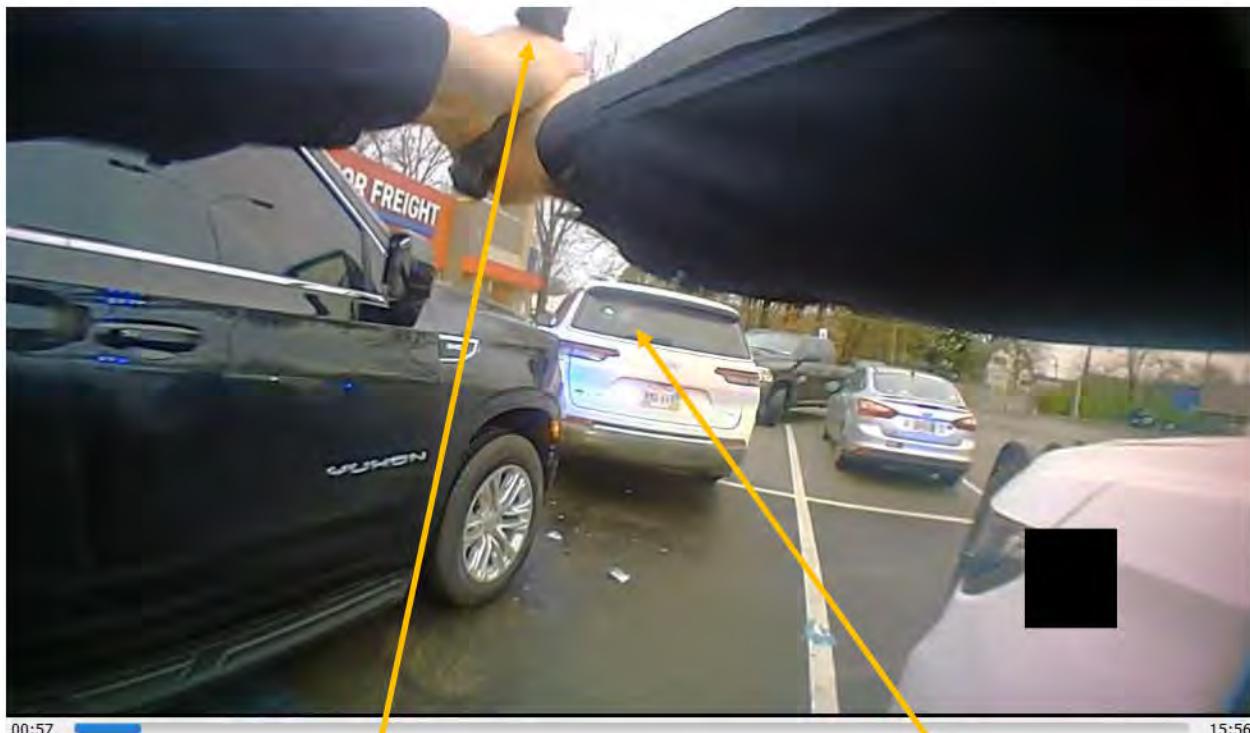
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At the 00:57 mark, [REDACTED] possibly fired the first gunshot at the Jeep SUV. The slide of [REDACTED] duty weapon was observed sliding backwards. This gunshot entered into the rear window of the Jeep as it began to drive forward after backing into the black unmarked SUV.



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At the 01:01 mark, [REDACTED] moved toward the Jeep as the Jeep was driving forward and crashing into another LTPD marked vehicle. During this time, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fired four more gunshots in rapid succession into the rear window of the Jeep SUV.



(Image #3)

(Cartridge Casings ejected from [REDACTED] duty weapon)



(Image #5)



(Image #6)

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At the 01:03 mark, the Jeep SUV drove forward and crashed into the front of the Harbor Freight store. [REDACTED] continued moving toward the Jeep until he eventually took cover behind the marked LTPD vehicle identified as 09 with Officer Rice.



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At the 01:16 mark, [REDACTED] stood behind LTPD marked vehicle 09 with Officer Rice as they were ordering the passenger out of the Jeep. The female passenger exited the front passenger door with her hands up and walked toward the officers, complying with their commands.



(Image #8)

(Front seat passenger)

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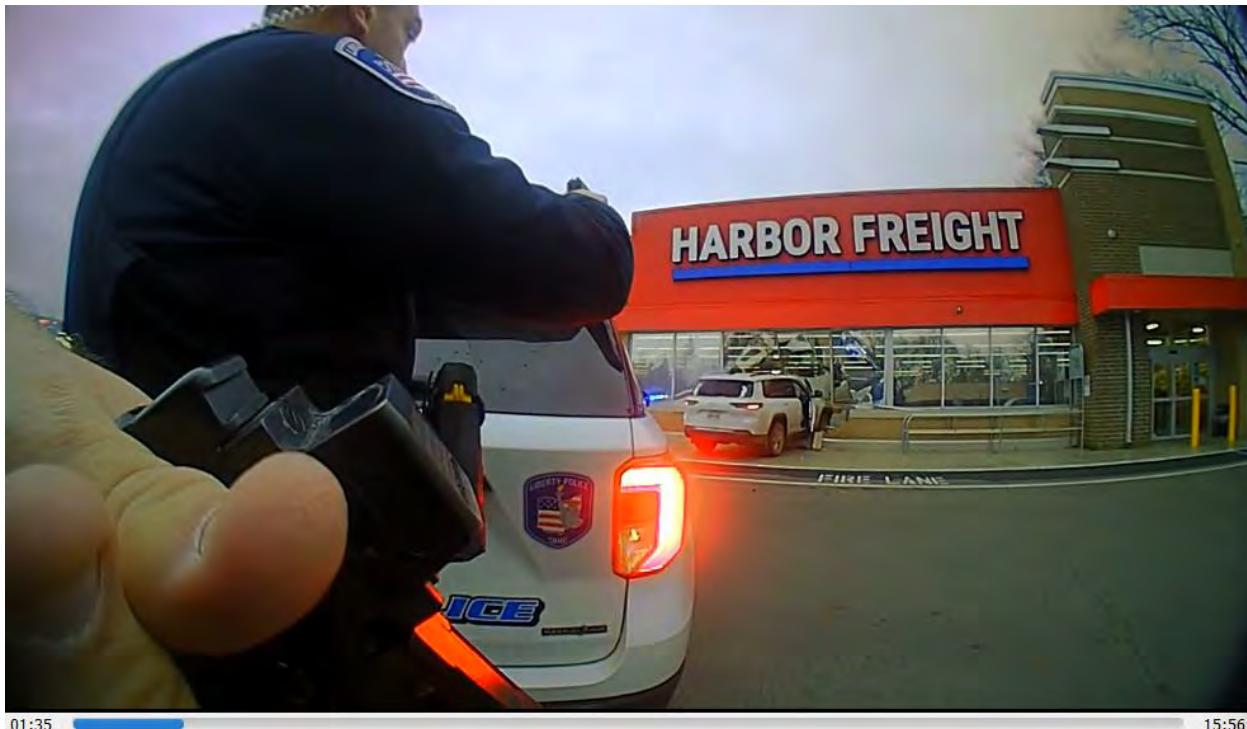
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At the 01:35 mark, after the female walked past [REDACTED] and Officer Rice where she was eventually detained, [REDACTED] was said "I think I got him." Officer Rice asked [REDACTED], "you good?" [REDACTED] replied, "I'm good." [REDACTED] said "Ray, I think I got him."



(Image #9)

During this time, Officer Rice said they needed to call for EMS. [REDACTED] was said that the Jeep needed to be cleared beforehand.



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At the 02:23 mark, as Detective Altier approached with the ballistic shield, [REDACTED] told him, "I'm the one that shot." Detective Altier replied, "I know."



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At the 02:50 mark, [REDACTED] followed Detective Altier as they moved up toward the Jeep with a ballistic shield. Detective Altier was heard saying, "hands, hands," as they approached the Jeep.



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At the 03:17 mark, Captain Buhala asked [REDACTED] if he was alright. [REDACTED] replied, "yea, I'm good. Was worried about you. You alright? I was worried about you." During this time, Detective Altier was checking the driver to see if he had any weapons. Prior to this, Detective Altier made mention about a knife and also stated, "there's something black here also."



(Image #12)

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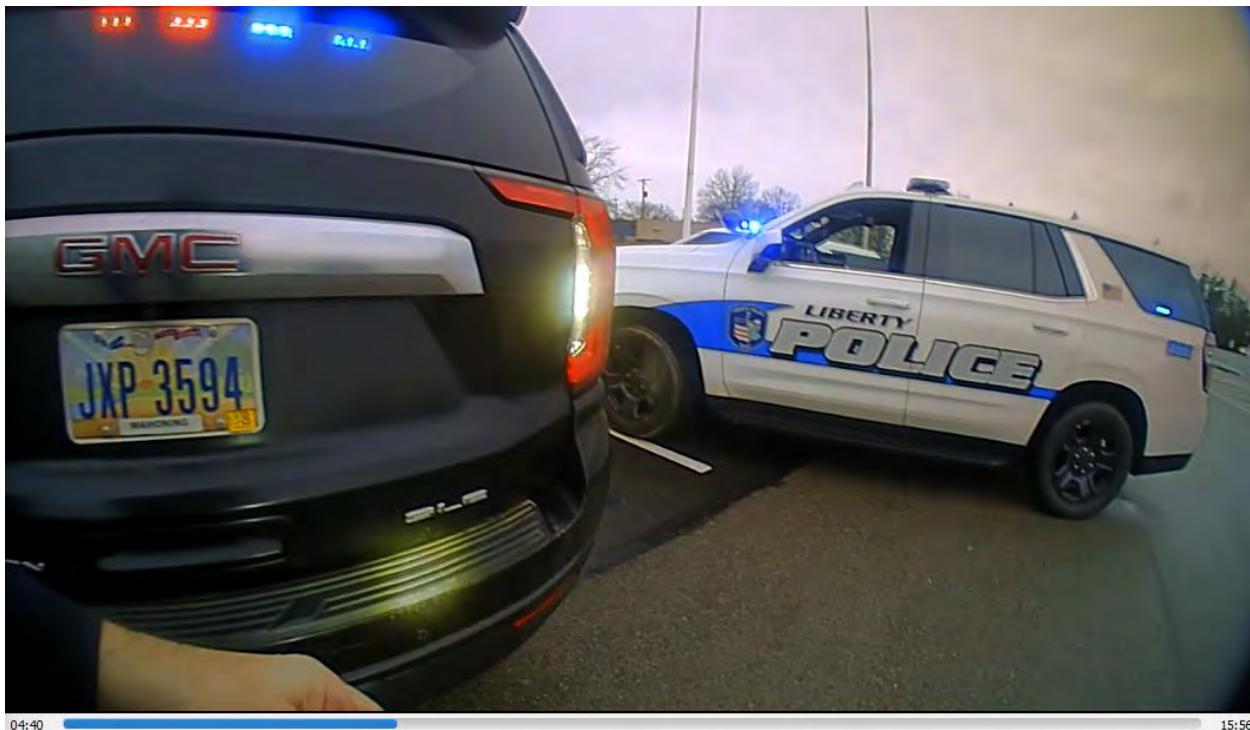


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Shortly after assisting Detective Altier and Officer Rice with clearing the vehicle, [REDACTED] said he was having trouble holstering his duty weapon because his light fell off his gun. [REDACTED] asked Officer Rice to assist him by checking inside the holster to see if the light fell down inside it.

At the 04:40 mark, after [REDACTED] and Officer Rice made their way behind Captain Buhala's black SUV, [REDACTED] fixed the light attachment for his duty weapon. At that time, [REDACTED] was heard saying, "Well, he hit Ray, and I was worried that he was going." Officer Rice was then heard interrupting [REDACTED] saying, "yea, I know, I know, and then he was going to ram the other car, you're good."



(Image #13)

At the 05:38 mark, no additional review of this video file was completed due to the potential for Garrity. LTPD Detective Sergeant Mike Schuster was observed coming into view and [REDACTED] began to speak with him. Detective Sergeant Schuster oversees the LTPD Internal Affairs Unit.

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Officer Brandon Rice

Video File: BrandonRice 202412161440 WFN1005222 88286630

(Duration: 27 minutes, 32 seconds)

This video file began with Officer Brandon Rice (Rice) arriving at 3487 Belmont Avenue, the parking lot of Harbor Freight, and exiting his Liberty Township Police Department (LTPD) vehicle to assist the other officers by attempting to box in a white Jeep sport utility vehicle (SUV) that contained stolen license plates out of Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Furthermore, it was later discovered that the vehicle itself was reported stolen out of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.



(Image #14)

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At the 00:40 mark of the video, Officer Rice exited his vehicle and moved toward the rear of his LTPD vehicle with his duty weapon drawn. Officer Rice was heard saying, "Come to me Rob."



(Image #15)

(Stolen Jeep)

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At the 00:44 mark, the engine of the white Jeep was revving as it was backing up and striking another LTPD vehicle directly behind it.



(Image #16)

At the 00:46 mark, as the Jeep was observed beginning to move forward, a possible gunshot was heard, followed by Officer Rice saying, "he's ramming cars."



(Image #17)

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At the 00:48 mark, after the first possible gunshot was fired, [REDACTED] was in the camera's field-of-view and walked toward the back of the Jeep. Also, immediately after the first gunshot was fired, a female voice could be heard yelling, "No!"



(Image #18)

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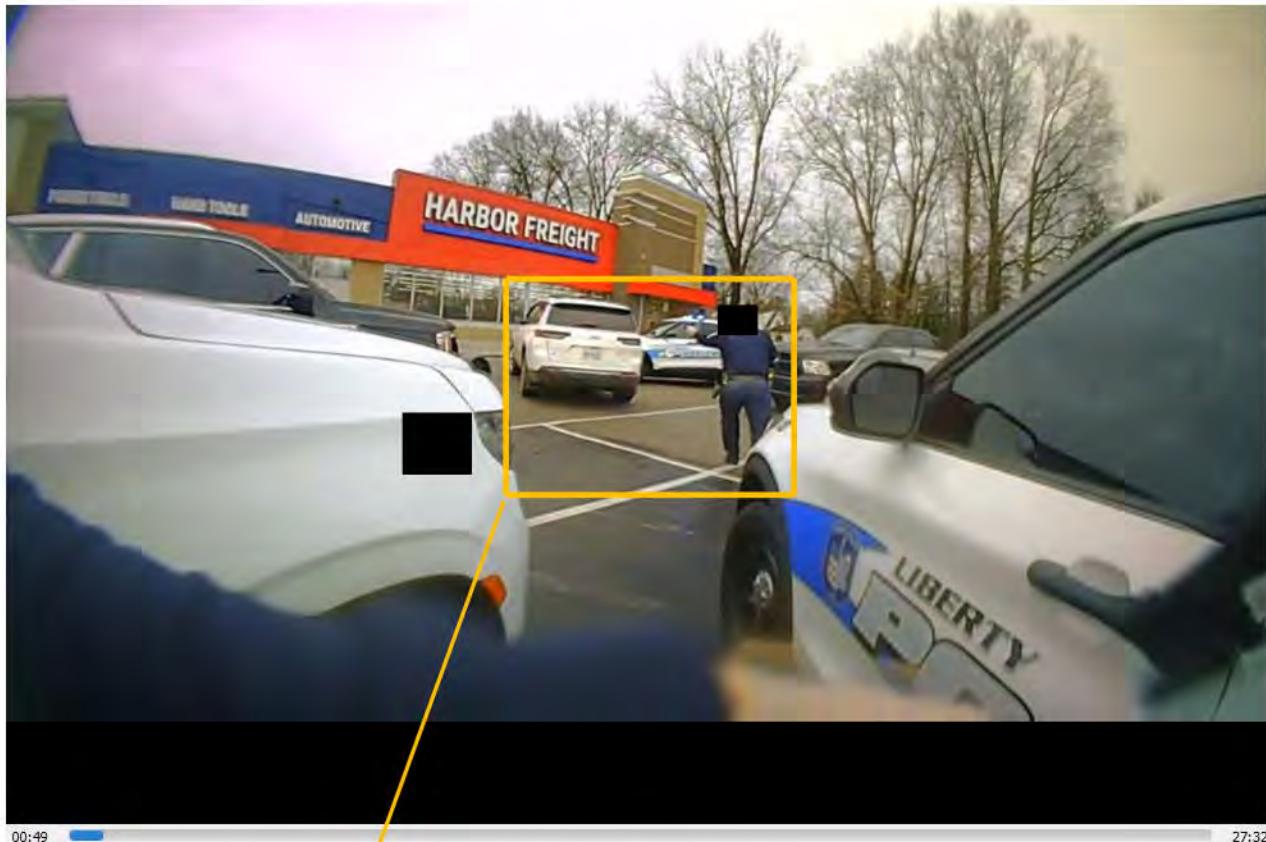
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At the 00:49 mark, while Officer Rice was back by his LTPD vehicle, [REDACTED] was in the camera's field-of-view, raised his left arm up, and fired his duty weapon four times in rapid succession at the rear of the Jeep as it drove toward the Harbor Freight store.



(Zoomed in View)

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At the 00:54 mark, the white Jeep was drove through the front wall and window of the Harbor Freight store. Officer Rice was heard advising dispatch, "Shots fired" as he began to move forward. [REDACTED] stood in a stationary position with his duty weapon out and pointed in the direction of the Jeep until he eventually moved to cover behind another LTPD vehicle. During this time, all the responding LTPD officers were in a position of cover behind or next to their vehicles.



(Zoomed in View)

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At the 00:58 mark, Officer Rice took up a position behind another LTPD vehicle that was closer to where the Jeep was located. As Officer Rice was getting into position, he was heard saying, "████ come back over here." (It was later discovered that ██████████ was also known as █████ amongst his fellow officers.)



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At the 01:00 mark, Officer Rice was heard saying, "Put your hands up! Put your hands up! Get out of the car, get, come back here, back here, back here, back here, keep coming back, keep coming back, keep coming back, keep coming back, keep coming back." This was directed at the female passenger, Hanna Tillery, as she exited the jeep. At the 01:15 mark, Tillery came into view, as she was observed showing her hands at chest level before eventually raising them higher as she walked back toward the officers. Tillery was heard saying, "you shot him," followed by, "I don't know what's going on" as she walked.



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At the 02:39 mark, Detective Robert Altier (Altier), carrying the shield, followed by [REDACTED] and Officer Rice approached the vehicle. Commands of "Hands, hands, hands up!" were given by Detective Altier.



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At the 02:48 mark, when Detective Altier approached the front passenger door, he said, "Theres something black in his lap," followed by, "He's alone."



(Image #24)

At the 03:01 mark, Detective Altier was heard saying, "There's a knife, something black here also." Shortly after, the decision was made to move over to the driver's side of the vehicle to remove Cain.

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At the 03:25 mark, after Detective Altier, [REDACTED] and Officer Rice went over to the driver's side of the Jeep, they realized they were not able to open the driver door due to how far into the store the jeep crashed. The rear door on the left side was opened. Cain was observed lying in the reclined driver's seat.



(Image #25)

Shortly after assisting with clearing the Jeep, [REDACTED] asked Officer Rice to remove the light from inside his holster due to it falling off his gun which prevented him from holstering his gun. At the 03:53 mark, Officer Rice was heard saying to [REDACTED], "let's go over here behind the cars." Officer Rice and [REDACTED] walked back behind the LTPD marked units.

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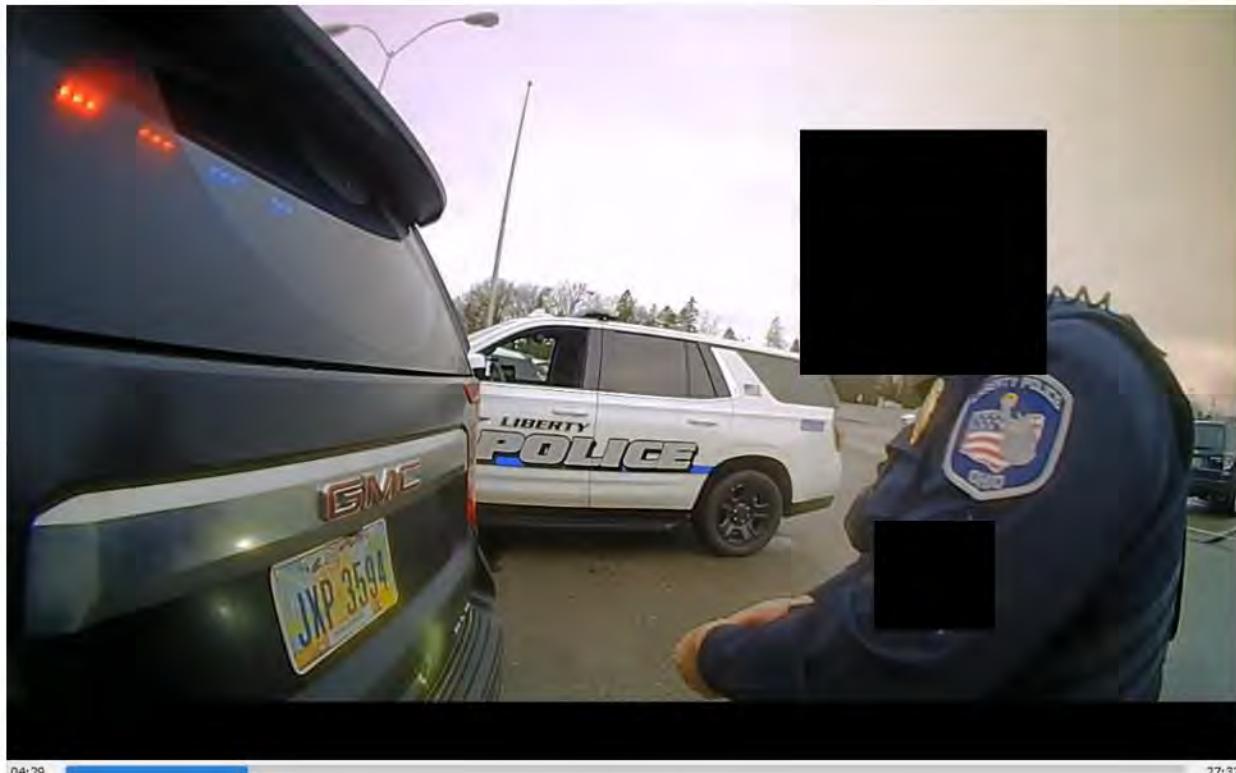
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At the 04:29 mark, while [REDACTED] was behind the black LTPD unmarked SUV fixing the light on his duty weapon, he said, "well, he hit Ray and I was worried he, UNINTELLIGIBLE." Officer Rice was heard saying, "yea, I know, I know, and then he was going to ram the other car, you're good."



(Image #26)

At the 05:31 mark, while Officer Rice was getting emergency medical equipment, the female, Tillery, who was placed in the rear of his marked unit was heard crying and saying, "You shot him in the head, you shot him in the head," followed by, "I'm pregnant! Why?"

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At the 06:22 mark, after an unsuccessful attempt to locate any medical equipment in his vehicle, Officer Rice told Detective Altier that he could not locate any medical equipment. Detective Altier advised that they already had it. This photo shows an unknown officer inside the front passenger seat of the Jeep administering emergency medical assistance to Cain.



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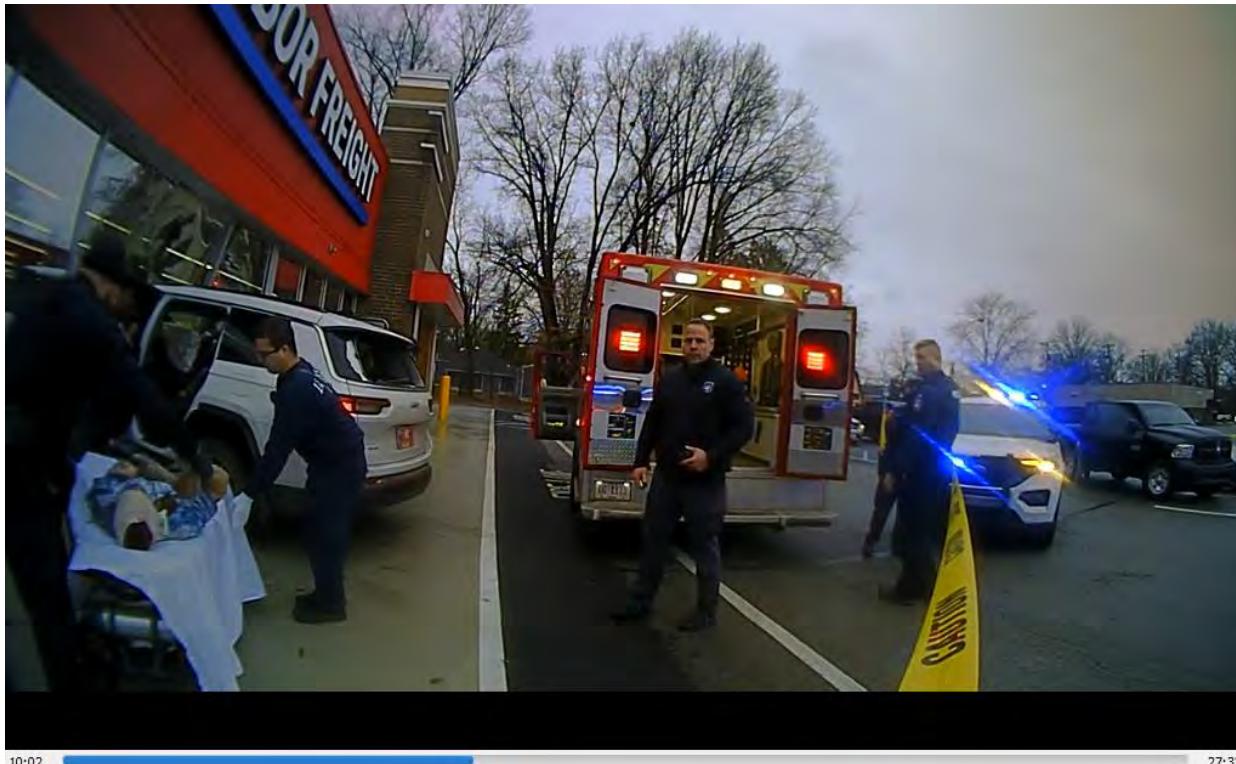
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At the 10:02 mark, Officer Rice was heard asking Captain Ray Buhala, "you weren't in your car were you when he rammed it?" Captain Buhala replied, "in my car, yea." Officer Rice replied, "Oh, you were in it when he rammed it?" Captain Buhala was heard saying, "yea." Officer Rice replied, "I didn't know if you were in it or you were getting out."



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At the 10:12 mark, Liberty Township EMS removed Cain from the front driver's seat and placed him on the gurney. During this time, Cain was observed moving his right arm and hand to his head, which was wrapped in gauze.



(Image #29)

At the 19:27 mark, Officer Rice said to another unknown officer, "Dude, why didn't he just stay put, he was UNINTELLIGIBLE, he wasn't going anywhere."

Nothing further to report from Officer Brandon Rice's body worn camera.

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Officer Nick Ryan

Video File: NickRyan_202412161442_WFC1152617_82840153

(Duration: 28 minutes, 02 seconds)

This video began with Officer Nick Ryan (Ryan) driving his marked LTPD unit to the parking lot of the Harbor Freight located at 3487 Belmont Avenue, Liberty Township, Ohio. Officer Ryan's mobile data terminal (MDT) display had an image from the FLOCK camera system depicting the stolen white Jeep Cherokee.



(Image #30)

(FLOCK Camera Info)

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At the 00:50 mark, an unknown officer was heard over Officer Ryan's radio saying, "come block it from the front, Cap, whenever you're ready." Another unknown officer was heard saying, "yea, you guys can UNINTELLIGIBLE." At this point, Officer Ryan drove to the parking lot of Harbor Freight.

At the 01:14 mark, Officer Ryan exited his vehicle, which was positioned to the right of Detective Altier's unmarked truck and angled in front of the stolen Jeep SUV, and moving toward the rear of it for cover. Officer Ryan was heard saying, "He's moving, he's moving."



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At the 01:20 mark, Officer Ryan ran from his LTPD unit to Officer Christian Thoma's LTPD unit. Officer Ryan was heard saying, "Moving to you," as he ran through a gap between the stolen Jeep and the other marked LTPD unit.



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At the 01:23 mark of the video, Officer Ryan repositioned near Officer Thoma. Multiple officers were heard providing verbal commands.



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At the 1:27 mark, a possible gunshot was heard, followed by four additional possible gunshot sounds. At the 01:33 mark, after the gunshots were fired, the Jeep drove into the wall of the Harbor Freight store. "Shots fired" was heard over Officer Ryan's portable radio.



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At the 01:42 mark, Officer Ryan took cover, along with Officer Thoma behind Officer Thoma's LTPD vehicle. Both officers were observed pointing their duty weapons at the Jeep. The command of "Show us your hands" was given during this time.



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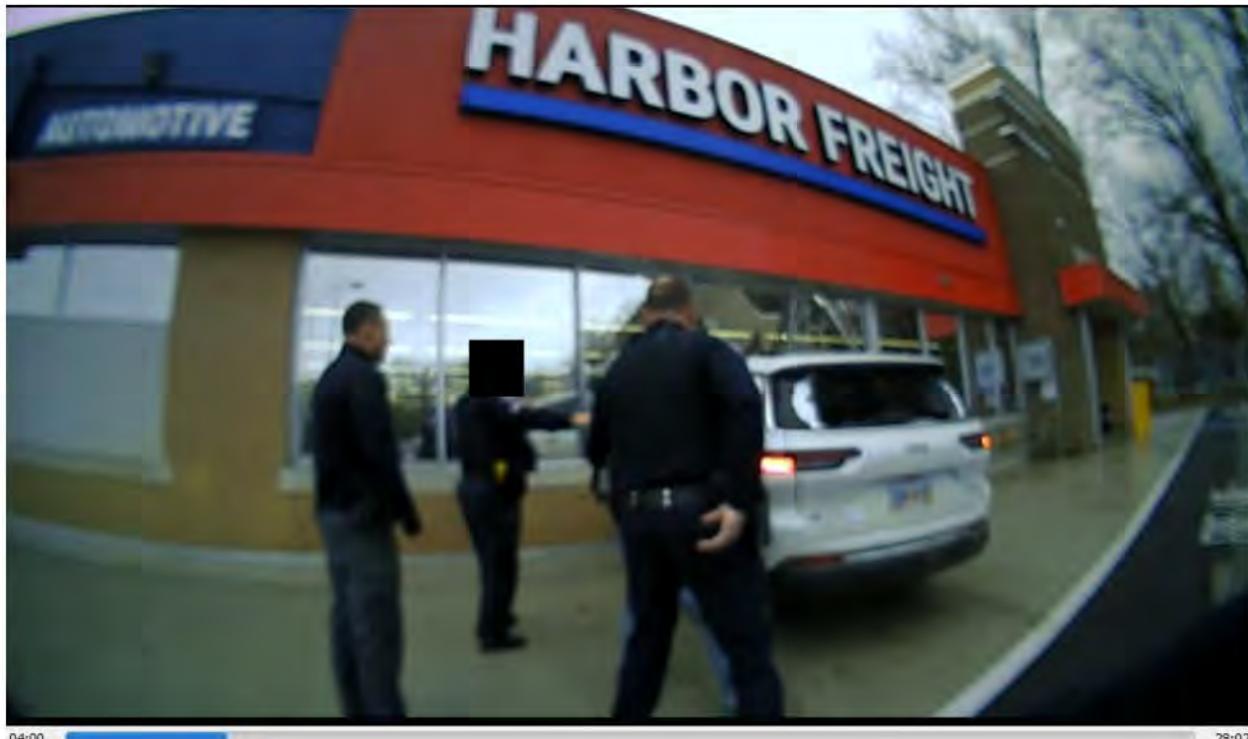
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At the 04:00 mark, after several commands were given for the driver to show his hands, Officer Ryan and Officer Thoma moved toward the Jeep. During that time, Detective Altier, [REDACTED], Captain Buhala, and another unknown officer moved up to the driver's side of the Jeep.



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At the 05:02 mark, Officer Ryan entered the back passenger side of the Jeep to assist Officer Thoma and Detective Altier with emergency first aid. Detective Altier was heard saying the driver had a head wound and that, "there's no weapon in his lap."



(Image #37)

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At the 06:19 mark, Officer Thoma and Officer Ryan provided emergency first aid to the driver's head. The driver was eventually removed from the driver's seat through the back passenger door and placed onto a gurney.



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At the 10:59 mark, the driver, Jason Cain, was on an EMS gurney with his head wrapped in gauze. Cain was eventually placed into the rear of the Liberty Township EMS and transported to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown.



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At the 20:09 mark, Officer Brandon Rice said, "Why didn't he just stay put, he was UNINTELLIGIBLE, he wasn't going anywhere."



(Image #40)

Nothing further to report from this body worn camera video file.

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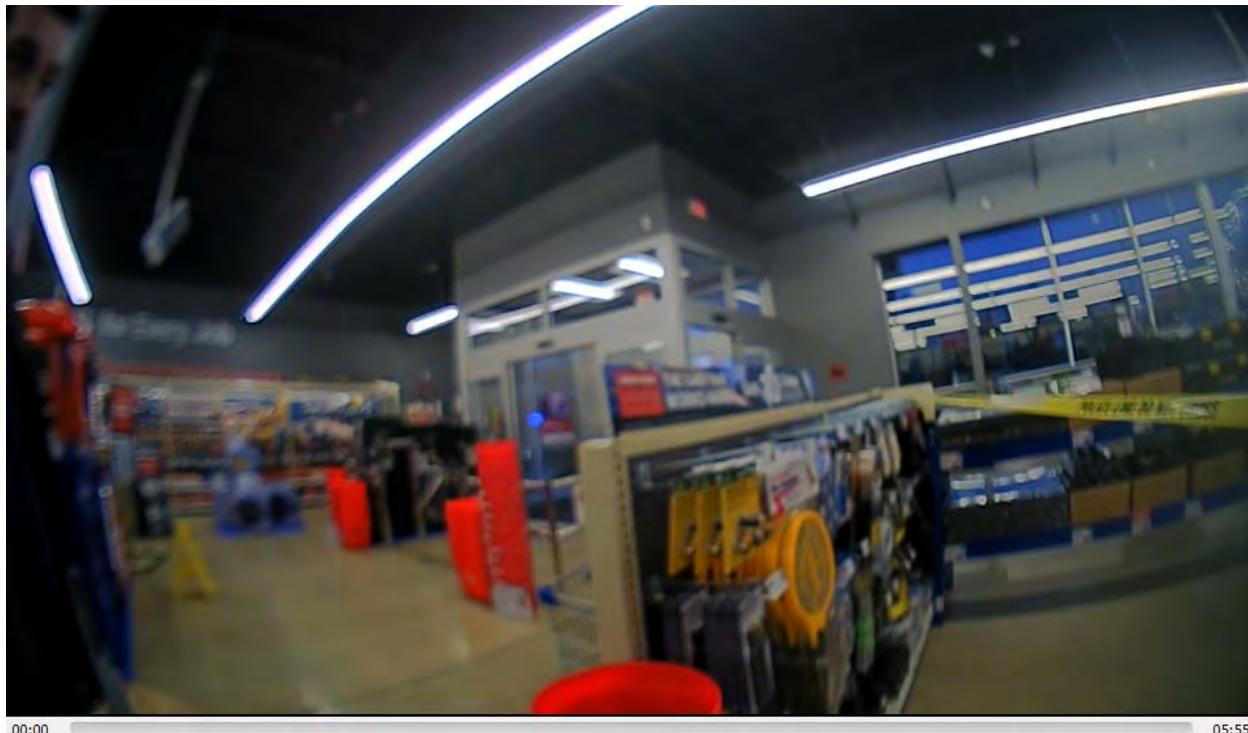
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Video file: NickRyan 202412161525 WFC1152617 82840154

(Duration: 5 minutes, 55 seconds)

This is the second body worn camera video file from Officer Nick Ryan. This video began inside Harbor Freight. Officer Ryan had a conversation with the manager of Harbor Freight while maintaining security of the scene.



(Image #41)

Nothing further to report from Officer Nick Ryan's body worn camera video files.

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Officer Christian Thoma

Video File: ChristianThoma_202412161436_WFN1002236_44112649

(Duration: 1 minute, 3 seconds)

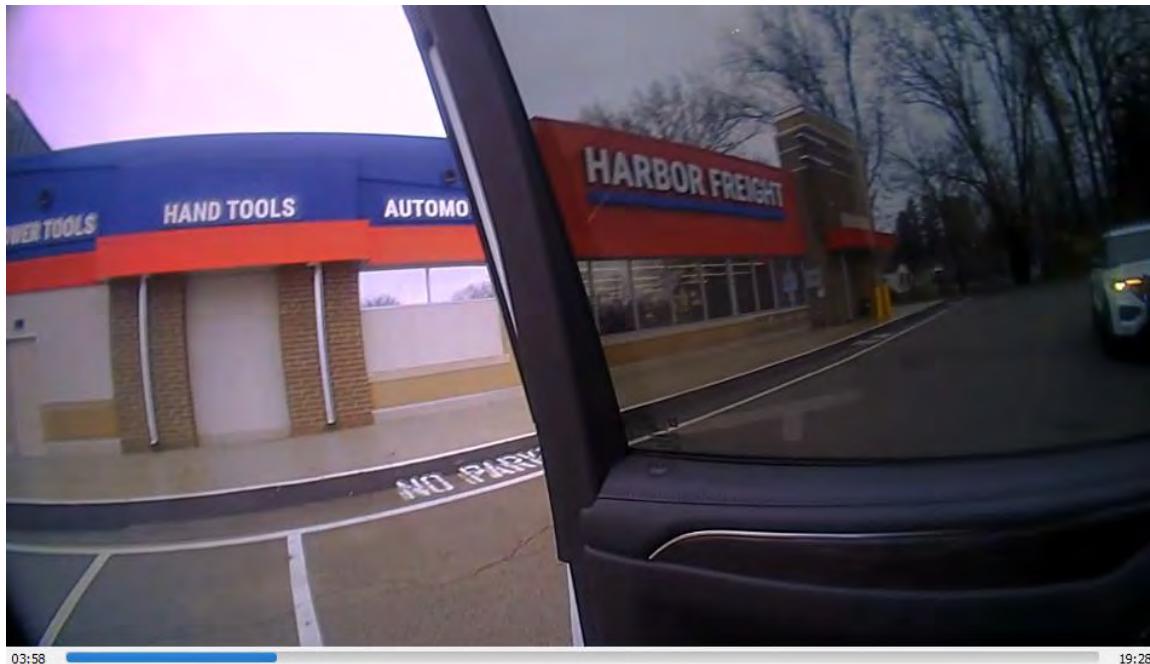
This video file is a brief video of Officer Christian Thoma driving his LTPD vehicle with his siren activated. There was nothing of evidentiary value regarding this matter.

Video File: ChristianThoma_202412161437_WFN1002236_44112650

(Duration: 19 minutes, 28 seconds)

This video file began with Officer Christian Thoma driving his LTPD vehicle with the siren activated to the Harbor Freight parking lot regarding the stolen Jeep. During this time, the radio traffic consisted of the responding units calling out their locations and coordination on how they intended to approach the Jeep.

At the 03:58 mark, Officer Thoma arrived at the Harbor Freight parking lot, exited his vehicle and yelled, "show us your hands now," multiple times.



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At 04:11 mark, one possible gunshot was heard followed by four additional possible gunshots being fired in rapid succession.

At the 04:15 mark, the white Jeep SUV drove into the front of the Harbor Freight store.



(Image #43)

Shortly after the vehicle drove into the Harbor Freight store, multiple commands were heard being given for the driver to, "show us your hands." Detective Altier, [REDACTED] and Officer Rice walked up to the Jeep. After the vehicle was deemed secured, Officer Thoma assisted with providing emergency medical aid to the driver.

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At the 07:43 mark, Detective Altier checked the driver for any weapons, while Officer Thoma attempted to administer emergency medical assistance. Due to the injuries and the vehicle being driven half into the Harbor Freight store, they were not able to open the front driver's side door to get the driver out. Officer Thoma administered emergency medical aid from the rear driver side door. Officer Thoma eventually applied pressure to the driver's head wound and wrapped gauze around his head until EMS arrived. During this time, the driver was observed moving his right arm. Officer Thoma said that the driver was still breathing.



(Image #44)

After EMS arrived on scene, Officer Thoma assisted them with removing the driver from the Jeep and placing him onto EMS' gurney where the driver was eventually transported to the hospital.

Nothing further to report from this video file.

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LTPD DASH CAMERAS

Officer Brandon Rice

Video: File: BrandonRice 202412161443 Car10 363094177

- Stream 0
- Stream 2
- Stream 3

Stream 0

(Duration: 27 minutes, 27 seconds)

This video file began with Officer Rice responding to the parking lot of the Harbor Freight to assist with the stolen Jeep.

At the 00:33 mark, Officer Rice arrived on scene with [REDACTED] LTPD vehicle just ahead of his. The stolen Jeep in a parking spot with its reverse lights activated.



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At the 00:45 mark, the white Jeep backed into the black LTPD unmarked SUV driven by LTPD Captain Ray Buhala.



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At the 00:47 mark, the Jeep drove forward and struck another marked LTPD vehicle. During this time, one gunshot was heard being fired.



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At the 00:48 mark, After the possible first gunshot was fired, a cartridge casing was observed flying across the windshield of Officer Rice's LTPD marked vehicle.



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At the 00:50 mark, [REDACTED] moved toward the Jeep with his gun drawn and fired four more gunshots, in rapid succession, into the rear window of the Jeep. At this time, the Jeep drove forward and crashing into an LTPD marked unit before crashing into the front of the Harbor Freight store.



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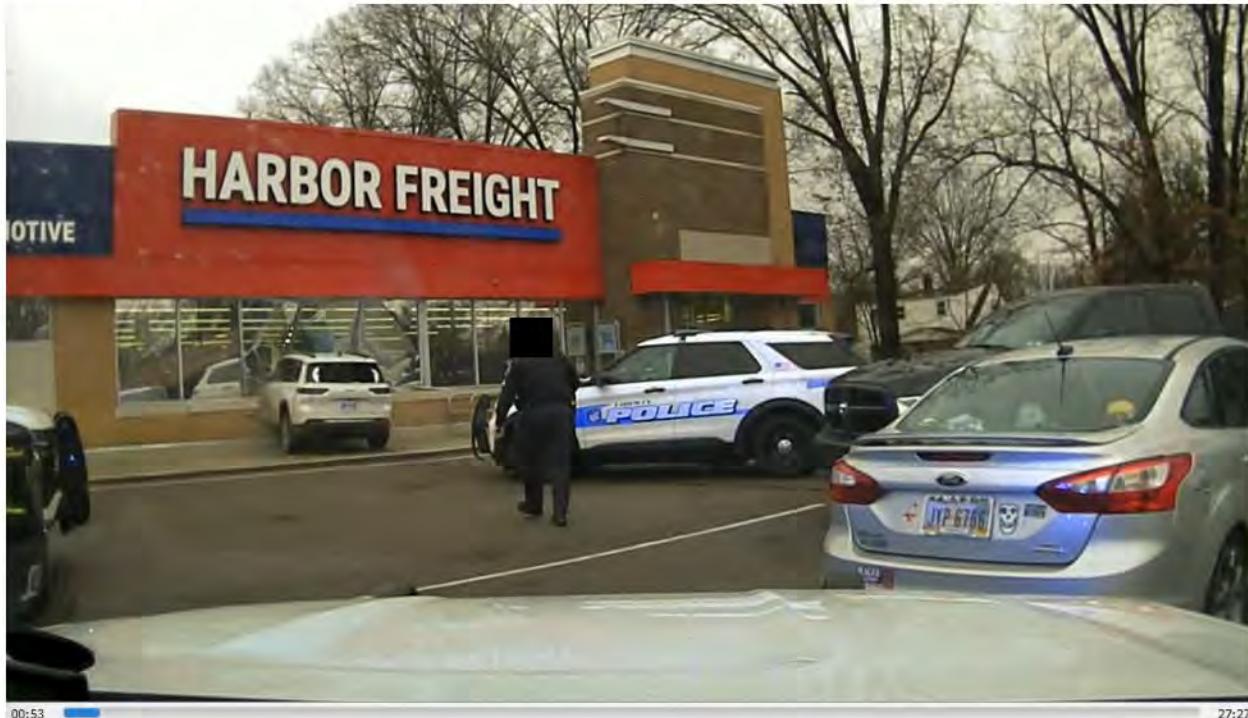
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At the 00:53 mark, the Jeep crashed into the front of the Harbor Freight store. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] walked toward the Jeep with his duty weapon pointed down in his left hand.



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At the 01:12 mark, a female passenger exited the passenger side with her hands up.
[REDACTED] and Officer Rice were standing behind an LTPD marked unit.



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At the 02:37 mark, Detective Altier, with ballistic shield, [REDACTED] and Officer Rice moved toward the Jeep. During this time, the female passenger was placed into the rear of Officer Rice's marked LTPD vehicle. She was heard crying and upset over this incident and concerned about the driver's medical status.



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At the 03:44 mark, after the Jeep was secured, officers entered the Jeep. During this time, the female passenger sitting in the rear of the LTPD marked unit was heard crying and yelling, "Save him, save him please," multiple times.



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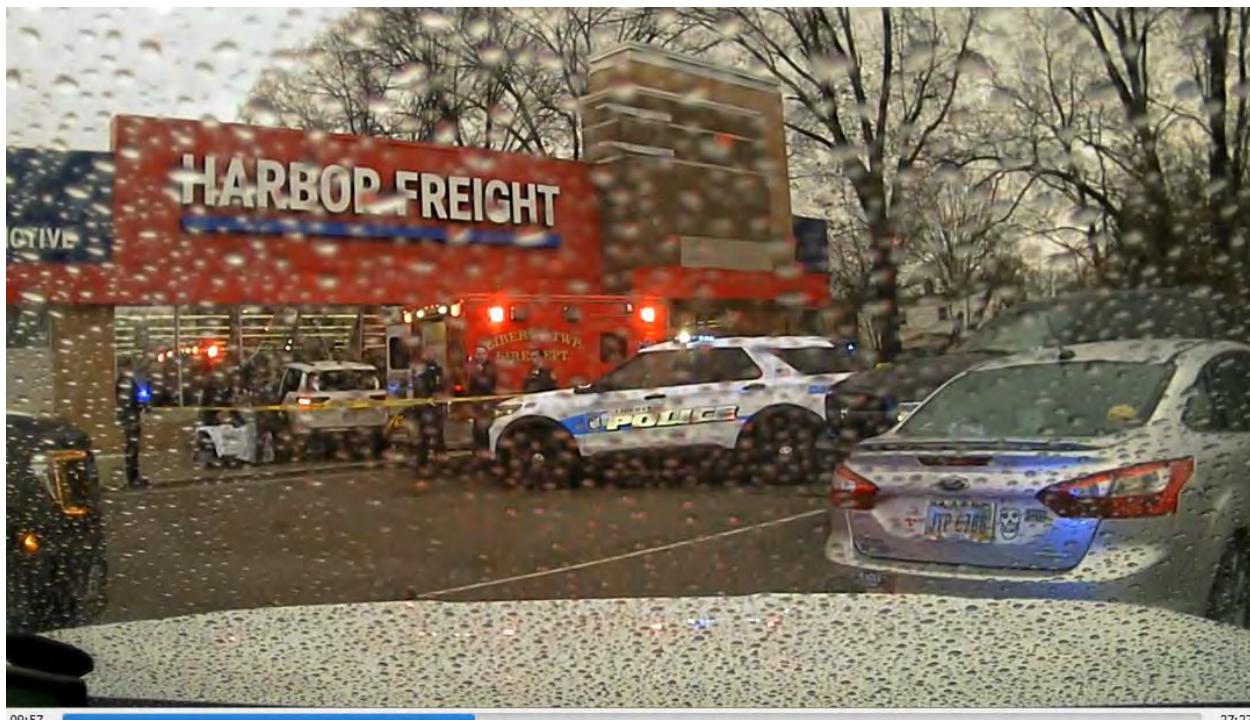
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At the 09:57 mark, the Liberty Township Fire Department EMS was on scene and the EMT's removed the driver from the driver's seat of the Jeep to place him onto the gurney. The female passenger seated in the rear of the LTPD marked unit was heard saying, "You guys are horrible, he didn't even have a gun, you shot him in the head." The female was also heard saying while she was crying, "Let me out so I can kill myself."



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Stream 2

(Duration: 27 minutes, 27 seconds)

This video file contains the same footage as stream 0, but with a wider range of view. There was nothing of evidentiary value from this video file that would be different from the stream 0 video file

Stream 3

(Duration: 27 minutes, 26 seconds)

This video file contains the footage from the back seat of Officer Brandon Rice's LTPD marked unit #10. The video began with the sounds of the Jeep crashing into another vehicle, followed by the sounds of 5 possible gunshots being fired. Shortly after the Jeep crashed into the Harbor Freight store, the female passenger exited the Jeep and was placed in the rear of LTPD marked unit #10.

At the 02:44 mark, the female passenger from the Jeep was placed into the rear of LTPD marked unit #10



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During the time that the female was seated in the back of unit 10, she was crying and yelling. At one point, she was heard saying, "save him, please, save him." Another time, she was heard saying, "you shot him in the head, you shot him in the head, is he, is he dead," followed by, "I'm pregnant." The female was observed to be visibly upset and crying as the incident unfolded. The female was also heard saying, "I want to die, you should have shot me," on multiple occasions.

At the 10:57 mark, the female was removed from the back seat.



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Officer Christian Thoma

Video: File: ChristianThoma 202412161438 Car15 207678916

(Duration: 53 minutes, 26 seconds)

- Stream 0
- Stream 2
- Stream 3

Stream 0

This video file began with Officer Thoma responding to the Harbor Freight parking lot to assist with apprehending the driver of the reported stolen Jeep.

At the 03:59 mark, Officer Thoma arrived with the other responding LTPD units in an attempt to box in the white Jeep SUV. Officer Ryan exited his LTPD marked vehicle parked directly ahead of Officer Thoma.



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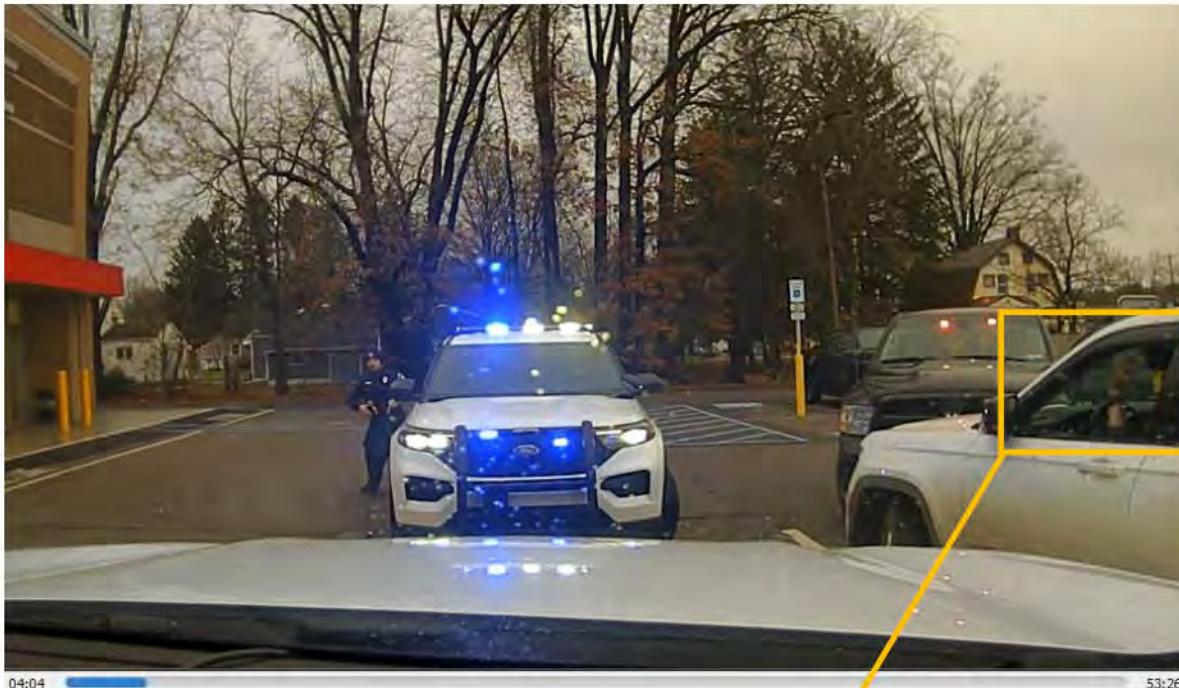
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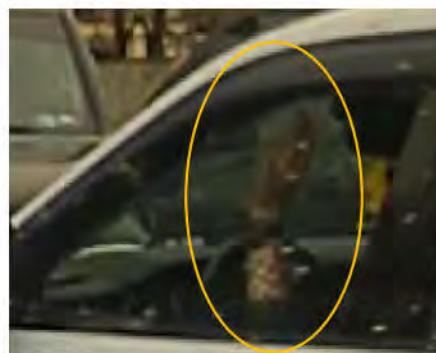
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At the 04:04 mark, after the Jeep SUV drove in reverse briefly, Officer Thoma said, "Shows us your hands now" multiple times, followed by "put your hands up, now!" During this time, the driver of the Jeep briefly rolled down his window and his hands were seen raised up. Immediately after, the driver put his hands back down and the window went back up. Officer Ryan began to run across to Officer Thoma's location.



(Image #58)



(Zoomed in View - drivers left arm)

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At the 04:13 mark, after the Jeep SUV backed into another LTPD vehicle, it moved forward. At this point, one possible gunshot was heard being fired, and the driver's head appeared to react by moving forward and down. The Jeep was also observed striking Officer Ryan's LTPD vehicle. A female was also heard yelling, "No."



(Image #59)



(Zoomed in view – Driver's head reaction)

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At the 04:16 mark, four additional possible gunshot sounds were heard and suspected ballistic impacts were seen on the rear window of the Jeep. The Jeep SUV was observed driving forward and eventually crashing into the front of the Harbor Freight store.



(Image #60)



(Zoomed in view)



(Image #6)



(Zoomed in view)

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(Image #62)



(Zoomed in view)



(Image #63)



(Zoomed in view)

Images 62 and 63 contained [REDACTED] left hand and gun coming into view as he fired his fourth and fifth gunshot. After the fifth gunshot was fired, the glass of the rear window shattered.

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Soon after firing his fifth and final gunshot, [REDACTED] walked toward the rear of the Jeep SUV, with his duty weapon still pointed at it, as it was driving forward and eventually crashed into the Harbor Freight store. A portion of the back window shattered as it drove forward.



(Image #64)

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At the 04:21 mark, after the Jeep SUV crashed into the front of the Harbor Freight store, [REDACTED] continued moving forward toward the Jeep. Officer Thoma was heard yelling, "show us your hands, now!" [REDACTED] eventually moved to the rear of LTPD unit 09 with Officer Rice for cover.



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At the 04:41 mark, Officer Rice, [REDACTED], and Detective Altier stood behind LTPD vehicle 09 while they ordered the female passenger from the Jeep SUV. The female passenger walked toward them with her hands up at chest level.



(Image #66)

(Female Passenger)

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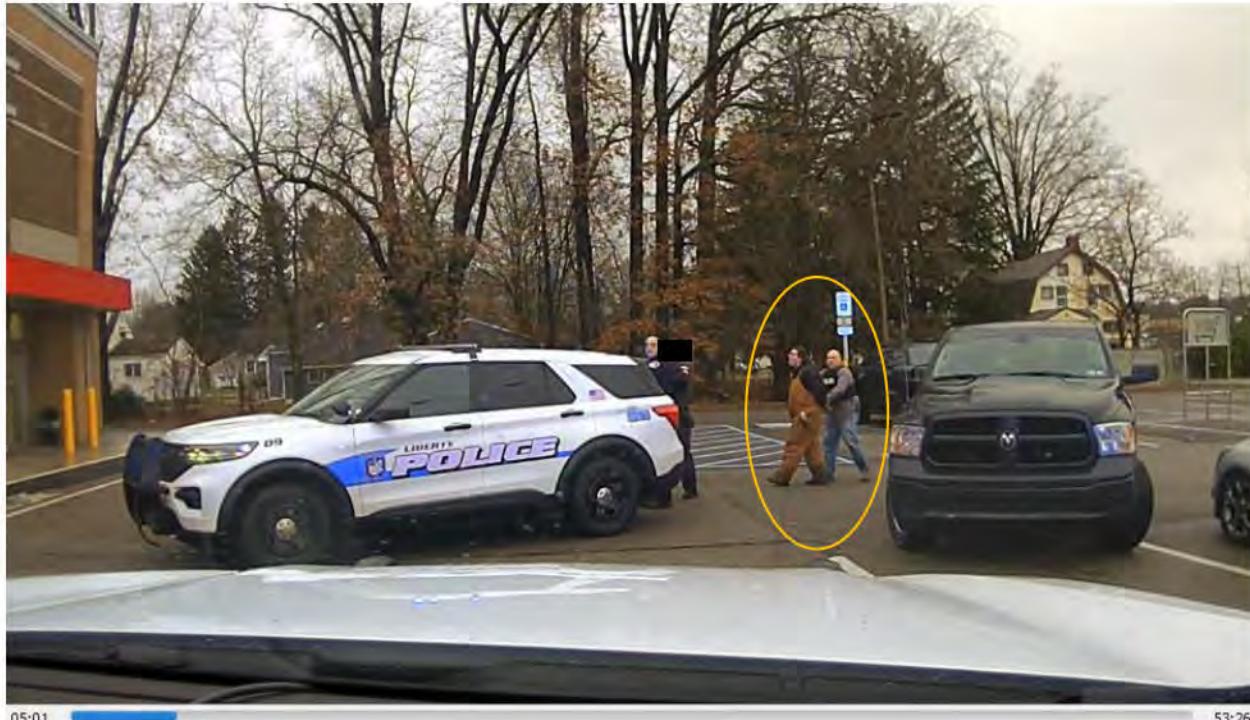
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At the 05:01 mark, the female passenger was detained and walked backwards by Detective Altier. Other officers were asking the status of the driver and if any officers had a shield to approach the vehicle.



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At the 05:57 mark, Detective Altier, [REDACTED] and Officer Rice approached the Jeep SUV. Detective Altier held a ballistic shield as they made their approach.



(Image #68)

Nothing further to report from this video file.

Stream 2

(Duration: 53 minutes, 26 seconds)

This video file contains the same footage as stream 0, but with a wider range of view. There was nothing of evidentiary value from this video file that would be different from the stream 0 video file

Stream 3

(Duration: 53 minutes, 26 seconds)

This video file contained footage from the back seat of Officer Thoma's LTPD vehicle. There is nothing of evidentiary value from this video file.

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[REDACTED]
Video: File: [REDACTED] 202412161443 Car [REDACTED] 193653488

(Duration: 27 minutes, 34 seconds)

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Stream 0

This video file began with [REDACTED] vehicle, along with other LTPD vehicles, responding to the Harbor Freight store parking lot regarding the FLOCK hit for the stolen Jeep.

At the 00:47 mark, [REDACTED] arrived on scene positioned at an angle behind the stolen Jeep SUV. As [REDACTED] vehicle was coming to a stop, the Jeep had its reverse lights on and began to move in reverse. Detective Altier and Officer Ryan exited their respective vehicles.



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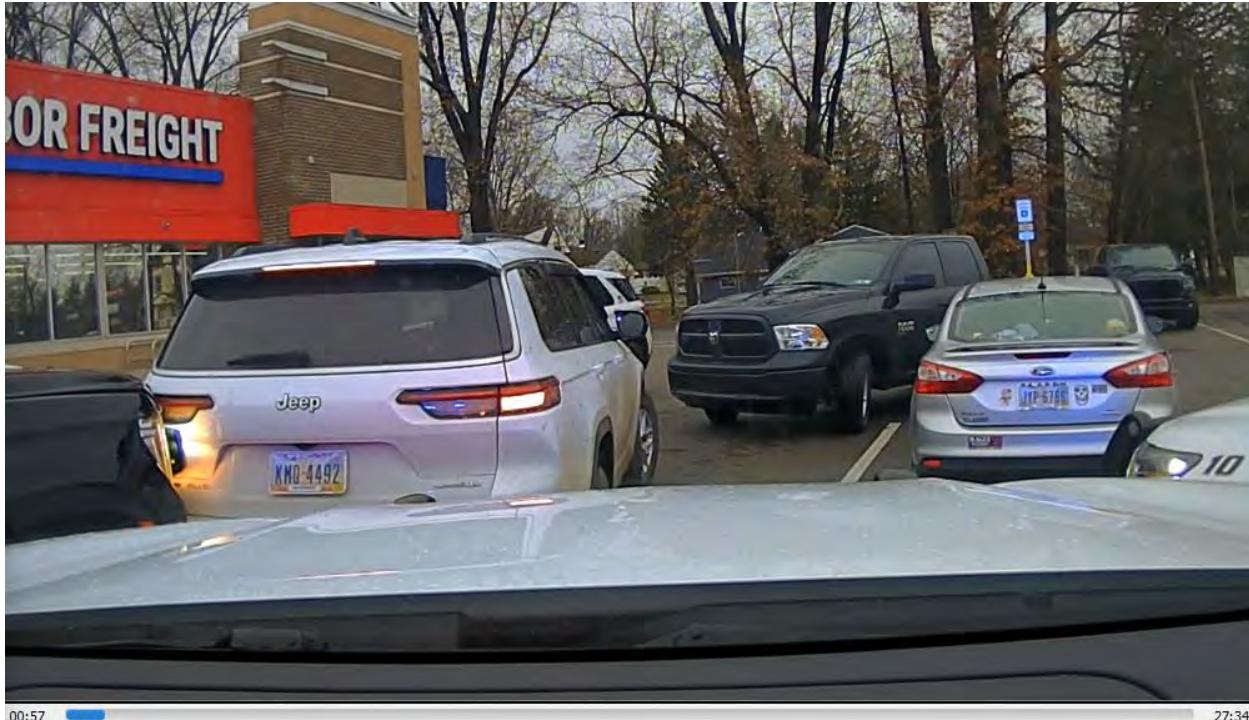
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At the 00:57 mark, the Jeep SUV crashed into the black unmarked LTPD vehicle. During this time, [REDACTED] was heard yelling, "Put the car in gear, do it now."



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At the 00:59 mark, as the Jeep drove forward, the first possible gunshot was heard and a possible ballistic impact was seen on the rear window of the Jeep.



(Image #71)



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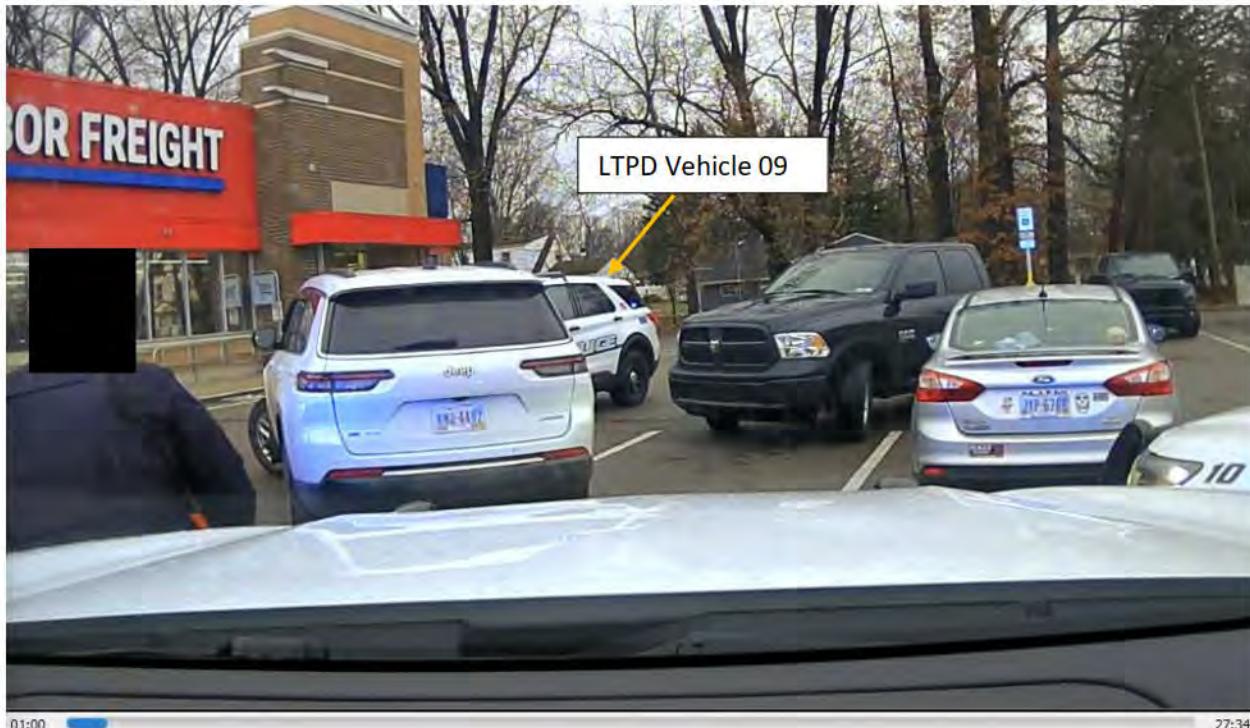
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At the 01:00 mark, while the Jeep was driving forward, it struck LTPD vehicle 09, previously driven by Officer Ryan. [REDACTED] walked toward the rear of the vehicle as it was driving forward.



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At the 01:02 mark, [REDACTED] moved toward the Jeep as it was driving forward. During this time, [REDACTED] fired four more gunshots in rapid succession.



(Image #73)



(Image #74)

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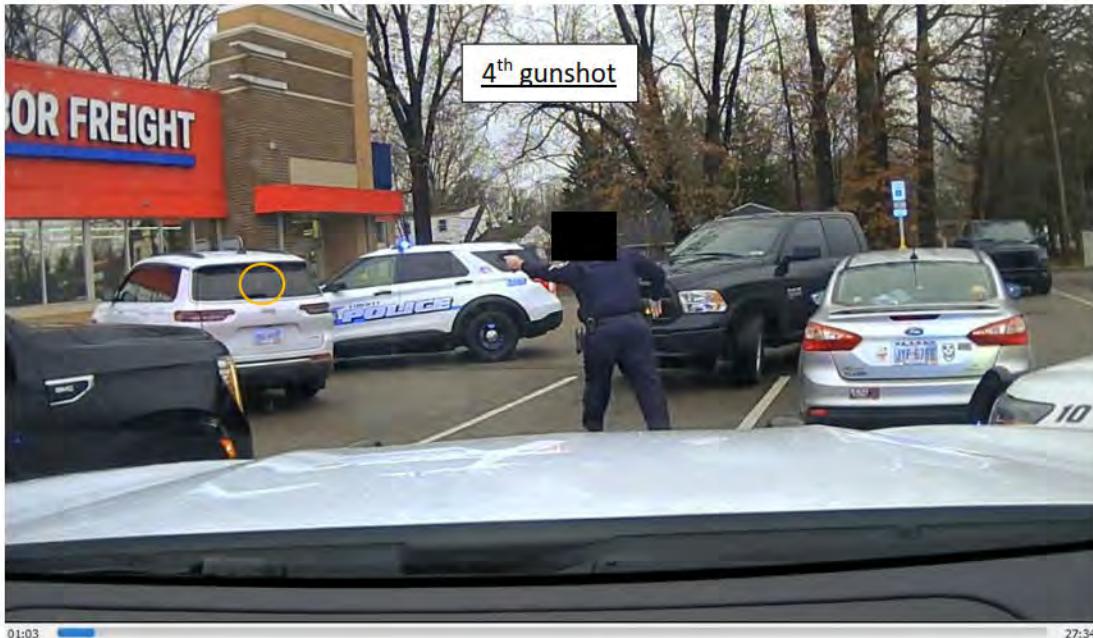


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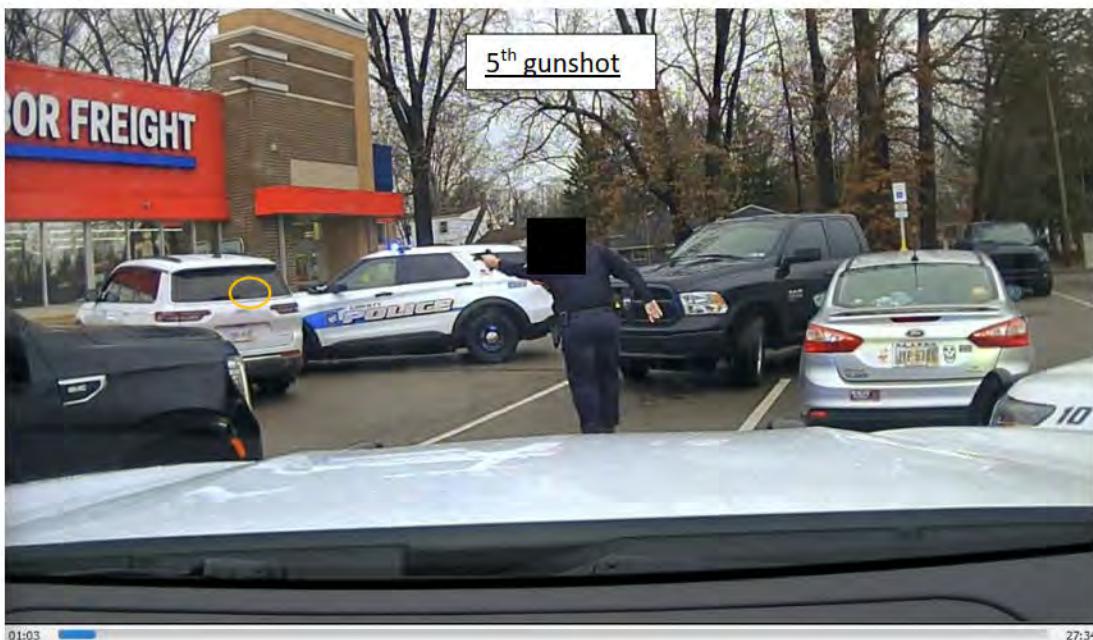


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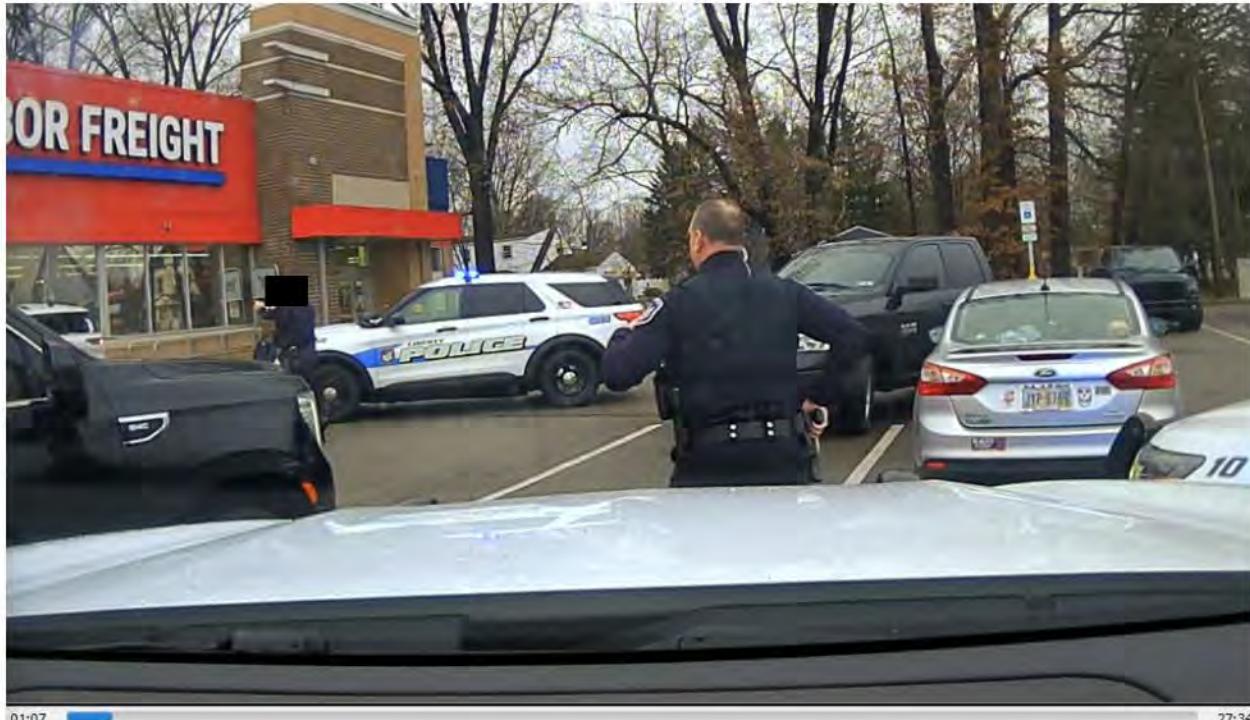
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At the 01:07 mark, the Jeep SUV crashed into the front wall of the Harbor Freight store. [REDACTED] approached the Jeep with his gun drawn and pointed in its direction. Officer Rice also moved forward toward the Jeep.



(Image #77)

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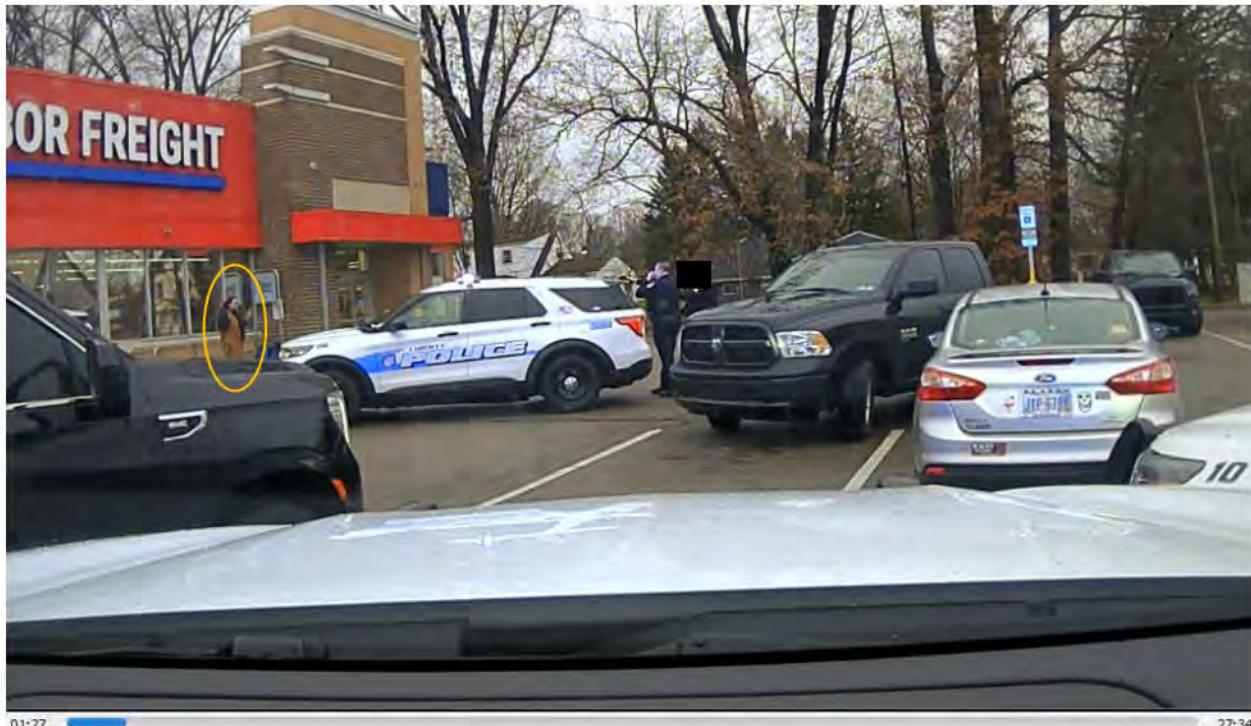
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At the 01:27 mark, [REDACTED] and Officer Rice stood behind LTPD vehicle 09 while they gave commands to the female passenger to exit the vehicle. The female passenger exited the vehicle and walked back toward them with her hands at chest height.



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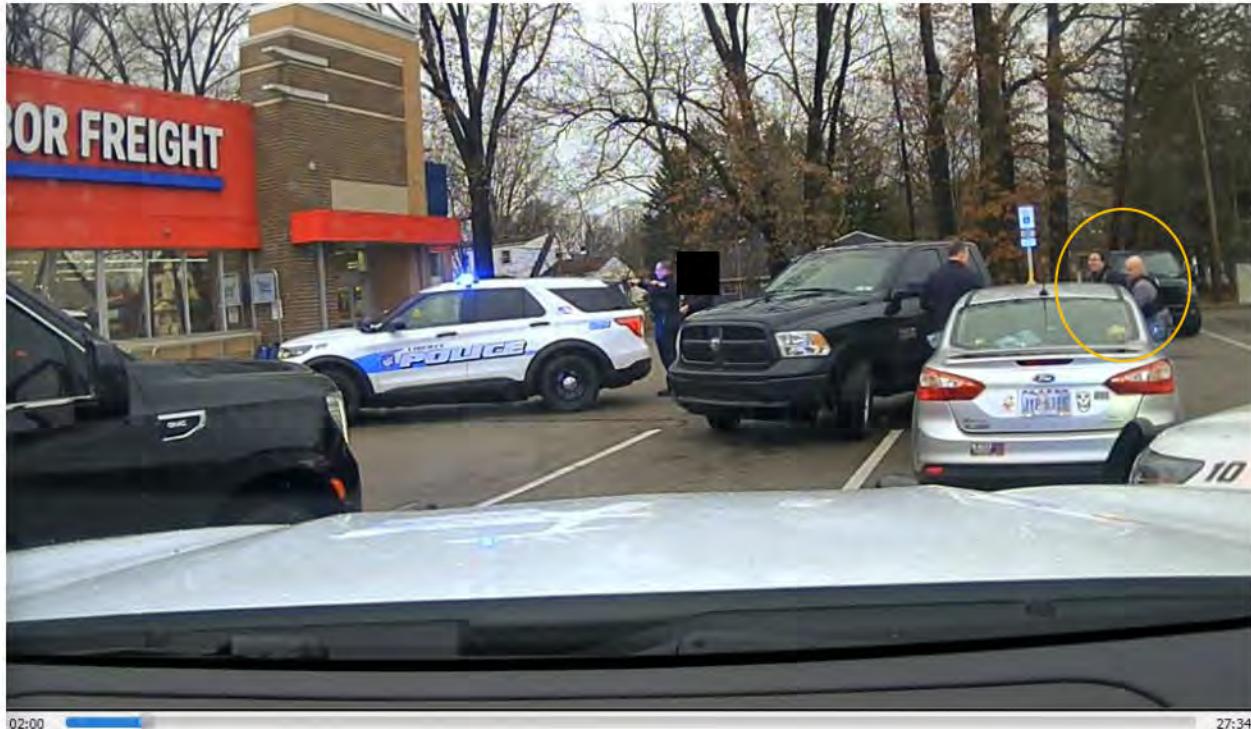
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At the 02:00 mark, while Officer Rice and [REDACTED] were positioned behind LTPD vehicle 09, Detective Altier detained the female passenger and eventually handed her off to Captain Buhala.



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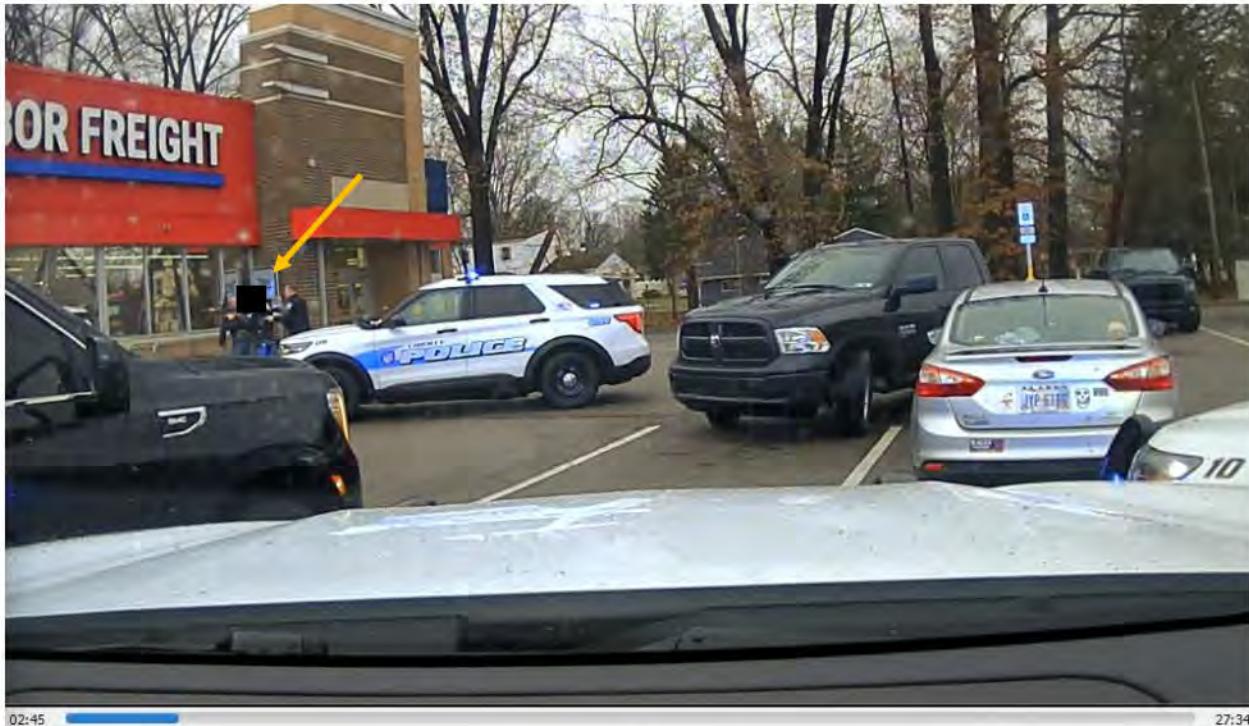
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At the 02:45 mark, after Detective Altier retrieved a ballistic shield, he, followed by [REDACTED] and Officer Rice, approached the Jeep SUV.



(Image #80)

After helping secure the Jeep, [REDACTED] walked back to his vehicle where he retrieved his personal belongings before eventually leaving the scene.

Nothing further to report from this video file.



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Stream 2

(Duration: 27 minutes, 33 seconds)

This video file contains the same footage as stream 0, but with a wider range of view.

At the 00:58 mark, [REDACTED] fired his first gunshot from his duty weapon into the back window of the Jeep SUV.



(Image #81)



(Zoomed in view)

There was nothing further to report from this video file that would be different from the stream 0 video file

Stream 3

(Duration: 27 minutes, 33 seconds)

This video file contained footage from the back seat of [REDACTED] LTPD vehicle. There is nothing of evidentiary value from this video file.

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Officer Nick Ryan

Video: File: NickRyan 202412161442 Car17 354232138

(Duration: 27 minutes, 58 seconds)

- Stream 0
- Stream 2
- Stream 3

Stream 0

(Duration: 27 minutes, 58 seconds)

This video file began with LTPD marked vehicles responding to the parking lot of the Harbor Freight regarding a Jeep SUV that was alerted on the FLOCK system as to being stolen.

At the 01:23 mark, after several commands were given for the driver of the Jeep SUV to comply with orders, the Jeep SUV drove in reverse striking the black unmarked LTPD vehicle, occupied by Captain Buhala. Officer Ryan ran across to Officer Thoma's vehicle.



(Image #82)

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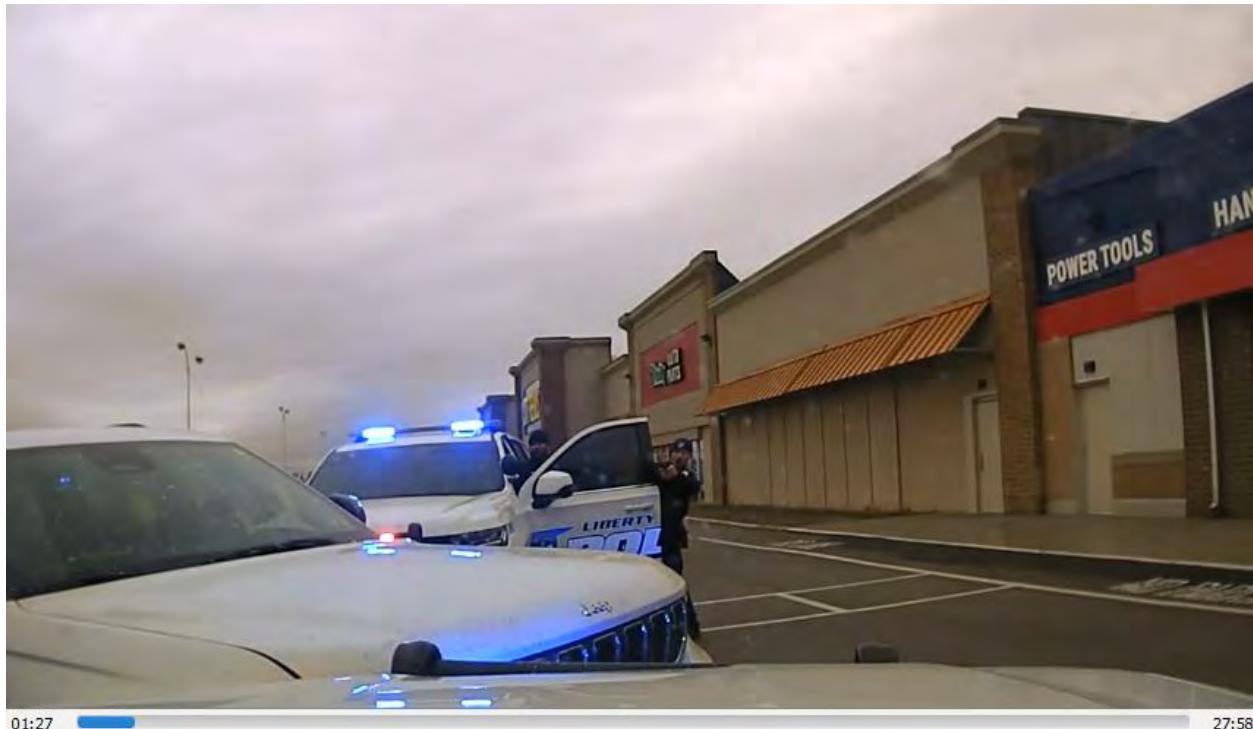
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At the 01:27 mark, the Jeep SUV struck the front of LTPD marked vehicle 09 in the front end and pushed it.



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At the 01:29 mark, as the Jeep pushed the LTPD marked unit 09, four possible gunshots were heard (in rapid succession) as the Jeep continued toward the Harbor Freight store.



(Image #84)

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At the 01:31 mark, the Jeep SUV drove into the front wall of the Harbor Freight Store. Soon after this occurred, commands were heard given for the female passenger to exit the Jeep and to walk back to the officers to be detained. Commands were heard being given for the driver to show his hands. Shortly after the female was detained, officers moved up to the Jeep with a ballistic shield to secure it.



(Image #85)

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At the 04:26 mark, Officer Thoma approached the Jeep SUV to render emergency medical aid to the driver until EMS arrived. [REDACTED] and Officer Rice stood off to the side of the Jeep SUV before eventually walking back and out of view.



(Image #86)

Additional video footage contained Officers providing emergency medical aid to the driver until EMS arrived. Additional officers arrived on scene to assist with scene security

Nothing further to report from this video file.

Stream 2

(Duration: 27 minutes, 58 seconds)

This video file contains the same footage as stream 0, but with a wider range of view. There was nothing further to report from this video file that would be different from the stream 0 video file.

Stream 3

(Duration: 27 minutes, 57 seconds)

This video file contained footage from the back seat of Officer Ryan's LTPD vehicle. There is nothing of evidentiary value from this video file.

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ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

- A. Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video recordings lack the history, perspective, and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting, and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.
- B. Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical incident. Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.
- C. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use of force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

The video files were provided via a Watchguard internet link. The video footage was downloaded and saved in the Northeast shared drive as item A for reference only. The photo snippets from the respective video file are attached.

References:

Ref Item A - Liberty Twp PD = Dash and BWC

Attachments:

1. [REDACTED] BWC Photos
2. [REDACTED] Dash Camera Photos
3. Ofc Rice BWC Photos
4. Ofc Rice Dash Camera Photos
5. Ofc Thoma BWC Photos
6. Ofc Thoma Dash Camera Photos
7. Ofc Ryan BWC Photos
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HARBOR FREIGHT





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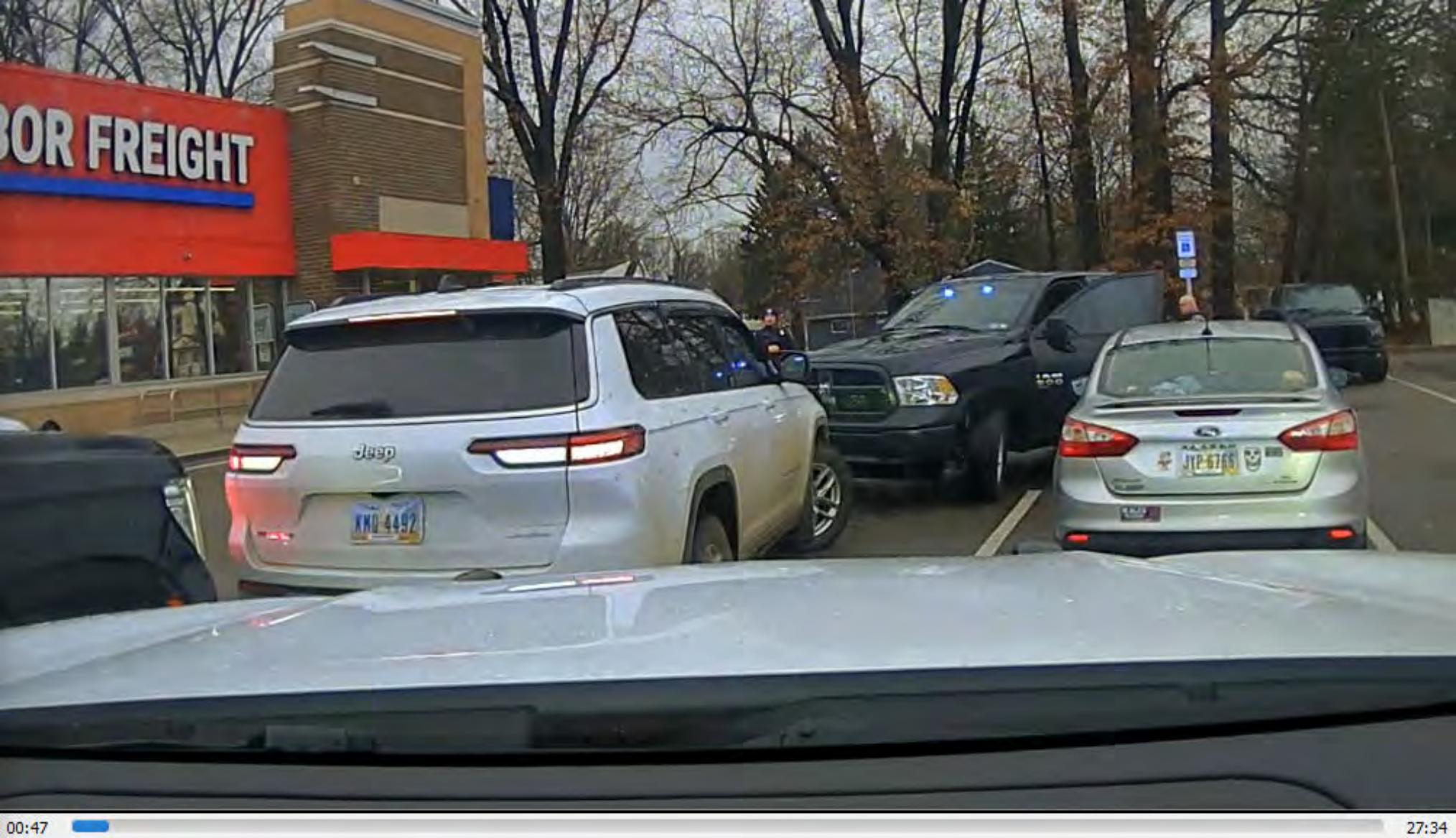


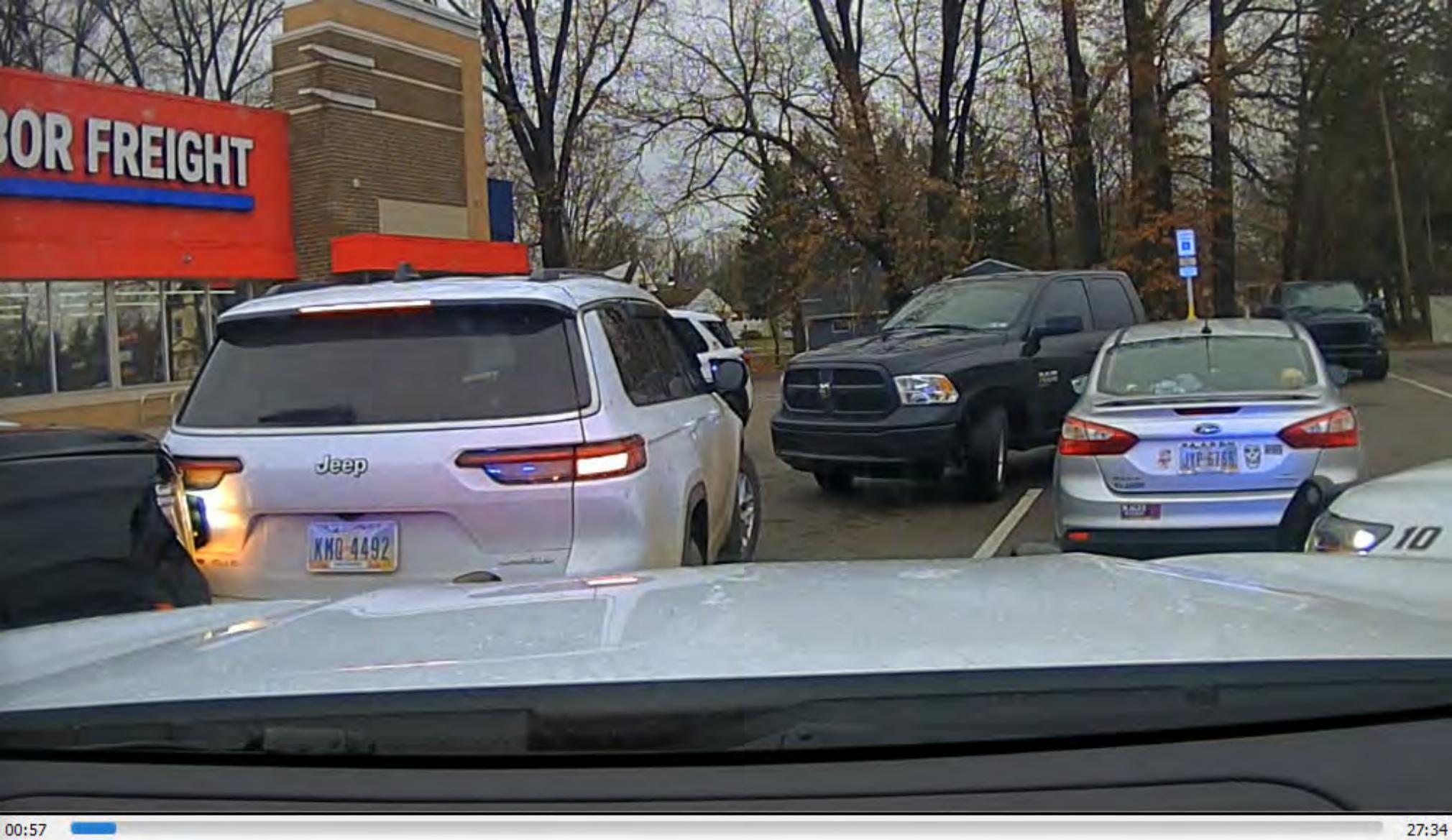


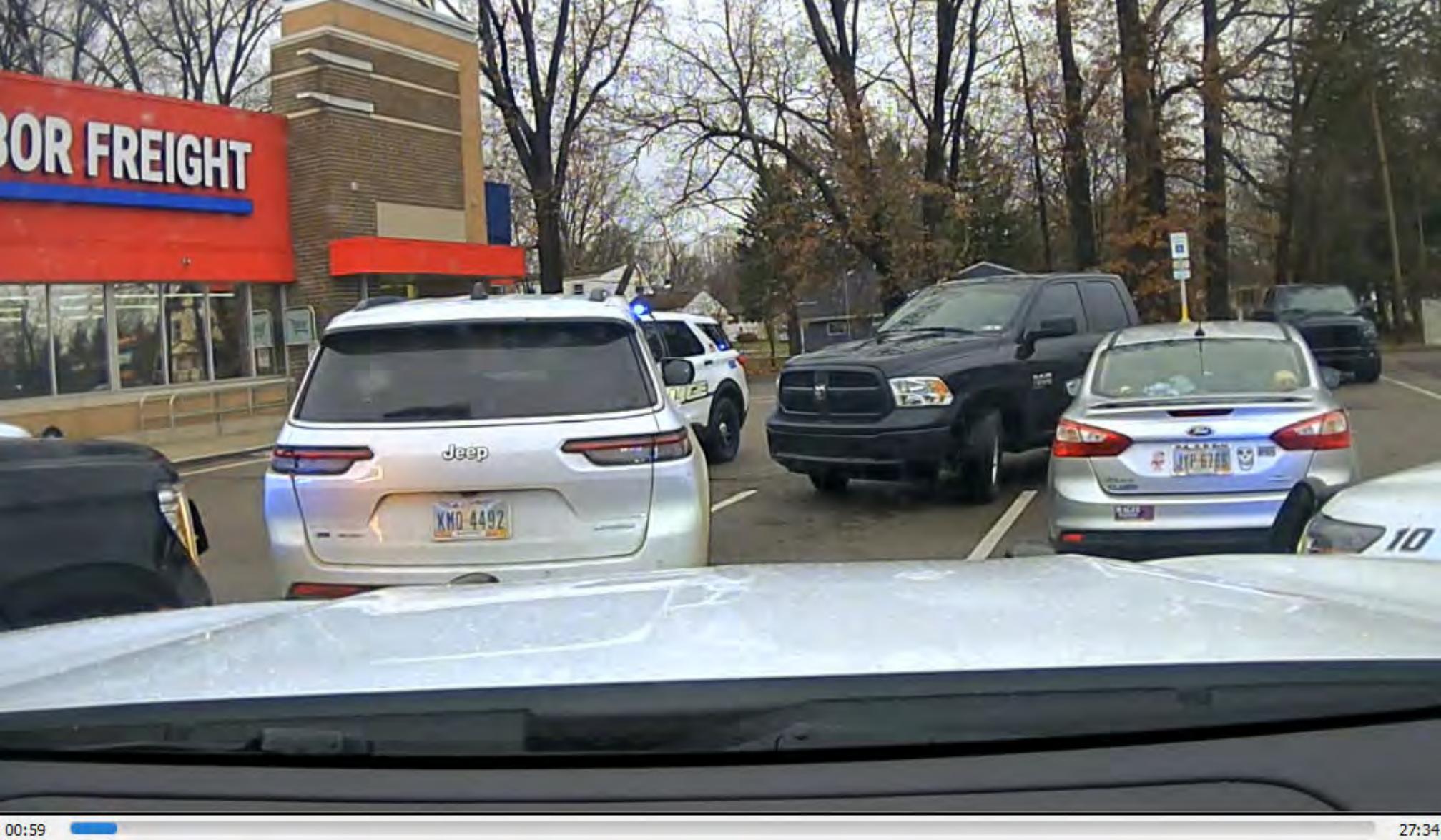
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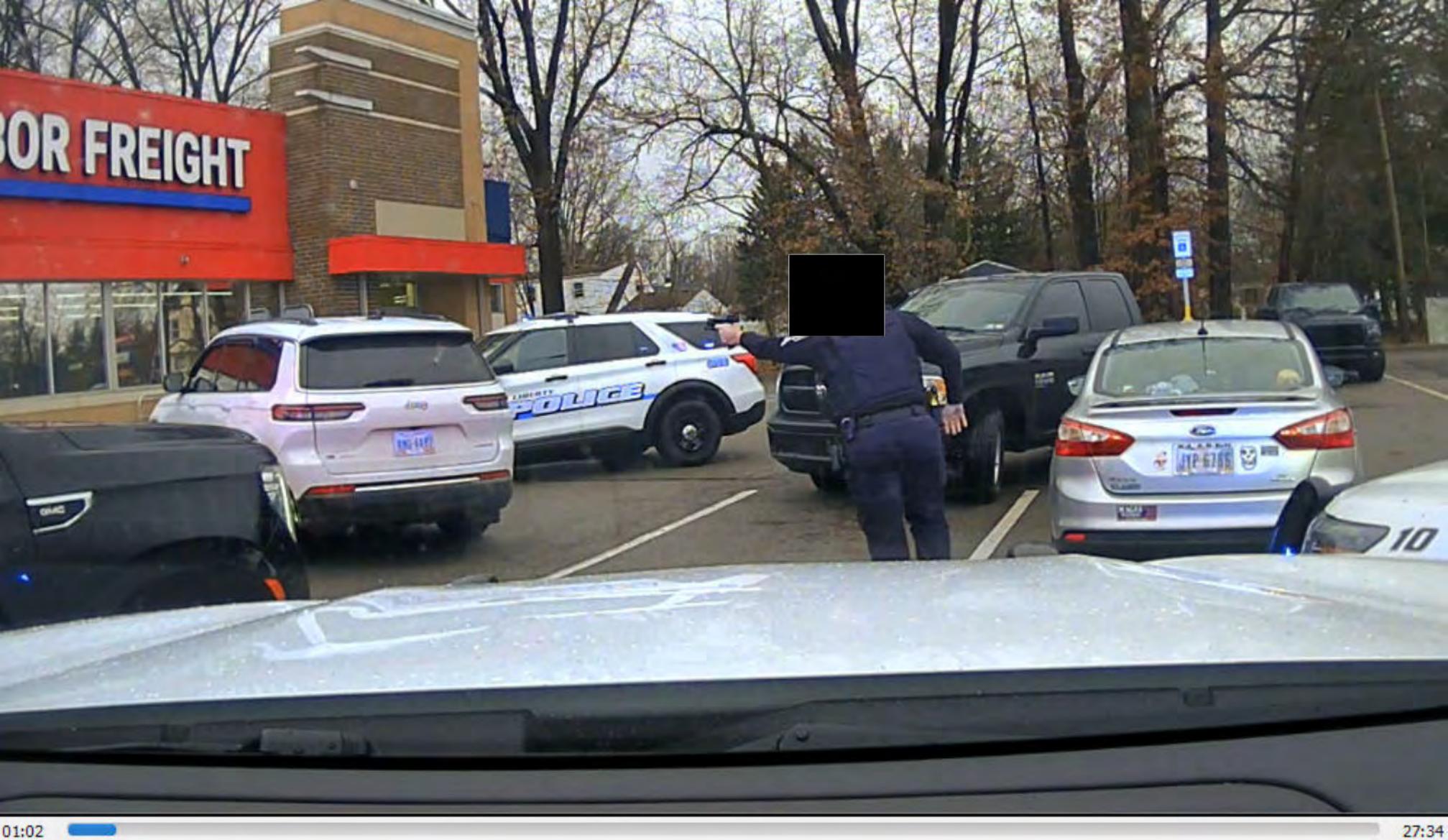


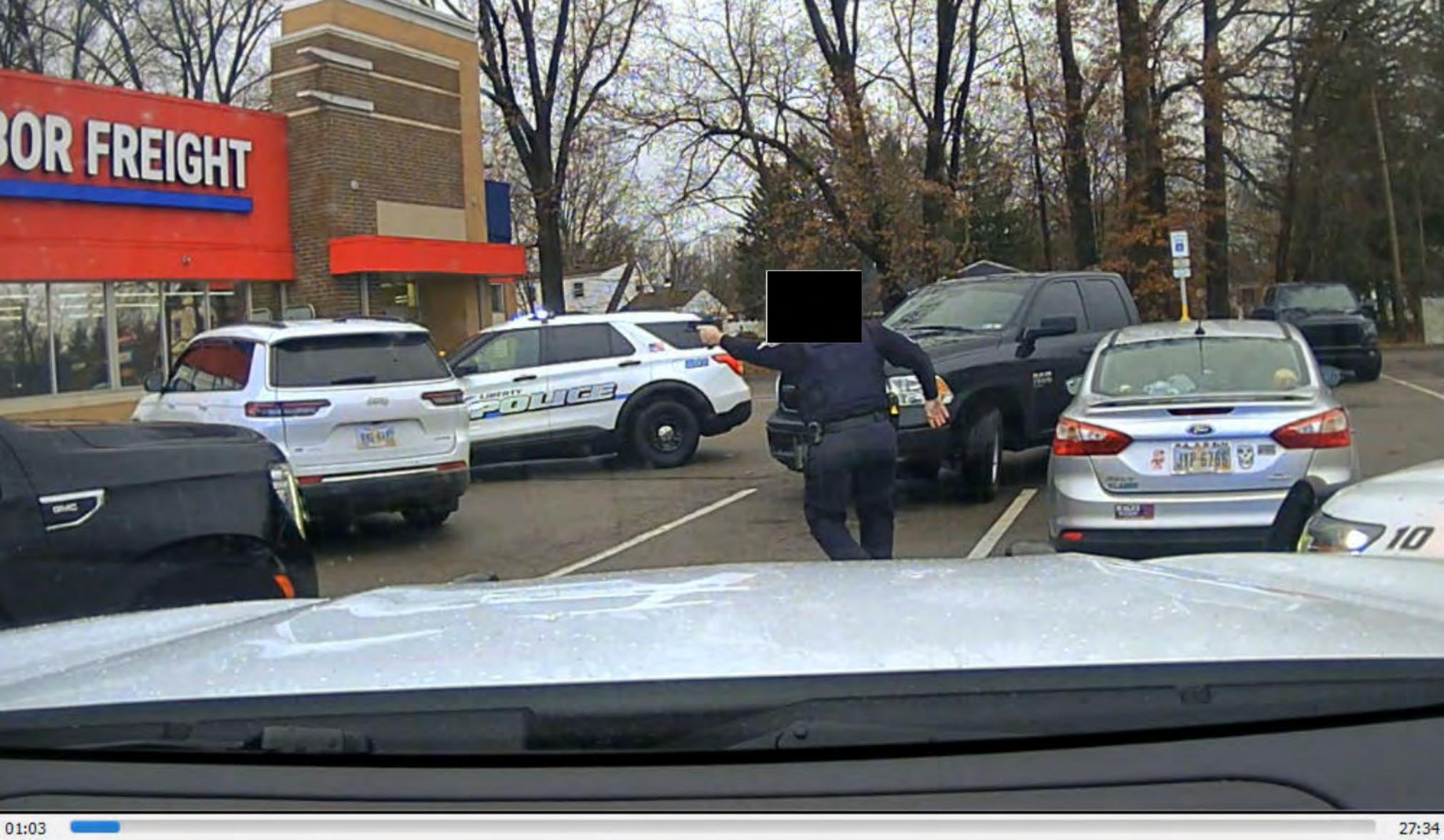


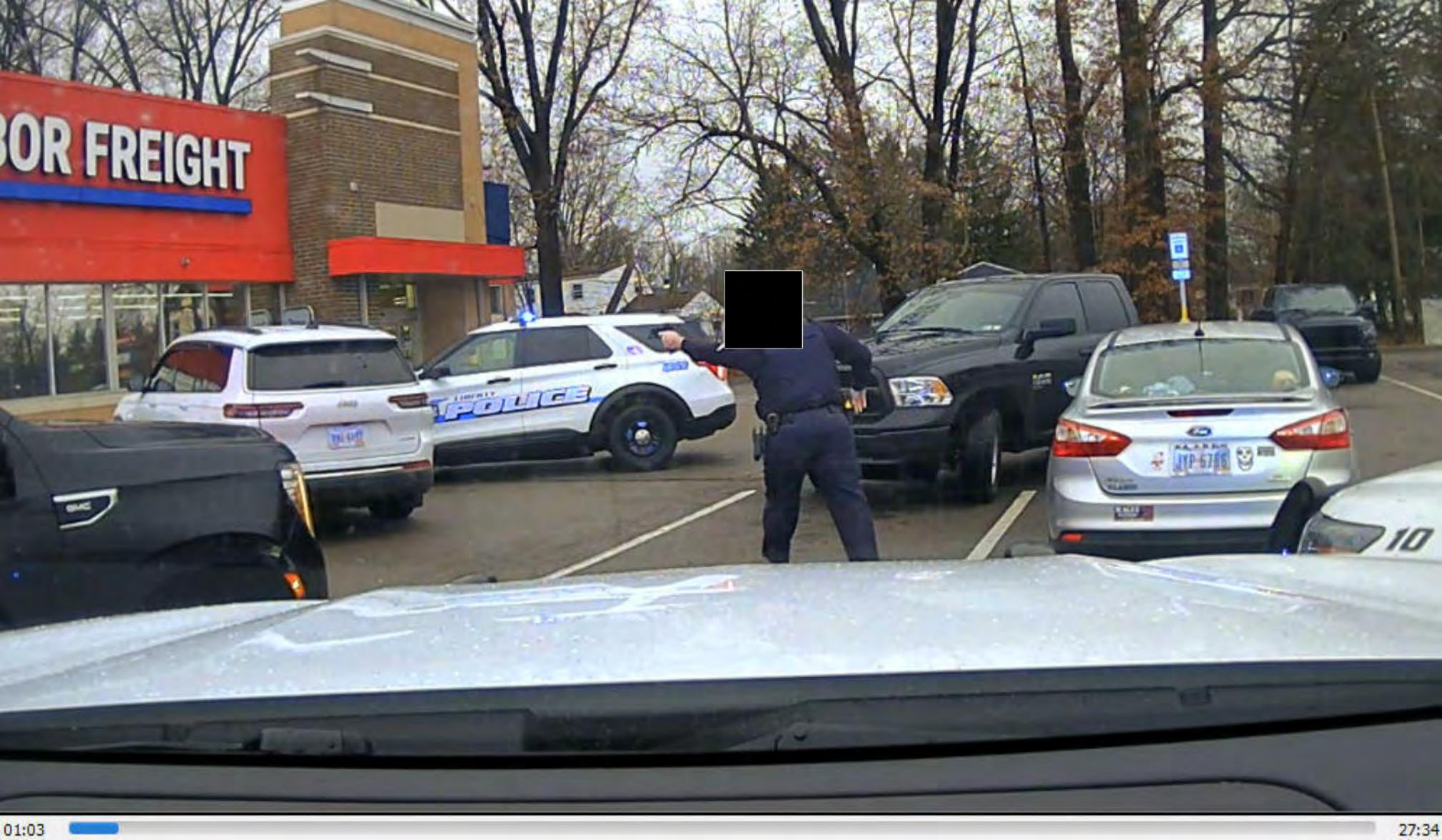


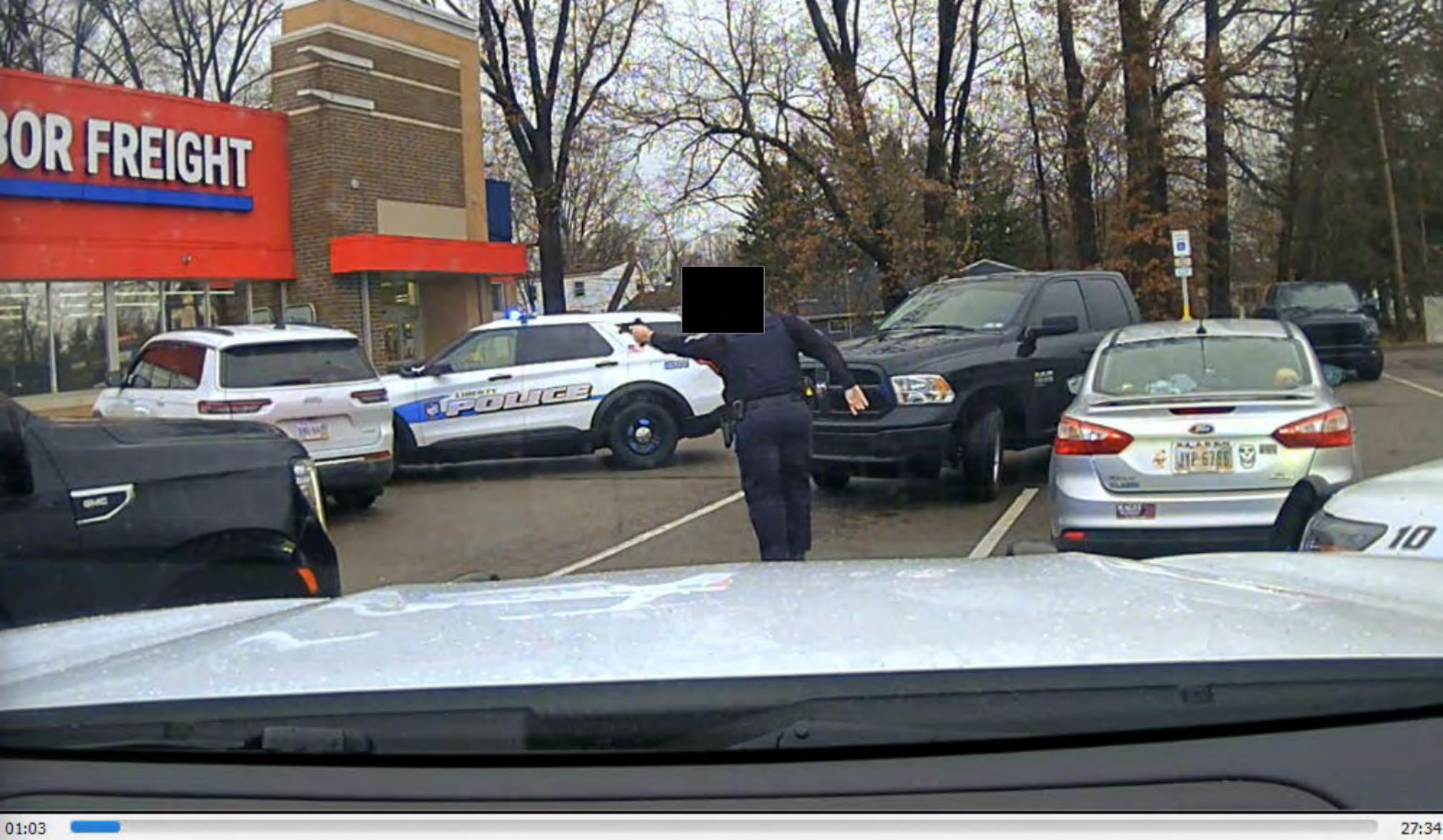
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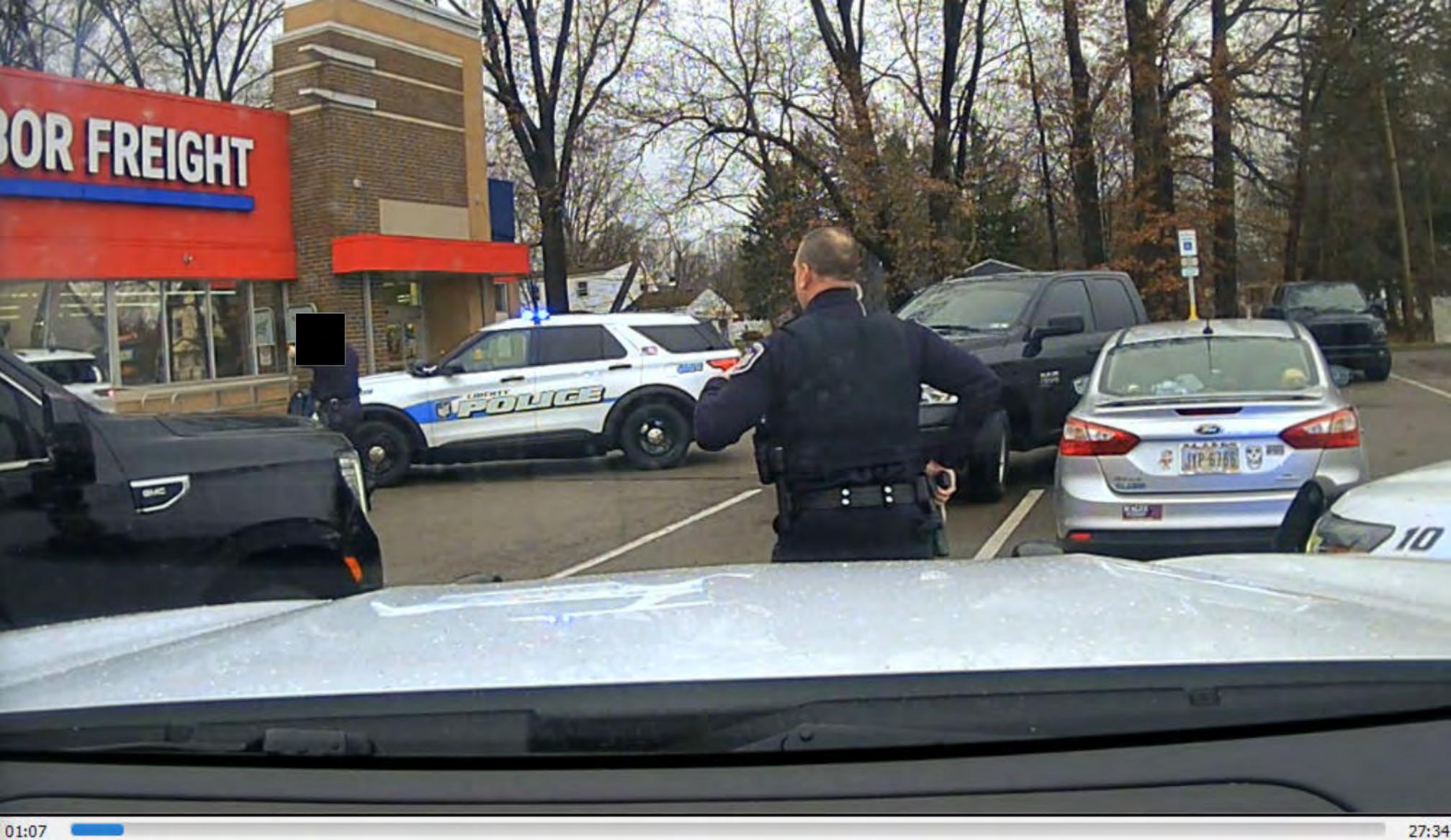


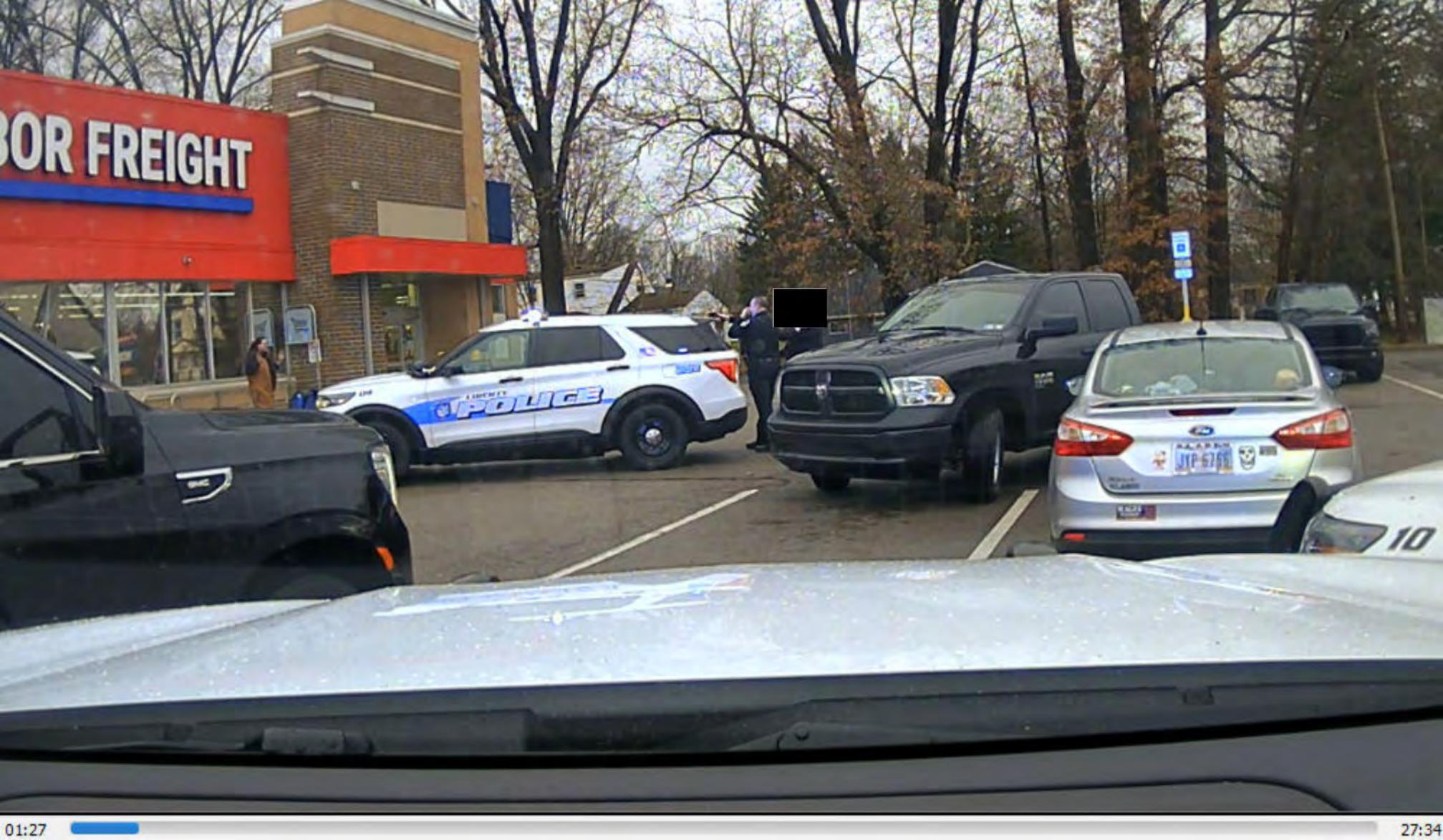


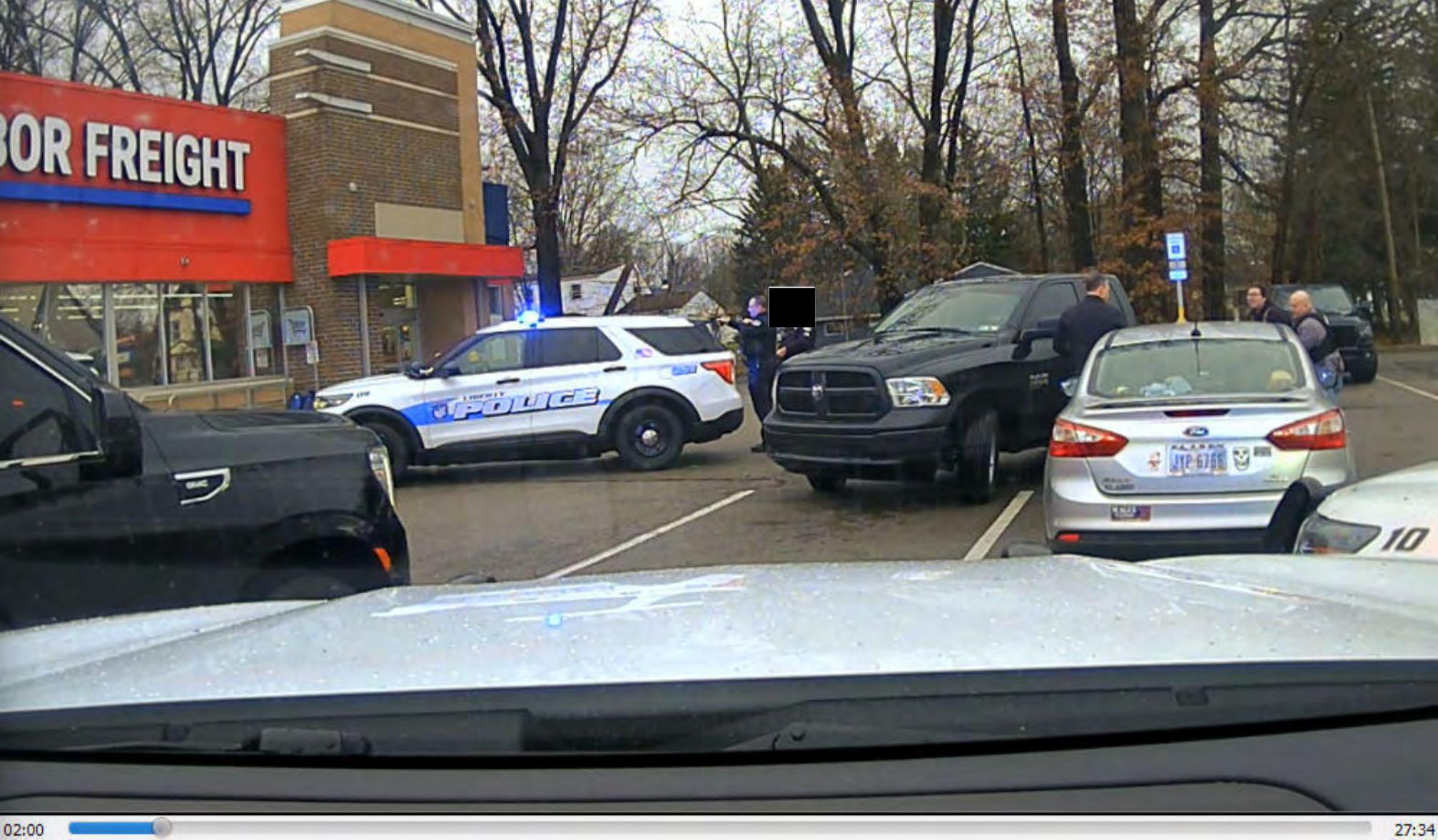
















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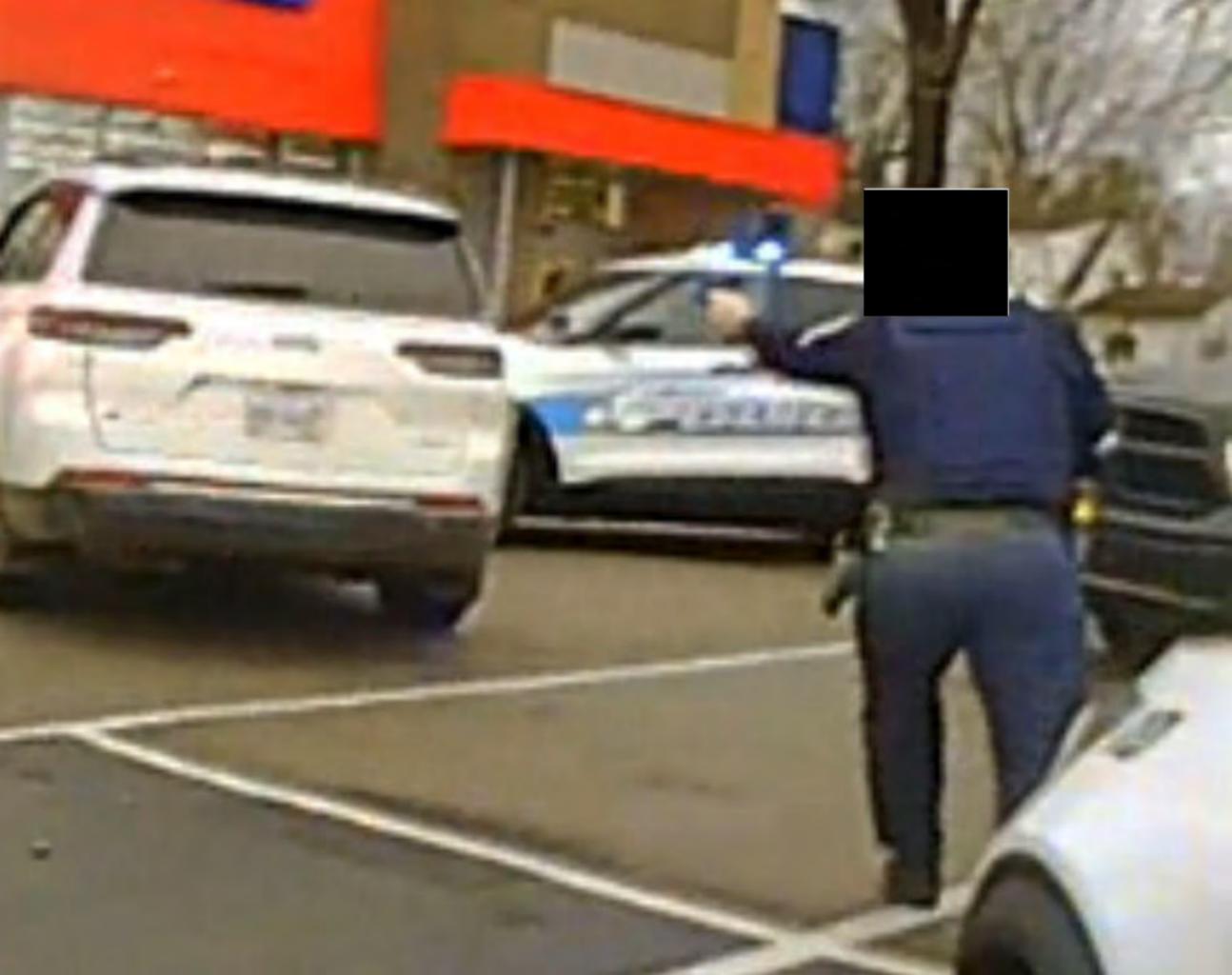




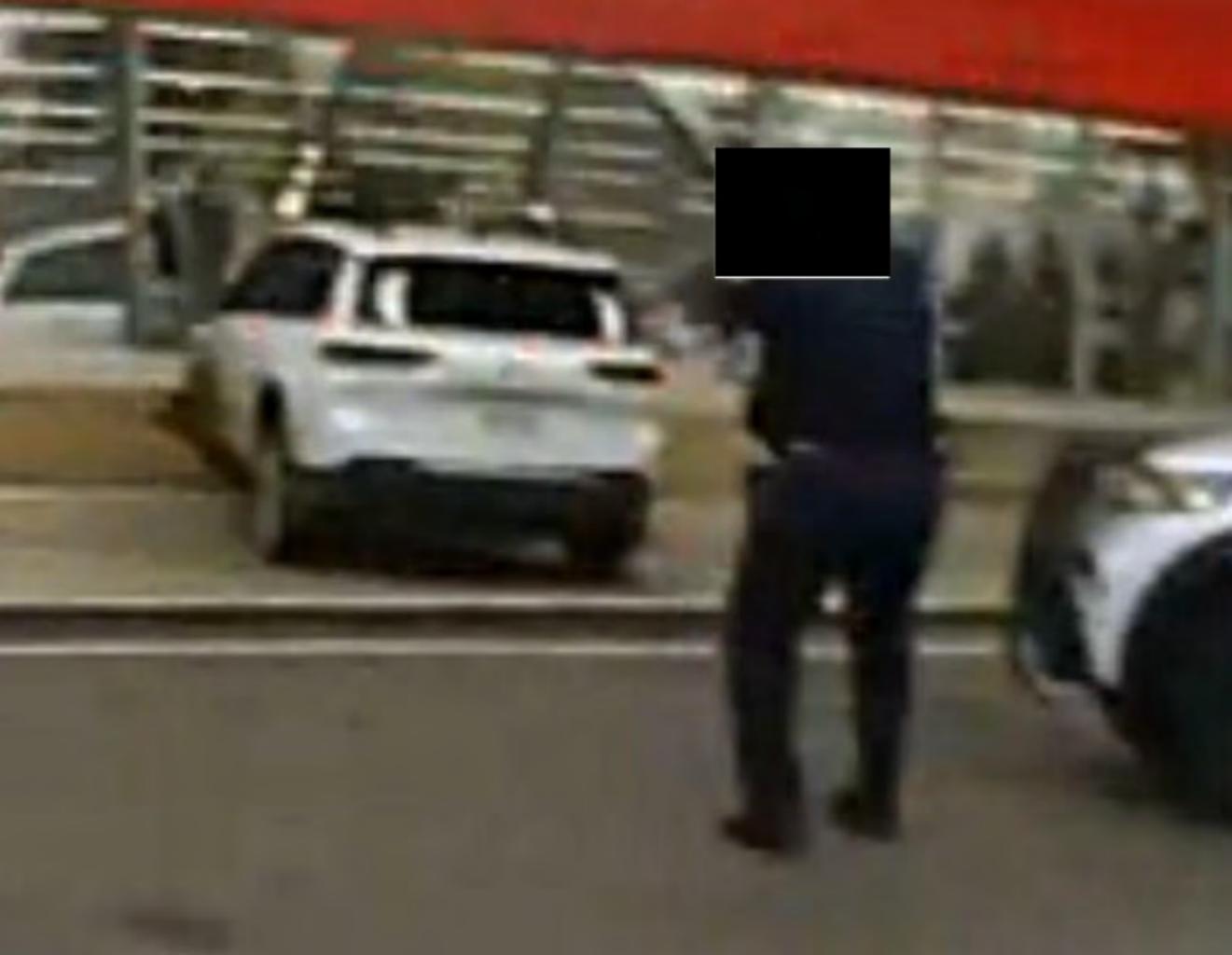
































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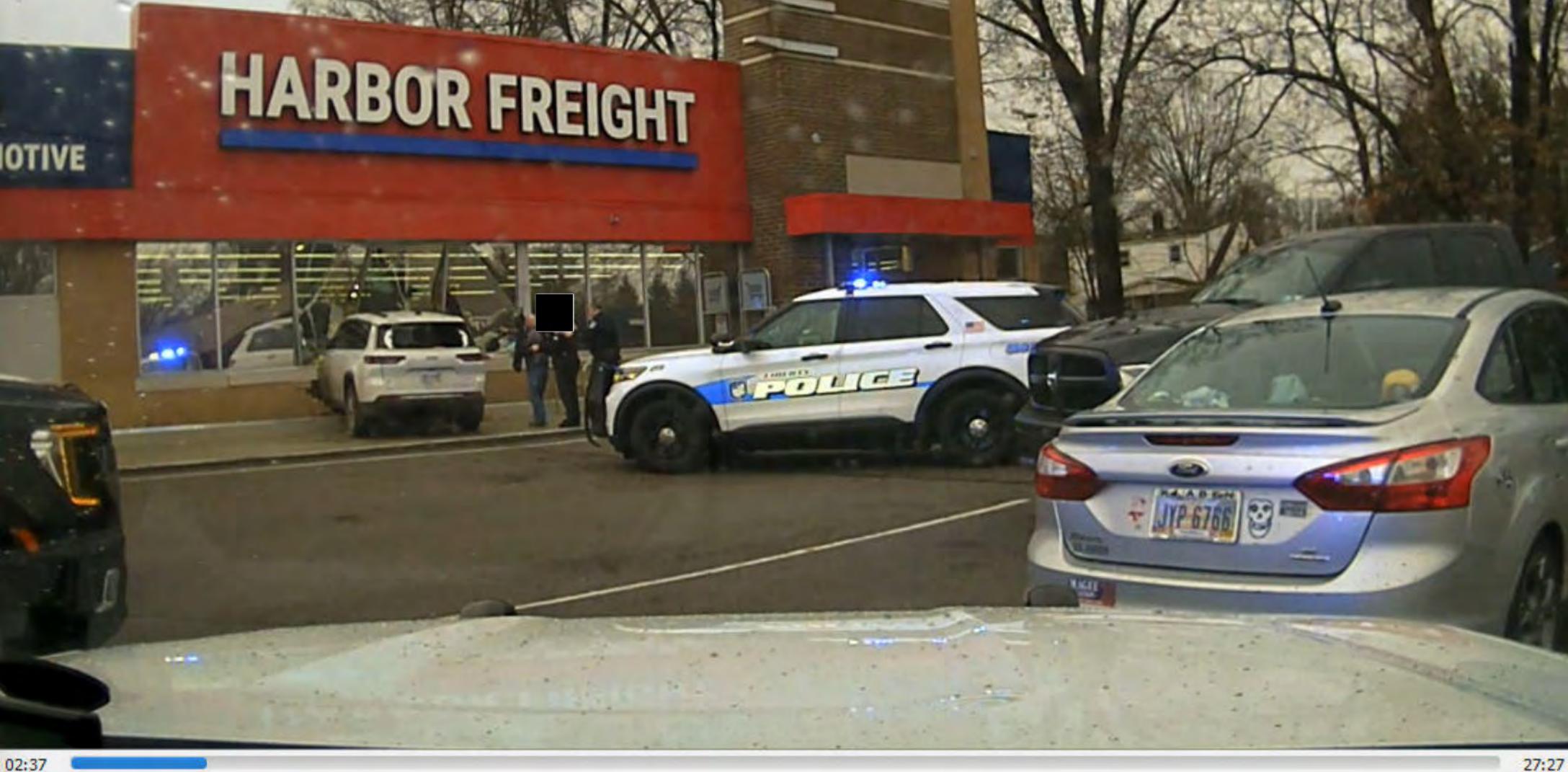
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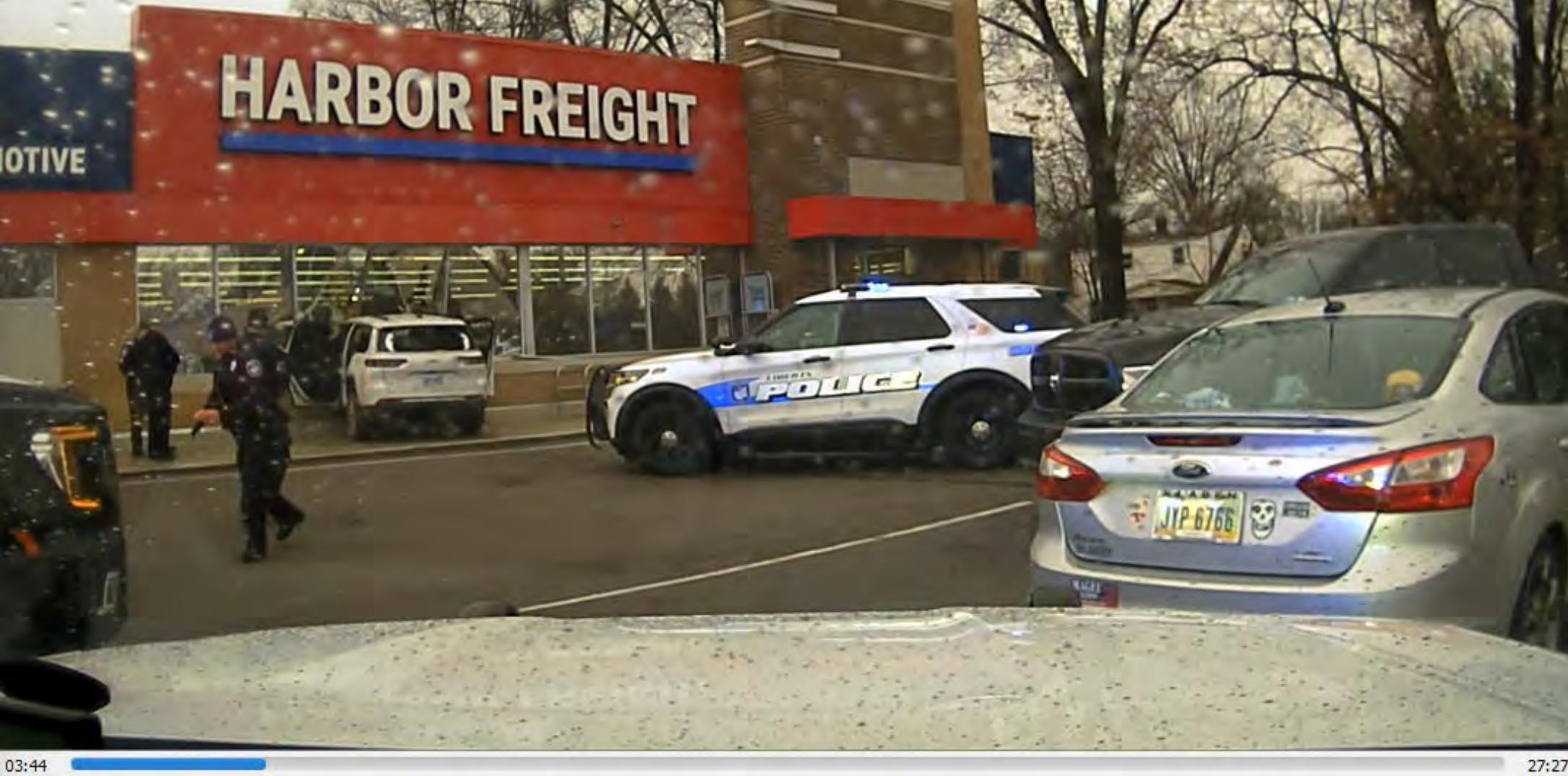


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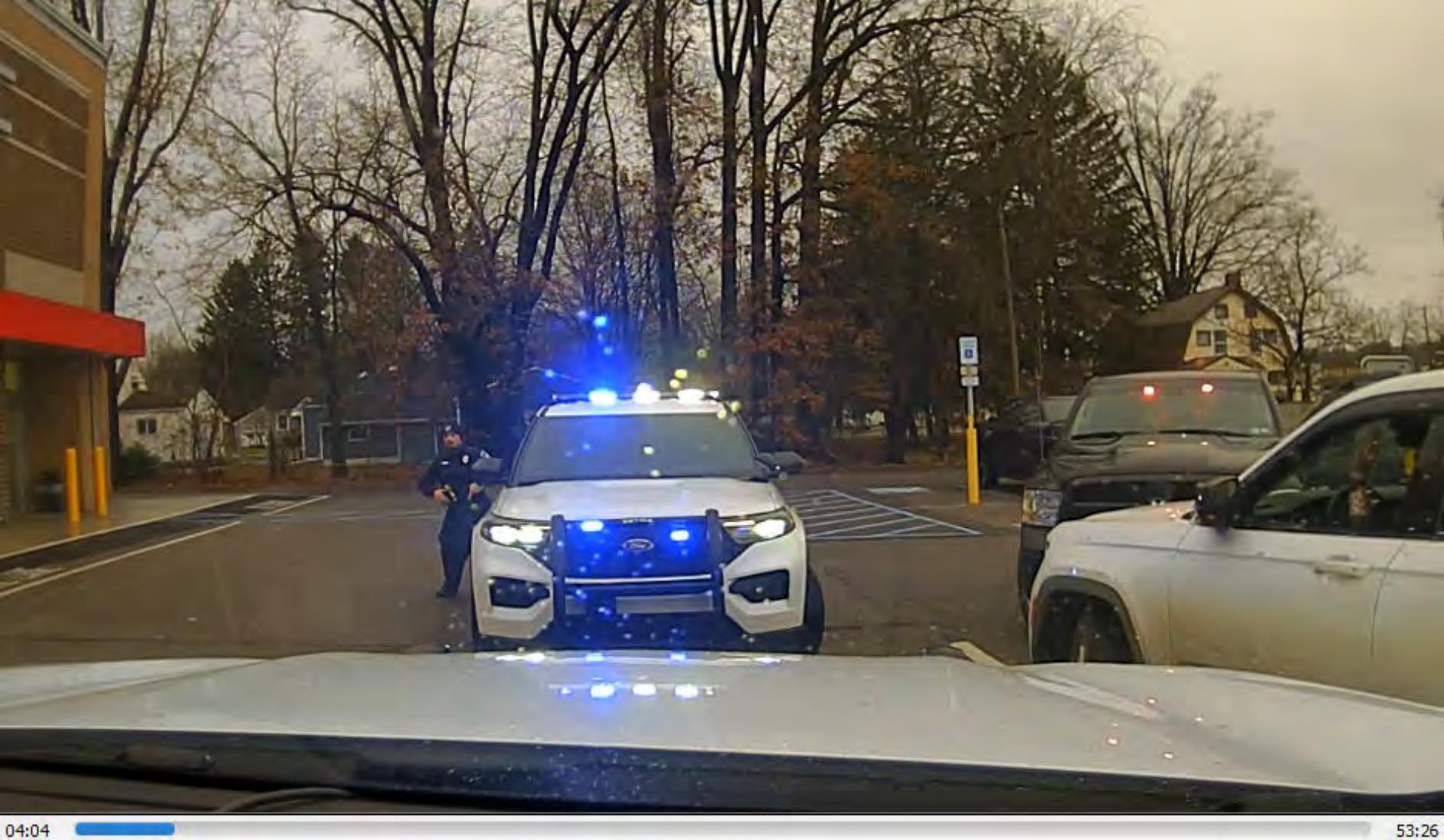
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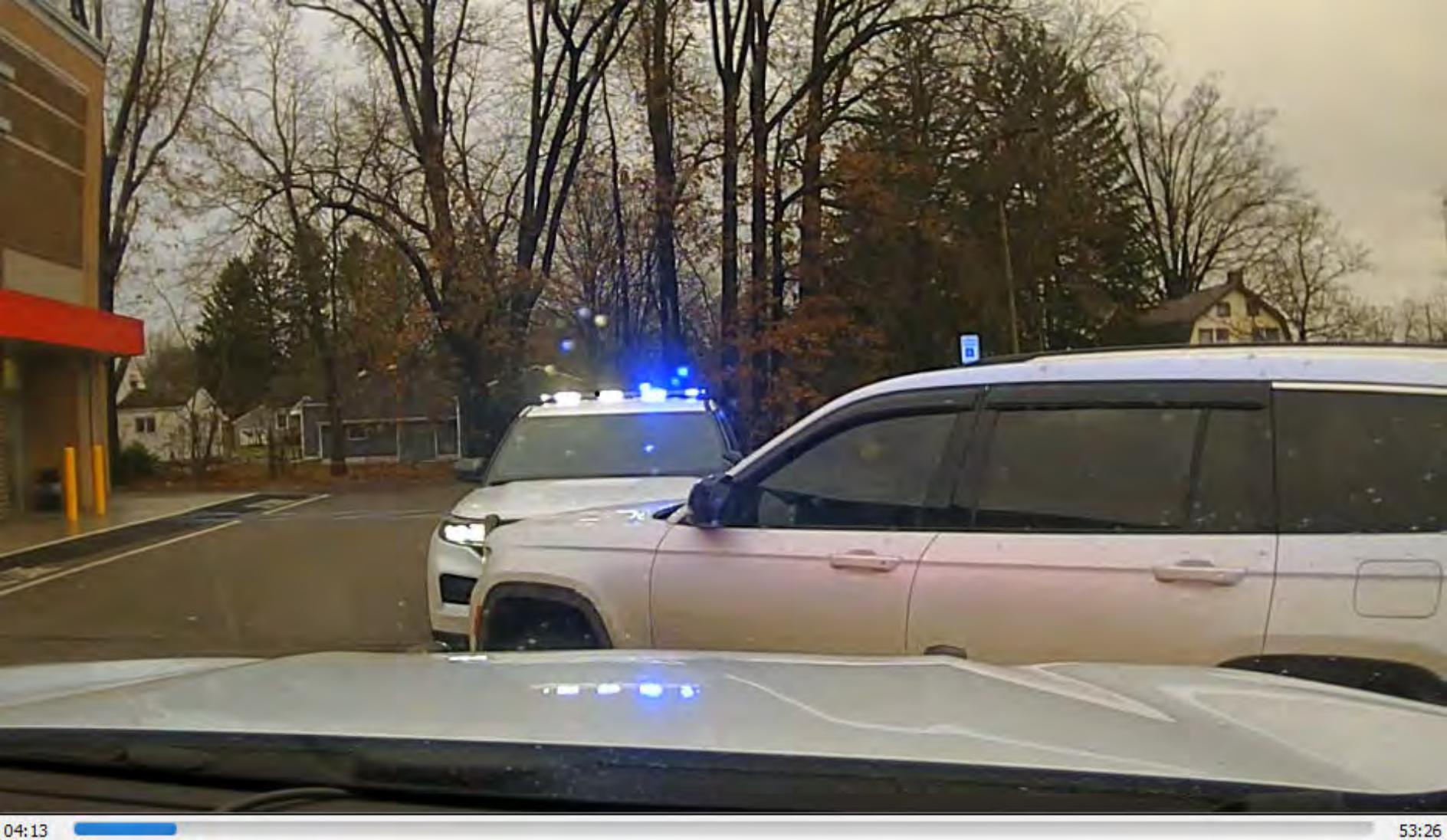


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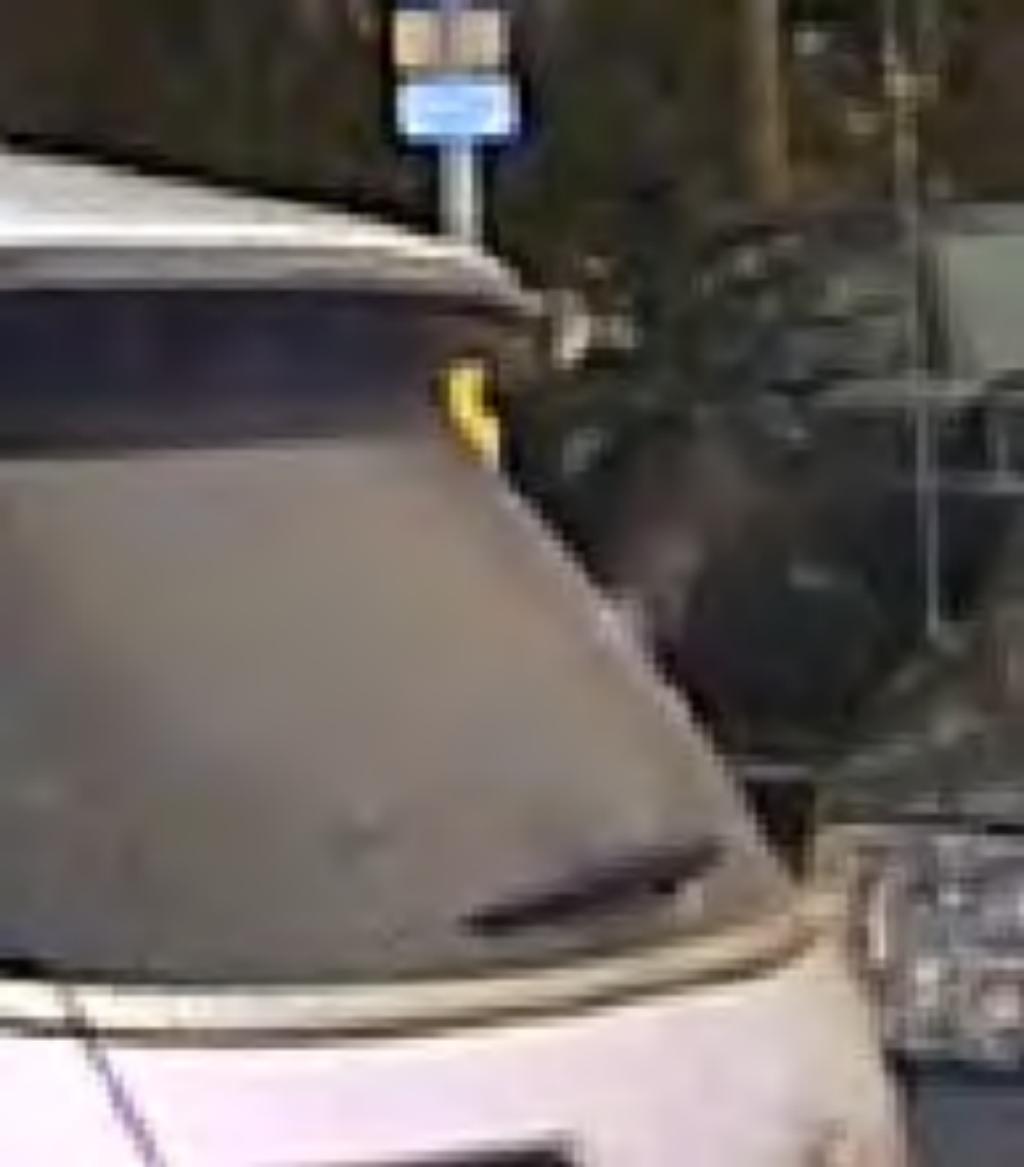














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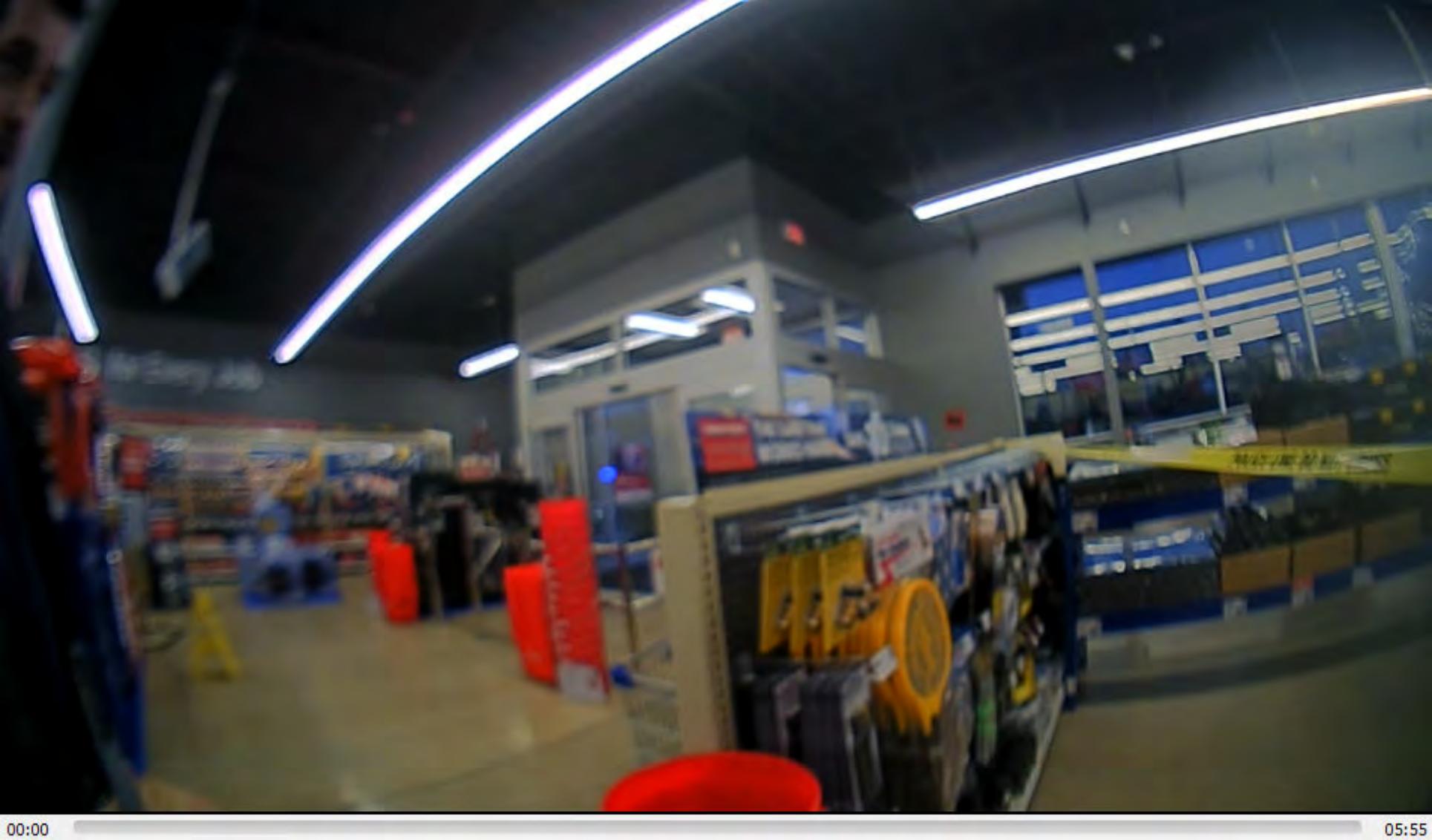














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