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Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 2215 East Avenue,
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Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident
Case Number: 2024-2465

INVESTIGATIVE REQUEST

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, Akron Police Department (APD) Chief Harding 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 Officer-Involved Critical Incident reportedly occurred at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.

PREFACE

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the Saturday, August 17, 2024, Officer-Involved Critical Incident in Akron, 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 Officer-Involved Critical Incident. Every fact and detail of this investigation 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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INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

BCI Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) was assigned as the lead SIU case agent. SA Tingley received assistance in the investigation from SA Lehnhart, SA Shea, SA Bynum and SAS Posten. Furthermore, BCI SA McClintock and Crime Scene Technician Rostocil, of the Crime Scene Unit, processed the incident scene by documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran.

SUMMARY OF PROCESS

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Canvass of the area around the incident location include interviewing witnesses and checking residences and businesses for security cameras.
- Processing of the incident scene by the BCI CSU Unit for potential evidence including photographing, documenting, and collecting of evidence.
- BCI CSU unit utilized the Leica BLK360 scanner to document the scene
- Reviewed security camera video footage from a nearby business.
- Reviewed body worn camera video footage from involved APD [REDACTED]
- Reviewed body worn camera video footage from witness APD [REDACTED]
- Reviewed body worn camera and dash camera video footage from numerous other APD Officers
- Reviewed APD [REDACTED] personnel file to include training, firearm qualification, and disciplinary/commendation records.
- Reviewed open and closed source biographical information on Michael Jones to include criminal history reports, OHLEG reports, driving record, and subject workup.
- Reviewed autopsy report records for Michael Jones.
- Reviewed EMS reports for the treatment of Michael Jones at the incident location.
- Reviewed civilian witnesses' statements who were interviewed.
- Reviewed APD 911 call related to the incident.
- Interviewed a witness who made a 911 call on the day of the incident.
- Reviewed APD radio traffic related to the incident.

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- Reviewed APD incident reports related to the officer involved critical incident.
- Reviewed APD use of force policy.
- Submitted evidence to the BCI Richfield Forensic Lab for testing.
- Reviewed BCI Richfield Lab reports.
- Reviewed ATF eTrace report for Michael Jones firearm.
- Prepared and executed a search warrant for the stolen U-Haul truck Michael Jones was driving and which was directly involved in the incident.
- BWC and business surveillance camera footage sent to OOCIC for review.

INCIDENT SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The incident began on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at approximately 0002 hours when APD unit [REDACTED], a two (2) officer cruiser with [REDACTED] assigned, checked on a U-Haul which was parked at a gas pump at the Duke and Duchess (Arco) gas station located at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. When checking the license plate on the U-Haul, it was discovered that the vehicle was reported as being stolen. [REDACTED] approached the U-Haul, occupied by one (1) black male subject (later identified as Michael Jones), which had remained at the gas pump. [REDACTED] contacted Michael Jones, who was joined shortly by [REDACTED]. The Officers spoke with Michael Jones and informed him that he was being detained. Both Officers grabbed at, and struggled with Michael Jones, before Michael Jones put the U-Haul into gear. At this point both Officers were partially in the cab of the U-Haul attempting to get Michael Jones detained. (The photos below, taken directly from the business surveillance camera system, are at an angle due to how the camera was mounted on the business.)

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After entering the roadway, the U-Haul, still being driven by Michael Jones, made a sharp turn to the right and began heading northbound on East Avenue with both officers still partially in the cab of the vehicle.

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Officers gave repeated commands to Michael Jones to cease his actions, but Michael Jones refused to comply. As the vehicle continued accelerating, [REDACTED] drew his APD issued duty weapon, placed the muzzle of the weapon near the left side of Michael Jones' midsection, and fired two (2) rounds.

Almost immediately after the second round was fired, Michael Jones' hands came off of the steering wheel and [REDACTED] was able to gain control of the U-Haul with the U-Haul coming to a gradual stop. [REDACTED] then removed Michael Jones from the cab of the U-Haul and placed him onto the ground where he was handcuffed. [REDACTED] then searched Michael Jones and located a handgun in his right front pants pocket. Once the handgun was secured in the U-Haul, officers began administering first aid to Michael Jones.

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OVERHEAD MAP IMAGE FOR REFERENCE

Below is a snipping tool image of an overhead map from Bing.com/maps for the Duke and Duchess Gas Station located at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio. This shows the area of the incident scene. It was provided to assist the reviewer with an understanding of the area and location. See the image below:



Source: Bing.com/maps using Snipping Tool

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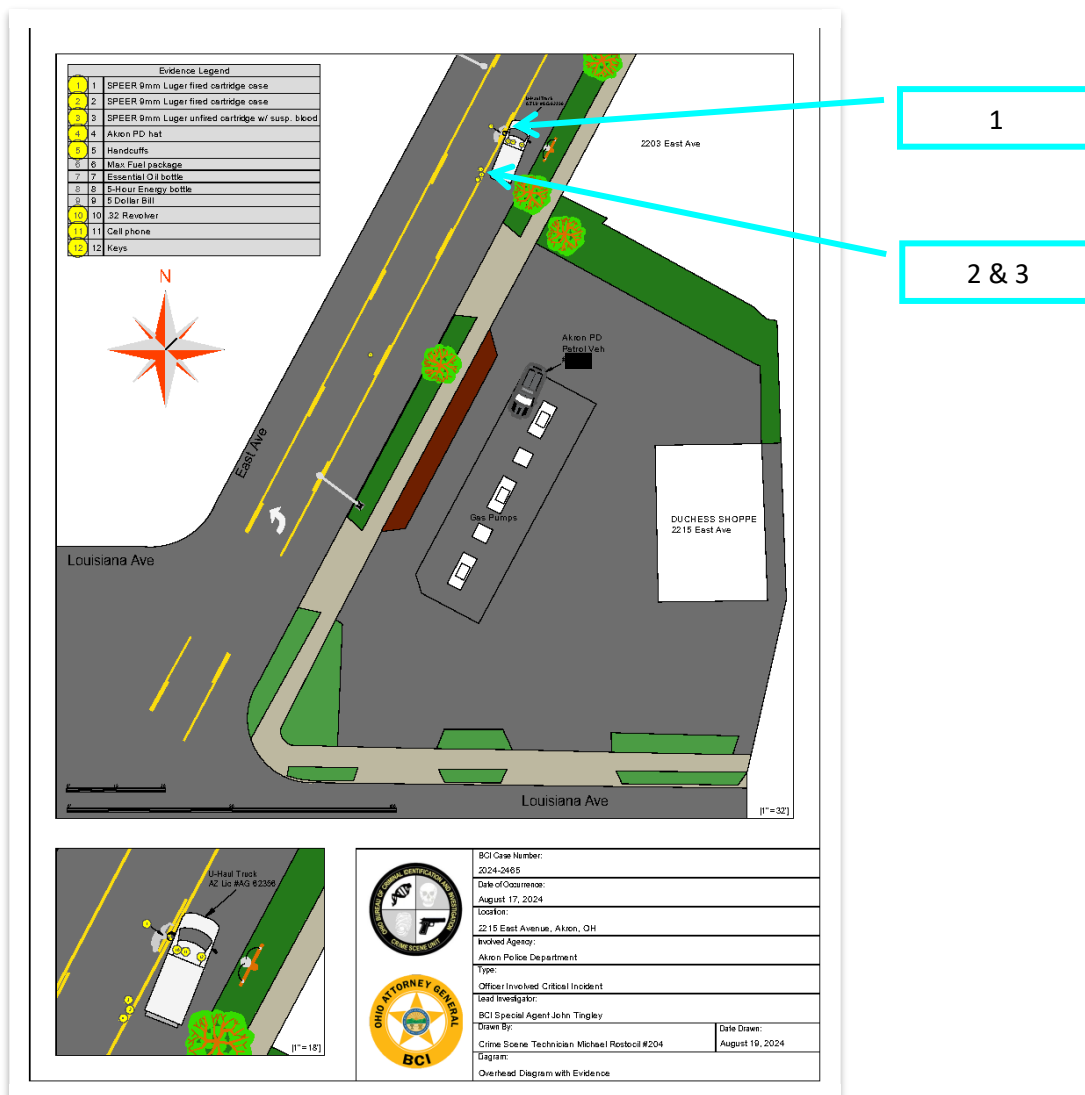
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SCENE AND VEHICLE EVIDENCE PROCESSING

On August 17, 2024, CSU SA McClintock and CSU CST Rostocil processed the scene. Multiple evidence items were collected. The scene was photographed as it was found, and evidence was collected. The scene was further documented using a Leica BLK360 laser scanner.



Source: BCI report, "2024-08-17 Initial Scene Processing"

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Source: BCI CSU photo, "LRM_0628"

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Source: BCI CSU photo, "LRM_0595"

The scene was examined for items of suspected evidence. Several items of suspected evidence were found. Two fired Speer 9mm Luger cartridge cases were located. The first was located between the subject's legs, it was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #1**. The second was located near the rear of the U-Haul, it was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #2**. One live Speer 9mm Luger was located near the rear of the U-Haul, it was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #3**. An Akron Police Department hat was located near the rear of the U-Haul, it was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #4**. A pair of ASP handcuffs were located to the south of the U-Haul in the roadway. The handcuffs were collected and labeled **Evidence Item #5**. There were several personal items located next to the subject. These items were collected and labeled **Evidence Items #6-9**.

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Source: BCI CSU photo, "LRM_0665"



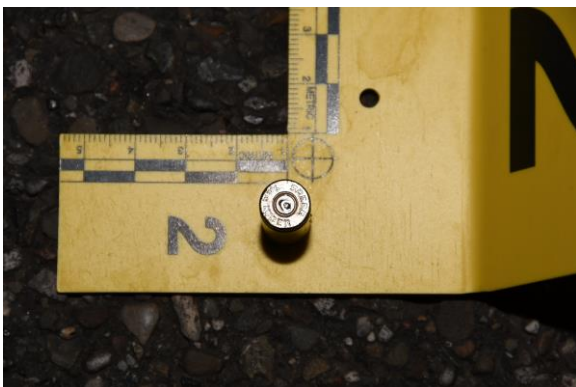
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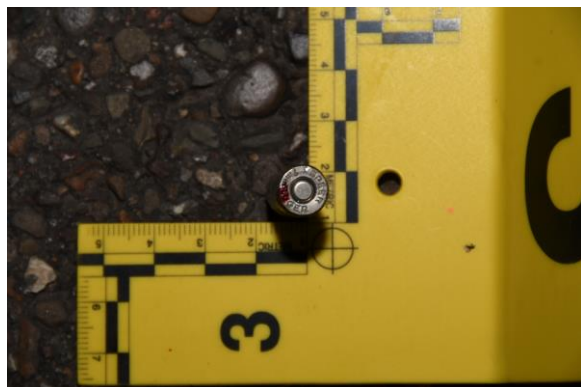
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In the U-Haul, a 5-shot revolver with 5 live rounds in the cylinder was located on the driver's seat. The revolver was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #10**. A cellphone was located on the floorboard in the center. The cellphone was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #11**. Two lanyard key chains were on a U-Haul Key. The key chains were located on the passenger seat, it was collected and labeled **Evidence Item #12**. The driver's seat and the area around the door had suspected blood.



Source: BCI report, "2024-08-17 Initial Scene Processing"

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Source: BCI CSU photo, "LRM_0655"

An officer on scene turned over a pair of Smith and Wesson Handcuffs that were placed on the subject during the incident. The handcuffs were collected and labeled **Evidence Item #13**.

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BCI LAB RESULTS

On Monday, October 21, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) received an Ohio BCI Laboratory report for evidence items submitted on August 28, 2024. The reports originated from the Firearms and DNA sections of the laboratory and were authored by Forensic Scientist Michael Roberts (Firearm) and Forensic Scientist Andrea Harper (DNA).

SA Fletcher reviewed the firearms analysis report and learned that both of the firearms submitted, [REDACTED] Glock model 17, and Michael Jones H&R revolver, were determined to be operable. Furthermore, [REDACTED] Glock, Model 17, SN: [REDACTED] (Matrix Item #14), was responsible for firing the two submitted cartridge casings which were collected at the scene (Matrix Items #1 and #2) and the two submitted fired projectiles which were collected at the autopsy of Michael Jones (Matrix Items #28 and #29).

SA Fletcher reviewed the DNA analysis report and learned a swab of the grip of the H&R revolver, SN: 4827 (Matrix Item #10), matched the DNA profile of Michael Jones. The DNA standard was provided by items collected by the Summit t County Medical Examiner's officer during the autopsy of Michael Jones (Matrix Item #26).

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NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS/CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

SA Tingley, on two (2) separate occasions, conducted a canvass of the area around the incident location and attempted to locate any potential witnesses. SA Tingley contacted five (5) individuals, including the employee working at the gas station. However, none of those contact had witnessed the actual officer involved critical incident.

SA Tingley also contacted by phone and conducted a recorded interview of a witness, Muhamad Altawil (Altawil), who had witnessed the actual officer involved critical incident and had made a 911 call to the APD. During the interview, Altawil stated that he was going home and as he passed the Arco gas station on East Avenue in Akron, he saw a U-Haul pull out of the lot quickly with a police officer hanging on to the vehicle. Altawil then heard some shots after which the U-Haul came to a stop.

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APD RADIO TRAFFIC REVIEW

As there is no date or time stamp on the recording, all of the times listed will be from the beginning of the recording.

0:35	APD [REDACTED] notified dispatch they were out with an occupied stolen U-Haul at the Duke and Duchess station on East Avenue. Arizona registration
0:45	APD Dispatch acknowledged radio traffic
1:30	APD [REDACTED] calls out: shots fired
1:37	APD Dispatch notified other APD units to hold traffic
1:41	APD [REDACTED] notified dispatch male subject shot in the side
1:45	APD Dispatch acknowledged radio traffic
1:55	Unknown APD unit asks which unit involved
2:00	APD [REDACTED] stated unit [REDACTED] involved. [REDACTED] stated subject drove off with officers inside
2:25	APD Officer notified Dispatch both officers (unit [REDACTED]) ok but squad needed
2:30	APD Dispatch acknowledged radio traffic
3:18	APD [REDACTED] notified Dispatch involved subject shot twice in the side
3:40	APD [REDACTED] notified Dispatch that involved subject unconscious
3:45	APD [REDACTED] notified Dispatch that involved subject not breathing
5:24	APD Officer notified Dispatch and responding units that a perimeter needed to be set up
5:54	APD Dispatch asked [REDACTED] if it was ok for squad to proceed to the scene
5:57	APD [REDACTED] responded "yes"
6:36	APD Unit 16 notified Dispatch that the incident was an officer involved shooting
6:37	APD Dispatch acknowledged radio traffic
6:49	APD Dispatch notified units on scene that a supervisor was enroute

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INVOLVED OFFICER - APD [REDACTED]

This section contains information about Akron Police Department [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PERSONNEL FILE

[REDACTED] was hired by the APD as a full-time Officer on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had no other previous law enforcement work experience.

BASIC TRAINING

[REDACTED] attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Training class [REDACTED] at the Akron Police Academy. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination and was issued a Peace Officer Certificate [REDACTED] by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission on [REDACTED]

CURRENT PEACE OFFICER STATUS

Based on the records received and reviewed from OPOTA, it is noted that [REDACTED] was a duly sworn and certified Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the Officer Involved Critical Incident.

TRAINING FILE

[REDACTED] has completed a number of advanced training classes from various sources. Some of these courses include:

- Threats/Building Searches
- Extracting/Fighting Around Vehicles
- Search & Seizure Legal Updates
- Responding to Mental Health Issues
- Legal Updates
- Use of Force

FIREARMS QUALIFICATION

On July 17, 2023, [REDACTED] qualified on the following weapon: Glock 17, 9MM, Serial Number: [REDACTED] (this was the weapon used in the Officer Involved Critical Incident).

DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

[REDACTED] does not have any discipline related to the use of force.

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INVOLVED APD [REDACTED]

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at approximately 1305 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) and SA Jesse Bynum (Bynum) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by Noah Munyer (Munyer), attorney from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Mike Koubek, a representative from the APD FOP lodge. The interview took place at Attorney Munyer's office, which is located at 121 South Main Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. The interview was audio and video recorded.

[REDACTED] stated that he and his partner, [REDACTED], were working car [REDACTED] which covers the Kenmore area of Akron. While looking for a subject with multiple warrants at the gas station at 2215 East Avenue at about 0100 hours, they observed a U-Haul truck at one of the gas pumps at the gas station. When checking the license plate, it was found that the U-Haul truck had been reported as stolen. [REDACTED] who was driving, pulled the cruiser behind the U-Haul and parked. He then called out over the radio that car [REDACTED] was out with an occupied stolen vehicle at the gas station.

[REDACTED] then exited the cruiser and approached the driver's side of the U-Haul. [REDACTED] began speaking with the driver (later identified as Jones). At that point, [REDACTED] walked up to the vehicle as well and was told by [REDACTED] that Jones was the sole occupant of the vehicle. [REDACTED] then repeatedly ordered Jones to exit the vehicle. However, Jones did not comply. [REDACTED] eventually told Jones that he was under arrest and needed to exit the vehicle. Jones, however, continued to refuse to comply.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both then reached into the U-Haul and attempted to remove Jones from the vehicle with [REDACTED] closer to the dashboard/steering wheel and [REDACTED] by the vehicle's seat. A short struggle then ensued, as Jones resisted the attempts of the officers to remove him from the U-Haul. Jones then put the vehicle into drive and "took off" southbound through the gas station lot with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] holding onto the vehicle and both still partially inside the cab of the U-Haul. Both officers were telling Jones "Don't do it" and "Stop", but Jones continued driving and exited the gas station property and entered onto East Avenue. Jones then made a sharp turn and went northbound on East Avenue (0:04:55 mark of the recording).

Officers continued giving commands for Jones to stop before [REDACTED] told Jones to stop, or he was going to get shot. [REDACTED] said: "I remember looking down at the tires going in the road flying past me and thinking, I'm not confident that

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if I get off this thing I am going to survive it" (0:05:27 mark of the recorded interview). [REDACTED] continued and stated that he drew his department issue Glock 17, put the muzzle into the driver's left side, and fired twice. After the second shot, Jones' hands came off the steering wheel and [REDACTED] was able to put the vehicle into neutral which caused the U-Haul to slowly come to a stop. [REDACTED] then called over the radio that shots had been fired.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then removed Jones from the driver's seat of the U-Haul and placed him onto the ground where Jones was handcuffed and secured. [REDACTED] instructed [REDACTED] to go back to the cruiser and get a chest seal from the medical kit. [REDACTED] went to the cruiser and retrieved the chest seal and returned to where [REDACTED] was with Jones. Once [REDACTED] returned, he was advised by [REDACTED] that he had removed a firearm from Jones and placed the firearm into the U-Haul. [REDACTED] then placed the chest seal onto Jones.

SA Tingley asked [REDACTED] if he was easily identified as a police officer on the day of the incident. [REDACTED] replied yes.

SA Tingley continued and asked [REDACTED] if at the time of the shooting he perceived any other options other than the use of deadly force. [REDACTED] stated that he thought of the Taser but knew that was not a good option as the subject's bodies lock up when tased and he was worried that Jones would lock up and press harder on the gas pedal causing the U-Haul to go even faster.

SA Tingley finished by asking [REDACTED] why he fired his weapon. [REDACTED] replied: "I knew that it was the, the only option I saw at that time to keep me and my partner safe, Um, the only other options were severe injury, um, or death" (0:09:57 mark of the recorded interview).

[REDACTED] then completed his statement.

INVOLVED APD [REDACTED] BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) VIDEO REVIEW

It should be noted that there was no audio for approximately the first 29 seconds of the video file. Additionally, due to the positioning of the officers in relation to each other and the close proximity the officers were to the U-Haul truck and the subject, much of the video is obstructed during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident. Furthermore, the U-Haul truck appears to be moving during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident.

The BWC video footage was reviewed by SA Harasimchuk using the AMPED REPLAY system.

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- The video-embedded timestamp date was 2024-08-17.
- The video-embedded timestamp start time was 01:03:27 hours (frame 0).
- The video-embedded timestamp end time was 01:10:07 hours (frame 11411).
- The video file was from an Axon brand BWC.
- The BWC was affixed to Officer [REDACTED]
- The length of this video file was 00:06:20.747. It should be noted that there was no audio for approximately the first 29 seconds of the video file.

Additionally, due to the positioning of the officers in relation to each other and the close proximity the officers were to the U-Haul truck and the subject, much of the video is obstructed during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident. The U-Haul truck also appeared to be moving during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident.

At approximately 01:03:28 hours, YPD [REDACTED] partner, [REDACTED] opened the driver's door to the stolen U-Haul and made contact with the driver (Michael Jones).

At approximately 01:03:44 hours, a struggle ensued between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Michael Jones, with Michael Jones still seated in the driver's seat of the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:04:05 hours, [REDACTED] called on the radio "Shots fired. Shots Fired."

At approximately 01:04:16 hours, [REDACTED] called on the radio "Male shot in the side."

At approximately 01:04:22 hours, [REDACTED] removed Michael Jones from the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:04:32 hours, [REDACTED] called over the radio "...he just drove off with us in the car."

At approximately 01:05:27 hours, [REDACTED] called over the radio "I shot him in the side."

The video concluded a few minutes later.

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WITNESS APD [REDACTED] STATEMENT

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at approximately 1415 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (Tingley) and SA Jesse Bynum (Bynum) interviewed Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by Attorney Jacob Will (Will), from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and Mike Koubek (Koubek), a representative from the APD FOP lodge. The interview took place at Attorney Munyer's Office, which is located at 121 South Main Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] stated that he and his partner [REDACTED] were looking for a subject with multiple warrants out for his arrest. They had been told that the wanted subject was known to frequent the gas station on East Avenue, so they went to check that area. While at the gas station, [REDACTED] observed a U-Haul which, when checked, was reported as being stolen. [REDACTED] then moved the cruiser behind the U-Haul and parked.

[REDACTED] exited the cruiser and approached the driver's side of the U-Haul where he contacted the driver (Jones) after opening the driver's door of the U-Haul. [REDACTED] repeatedly instructed Jones to exit the vehicle, but Jones refused to comply and remained in the driver's seat. [REDACTED] then told Jones that he was under arrest and that he needed to exit the vehicle. Jones again refused to comply and turned away from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who was with [REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED] then reached into the U-Haul and attempted to remove Jones from the vehicle. A struggle then ensued between Jones and the officers with Jones eventually pulling away.

Jones then put the U-Haul into drive and started to drive away. [REDACTED] then stated: "My partner and I were hanging out the side of the U-Haul just being drug at this point. I have my left hand on I don't know even know what I was holding onto but holding on to something in the truck. My right hand was holding onto my partner" (0:04:04 mark of the recorded video).

[REDACTED] then heard two "pops" which [REDACTED] realized was [REDACTED] firing his duty weapon at Jones. [REDACTED] was then able to get the U-Haul stopped and put into park. Once the vehicle was in park, Jones was removed from the U-Haul and placed onto the ground where first aid was begun. [REDACTED] then instructed [REDACTED] to go to the cruiser and get a chest seal. [REDACTED] then handcuffed Jones and while checking him found a gun which Jones was carrying.

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Attorney Will then asked [REDACTED] what he was feeling when the U-Haul began moving. [REDACTED] stated: "... it felt like he made the movement pretty quick, um, I was, I had it in my mind that if I let go of the truck or if I let go of my partner, we, either one of us was going to get seriously hurt or killed. I figured we would get ran over by the truck or oncoming traffic." (0:08:05 mark of the recorded video).

[REDACTED] then concluded his statement.

WITNESS [REDACTED] BWC VIDEO REVIEW

It should be noted that there was no audio for approximately the first 29 seconds of the video file. Additionally, due to the positioning of the officers in relation to each other and the close proximity the officers were to the U-Haul truck and the subject much of the video is obstructed during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident. Furthermore, the U-Haul truck appears to be moving during the moments surrounding the officer-involved critical incident.

The BWC video footage was reviewed by SA Harasimchuk using the AMPED REPLAY system.

- The video-embedded timestamp date was 2024-08-17.
- The video-embedded timestamp start time was 01:02:49 hours (frame 0).
- The video-embedded timestamp end time was 01:10:07 hours (frame 13142).
- The video file was from an Axon brand BWC.
- The BWC was affixed to [REDACTED].
- This length of this video file was 00:07:18.066

At approximately 01:03:08 hours, [REDACTED] began walking towards the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:03:23 hours, [REDACTED] contacted the driver of the U-Haul, Michael Jones, and told Michael Jones to exit the vehicle. [REDACTED] eventually told Michael Jones that he is under arrest.

At approximately 01:03:27 hours, [REDACTED] opened the driver's door of the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:03:34 hours, Michael Jones unbuckled his seatbelt.

At approximately 01:03:48 hours, a struggle ensued between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Michael Jones who was still in the driver's seat of the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:03:58 hours, [REDACTED] told Michael Jones that he was going to shoot. This was followed shortly by two (2) sounds consistent with gunfire.

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At approximately 01:04:00 hours, Michael Jones' hands come off of the steering wheel of the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:04:18 hours, Michael Brown was removed from the U-Haul.

At approximately 01:05:39 hours, Officers are seen rendering first aid to Michael Jones who was on the ground.

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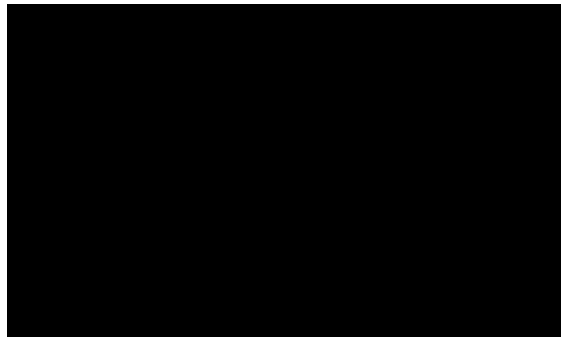
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INVOLVED SUBJECT MICHAEL JONES

This section includes information about the involved subject, Michael Jones.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Michael Jones was a fifty-four (54) year old black male who resided at 34 West Crosier Avenue, Akron, Ohio, 44311. Michael Jones had an extensive criminal history with law enforcement contacts with [REDACTED]. Some of Michael Jones' criminal history offenses were:



AUTOPSY REPORT

The "Report of Autopsy" and was authored by Dr. Lisa J. Kohler, M.D. (Kohler), who was the Chief Medical Examiner of Summit County, Ohio. Dr. Kohler also performed the autopsy on August 17, 2024, at 0807 hours.

The "Cause of Death" was listed as "[REDACTED]" The "Manner of Death" was listed as a [REDACTED]



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OOCIC VIDEO REVIEW

On February 11, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran (Moran) reviewed a video file work product from the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) for this case.

OOCIC synchronized three videos on one screen for the presentation. The videos were from the following sources:

1. Surveillance video from the Duke and Duchess Gas Station located at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio.
2. Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] body-worn camera (BWC).
3. Akron Police Department (APD) [REDACTED] body-worn camera (BWC)

OOCIC also added frame counters in the lower left portions of each video screen, two audio waveform bars underneath the video screens of [REDACTED] BWC video and [REDACTED] BWC video, a timecode effect in the upper right portion of the screen, and an indication that the video file was playing at 60 frames per second (FPS).

REVIEW OF OOCIC VIDEO FILE 24-00112_SPEED_VIEWS_SEGMENT

The video file consisted of 7476 frames total. SAS Moran reviewed from frame 4993 through 7476 (original speed). Frames 0 through 4992 were the same video presentation but set at half speed.

The following are excerpts taken directly from SAS Moran's report. It should be noted that the listed information may be only a portion of the Notes/Activity section for the frame listed and include that information which the author deemed to be of the most value for understanding the incident. For further details, please review the complete report.



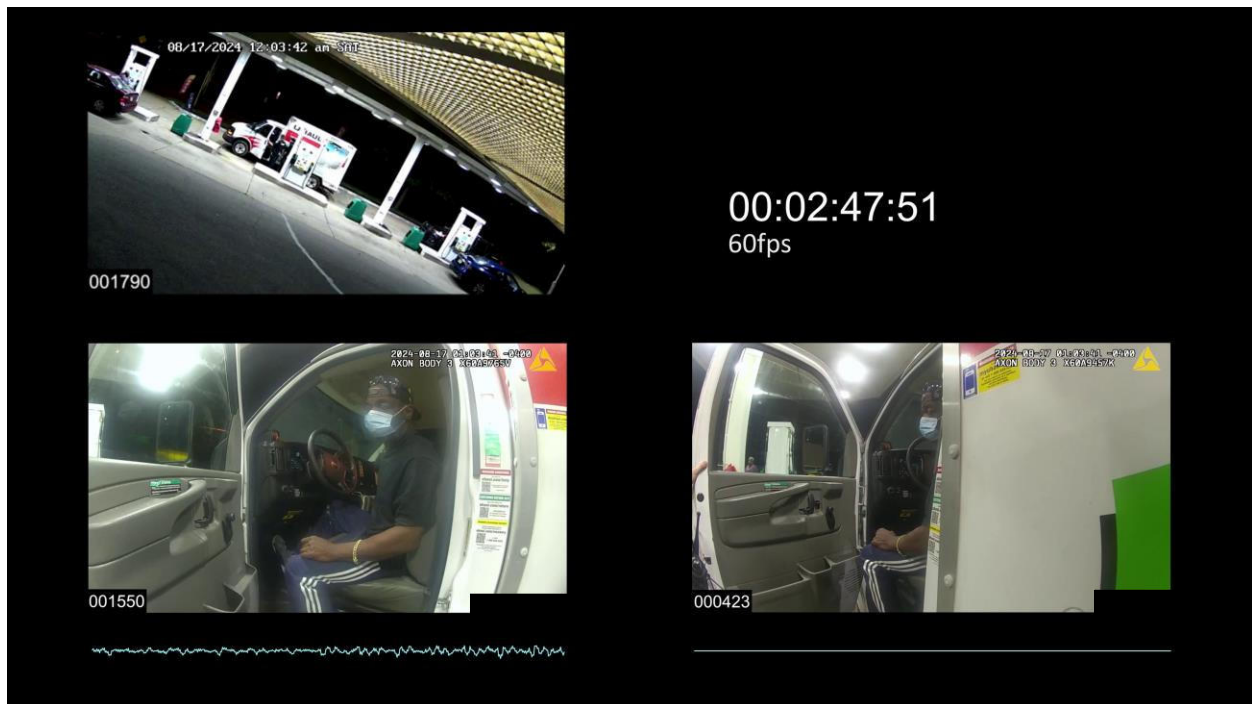
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ACTIVITY REVIEW

Timecode	00:02:47:51
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5369
Notes/Activity	This was the first image from the original speed section of the video presentation. The U-Haul truck was parked at the gas pumps facing south. [REDACTED] were outside the U-Haul truck near the open front driver side door. The subject, Michael Jones, was seated in the driver's seat of the truck. He had a medical mask on. His left hand was in view. His right hand was not in view.
Time Elapsed	N/A



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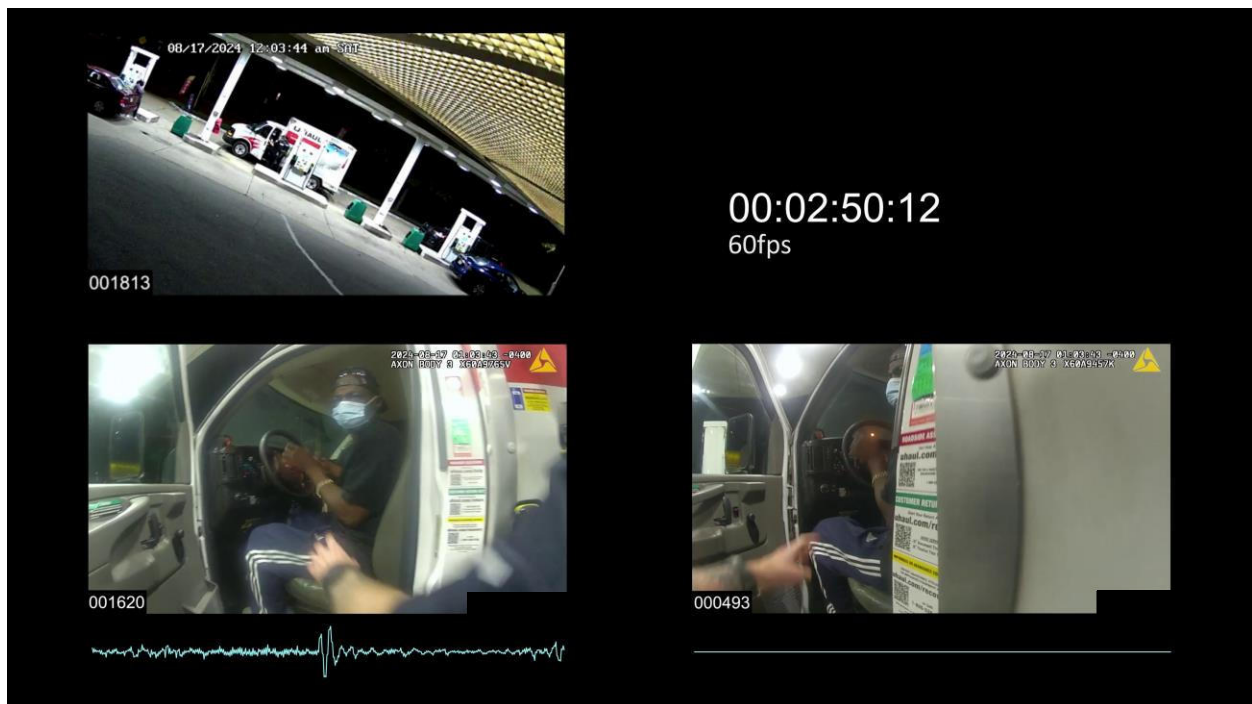


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Timecode	00:02:50:12
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5510
Notes/Activity	██████████ reached with his left hand for Michael Jones as Michael Jones pulled his left arm into the truck near the steering wheel. In the previous frames, one officer told Michael Jones to get out of the truck and Michael Jones responded, "For what?"
Time Elapsed	N/A



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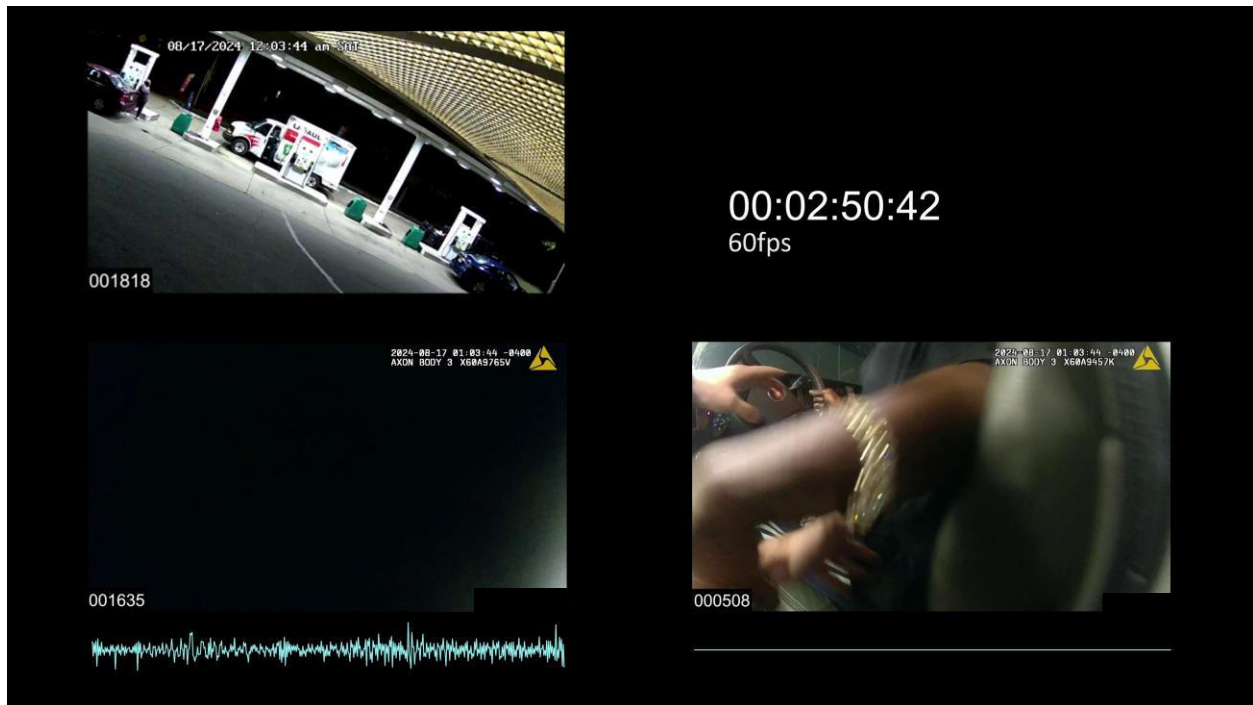


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Timecode	00:02:50:42
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5540
Notes/Activity	██████████ continued reaching their left arms/hands towards Michael Jones. The surveillance camera showed both officers near the driver's side front door of the truck. ██████████ BWC was blocked by ██████████. ██████████ BWC showed Michael Jones moving his left arm/hand, attempting to avoid the grasps of the officers. Michael Jones also held the steering wheel with his right hand. In the previous frames, the officer(s) repeated the command(s) for Michael Jones to get out of the truck.
Time Elapsed	0.5 second (approx.) from 00:02:05:12



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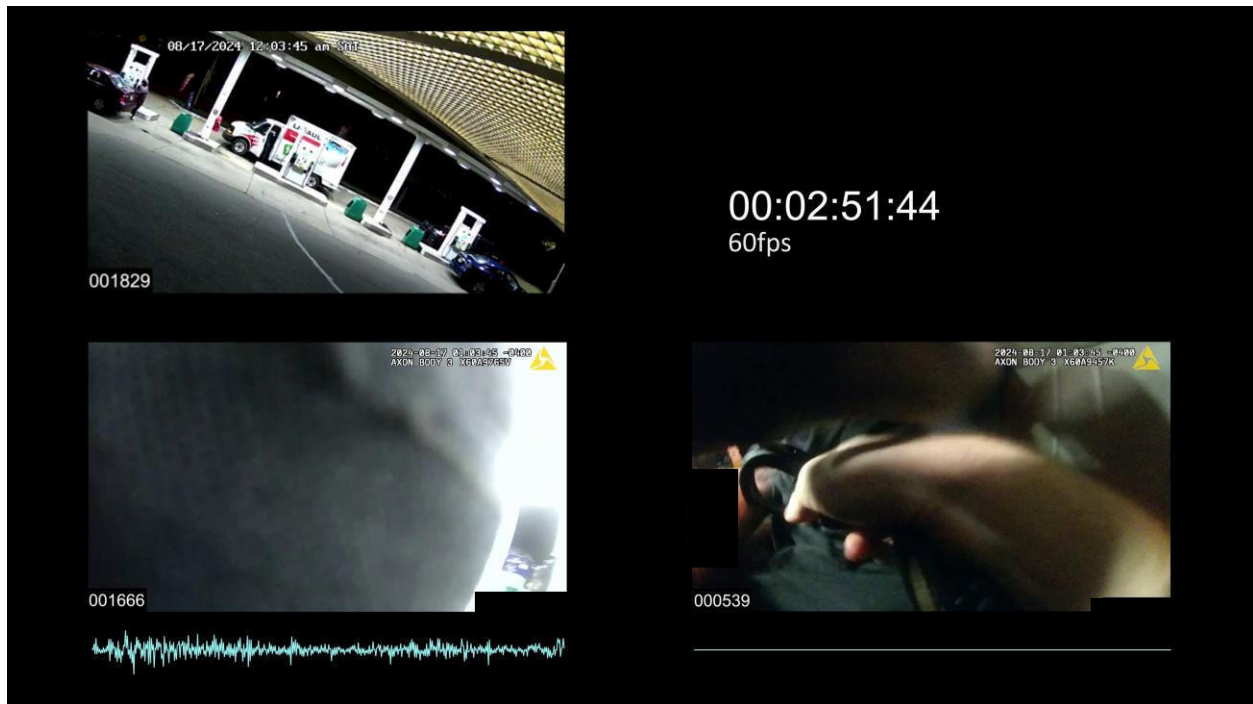


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Timecode	00:02:51:44
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5602
Notes/Activity	██████████ BWC showed his left arm near the front side of Michael Jones. ██████████ still had his handcuffs in his right hand with the single strand and groove partially opened and pushed through the double strand and groove base of the handcuffs. ██████████ BWC also showed Michael Jones left arm/hand pushing or bracing against ██████████ chest area. ██████████ BWC was blocked by ██████████'s back. The surveillance camera showed both officers near the driver's side front door of the truck. In the previous frames, the officer(s) repeated the command(s) for Michael Jones to get out of the truck. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	1.03 seconds (approx.) from 00:02:50:42



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Timecode	00:02:55:11
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5809
Notes/Activity	<p>The sound of the truck horn being activated was heard in this frame. The truck started to move forward as Michael Jones was in the driver's seat. [REDACTED] appeared to be on the exterior/doorframe of the truck as it started to move. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. It showed his handcuffs with the single strand and groove fully opened from the single strand rivet connecting it to the double strand. [REDACTED] BWC was partially blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. It showed Michael Jones' left leg and how he had moved to being fully seated inside the truck compared to partially seated inside/outside the truck at the start of the video. The surveillance camera showed both officers near the driver's side front door of the truck as it began moving forward. In the previous frames, the officer(s) repeated the command(s) for Michael Jones to, "Hey! Turn it off! Don't fucking do it!" Also, possible engine sounds were heard. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)</p>
Time Elapsed	1.48 seconds (approx.) from 00:02:53:42



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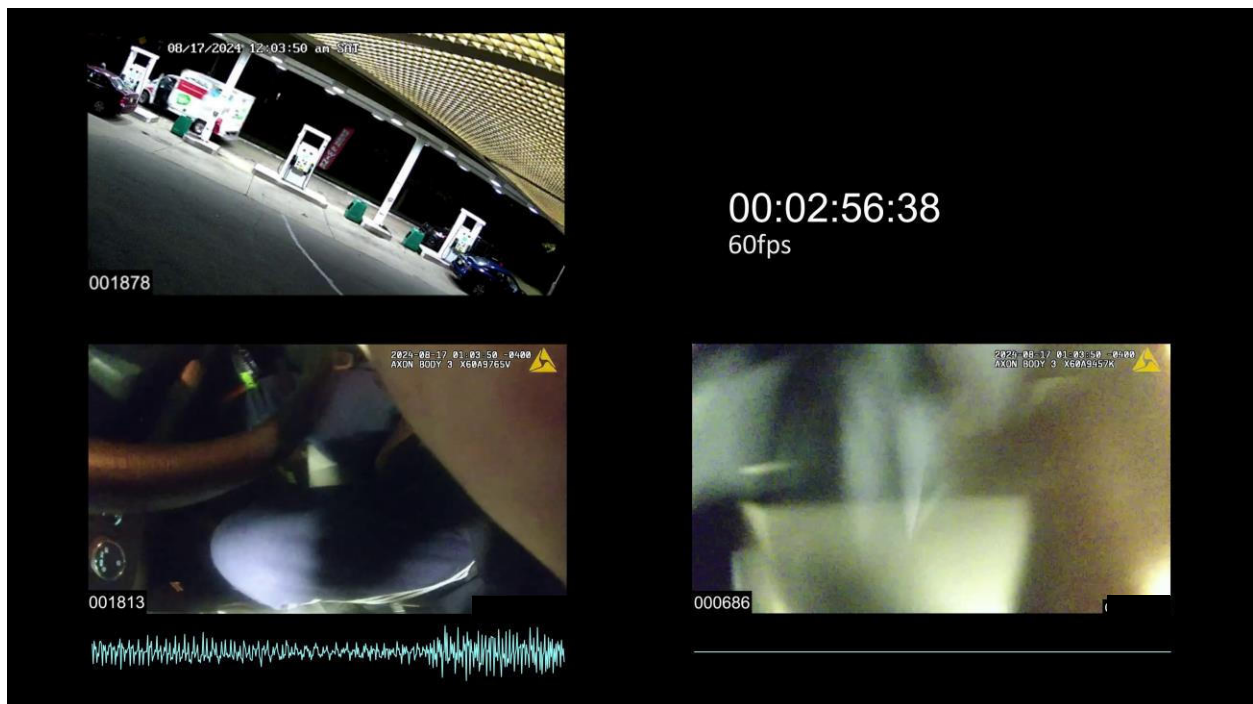


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Timecode	00:02:56:38
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5896
Notes/Activity	The sound of the truck horn ended in this frame. The surveillance camera showed the truck continuing to move forward near the southernmost gas pump (started near middle gas pump). Both officers appeared to be on the exterior open doorframe of the truck as Michael Jones drove it forward. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC was angled downward and showed the steering wheel, floorboard, and Michael Jones' legs as he drove the truck forward. Officer(s) repeated, "Don't do it!" Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	1.45 seconds (approx.) from 00:02:55:11



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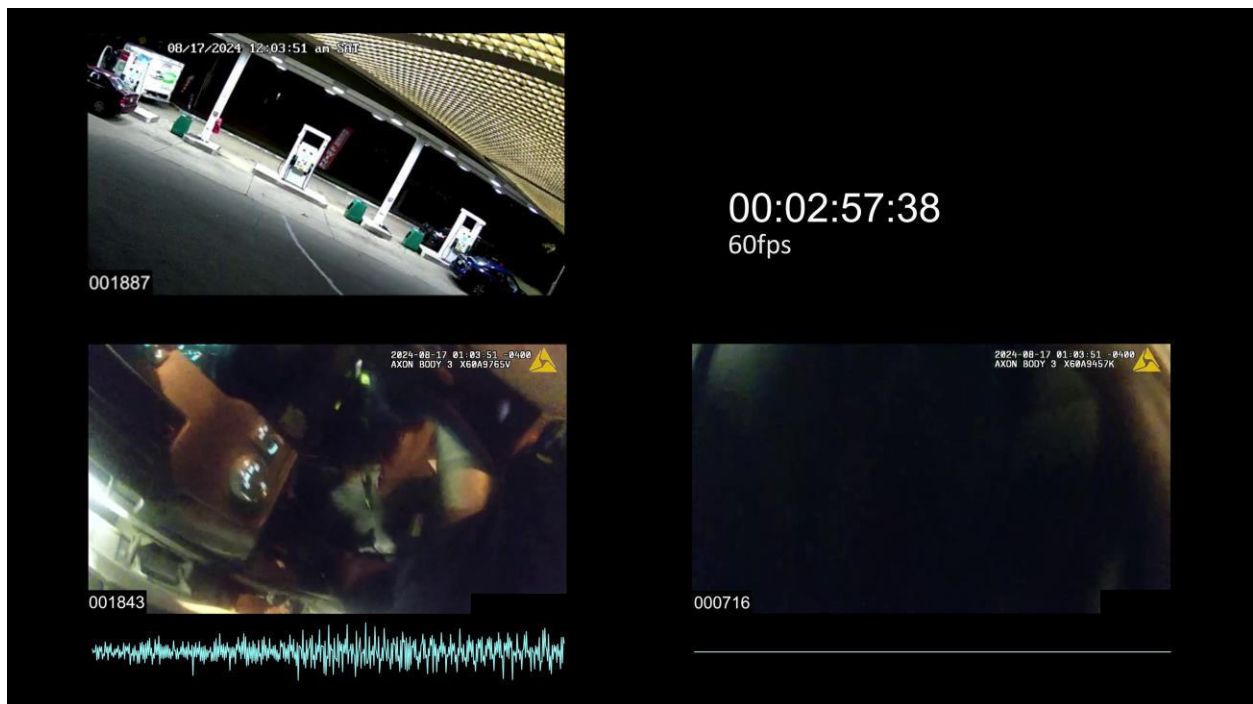


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Timecode	00:02:57:38
Amped Replay Frame(s)	5956
Notes/Activity	The horn sound activated. The surveillance camera showed the truck moving forward and past the southernmost gas pump. The truck also turned west out of the parking lot to enter onto East Avenue. Both officers appeared to be on the exterior open doorframe of the truck as Michael Jones drove it forward. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC was angled downward and showed the steering wheel, floorboard, and Michael Jones' legs as he drove the truck forward. Officer(s) repeated, "Don't do it!" Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	1.00 seconds (approx.) from 00:02:56:38



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Jones driving truck forward and turning
west in the parking lot.
Officers on exterior driver's side of truck.

00:02:57:38
60fps

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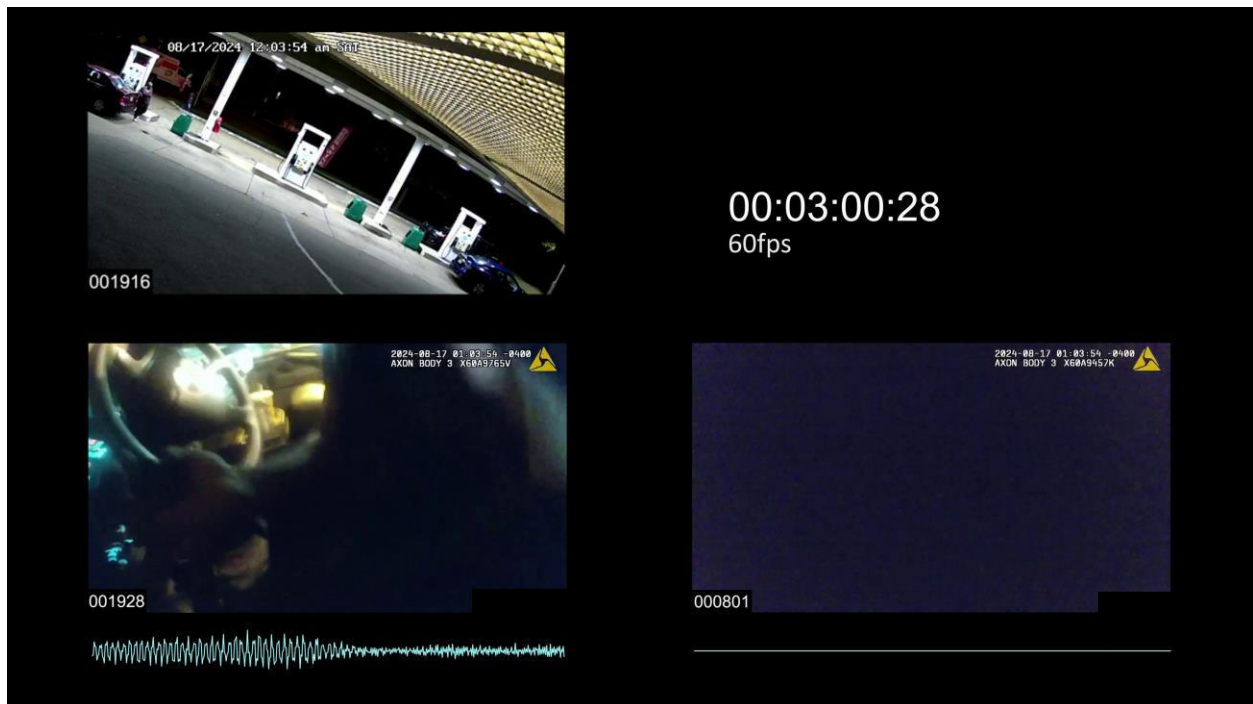


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Timecode	00:03:00:28
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6126
Notes/Activity	A voice, possibly Michael Jones, said, "I ain't going back..." The surveillance camera showed the truck exit the parking lot and started to turn north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones' right hand turning the steering wheel.
Time Elapsed	2.83 seconds (approx.) from 00:02:57:38



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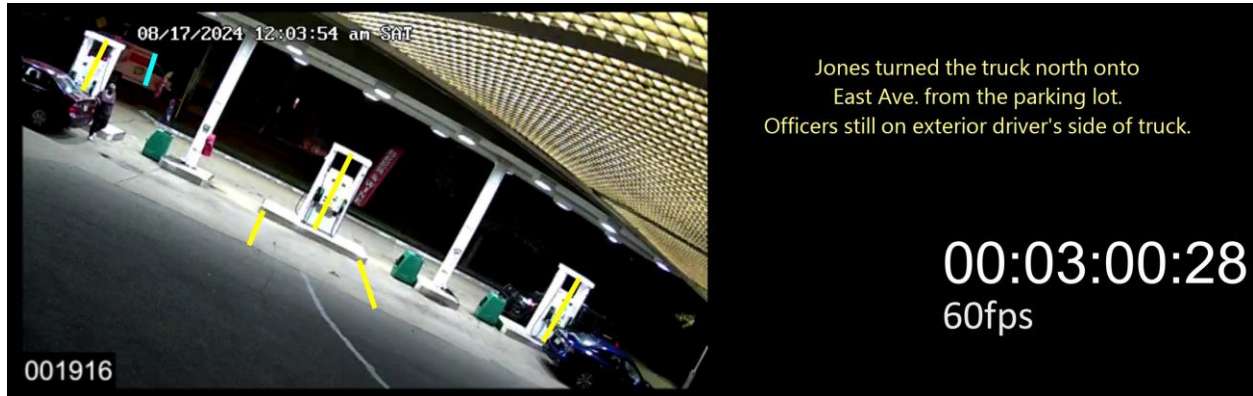
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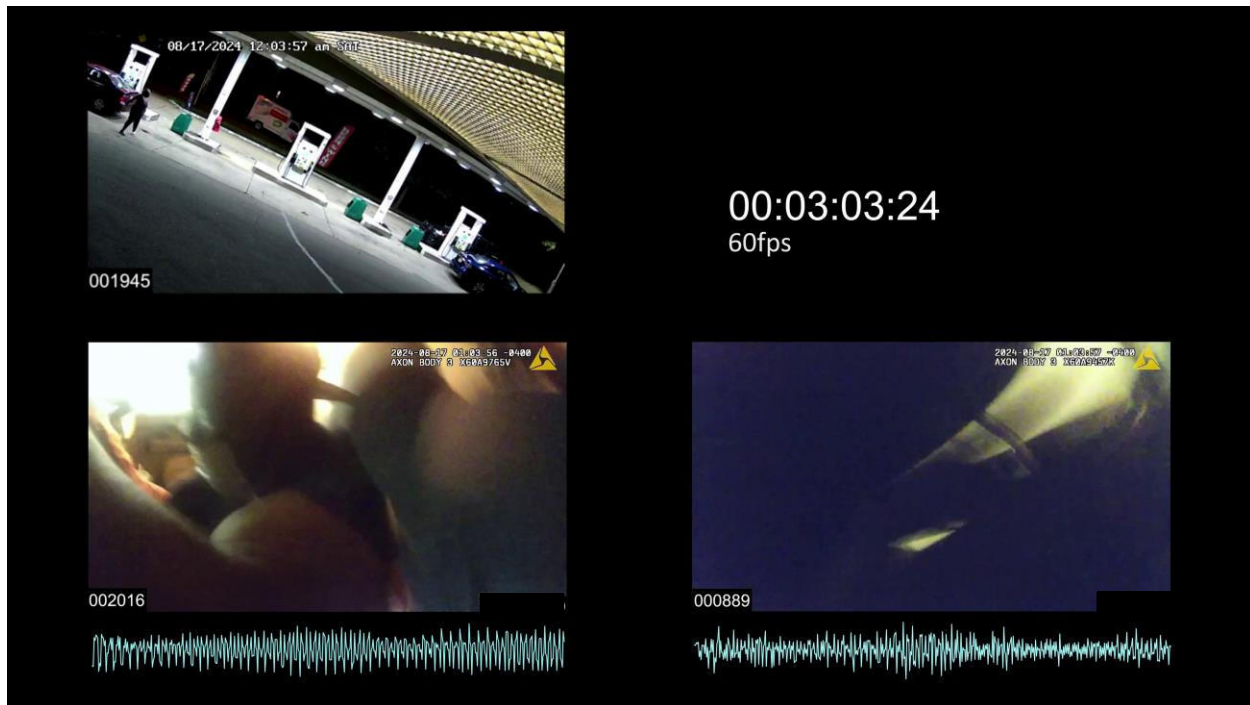


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Timecode	00:03:03:24
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6302
Notes/Activity	A voice, likely an officer, yelled, "You're going to get fucking shot!" The surveillance camera showed the truck driving north on East Avenue (in line with the middle gas pump). [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel). Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	N/A



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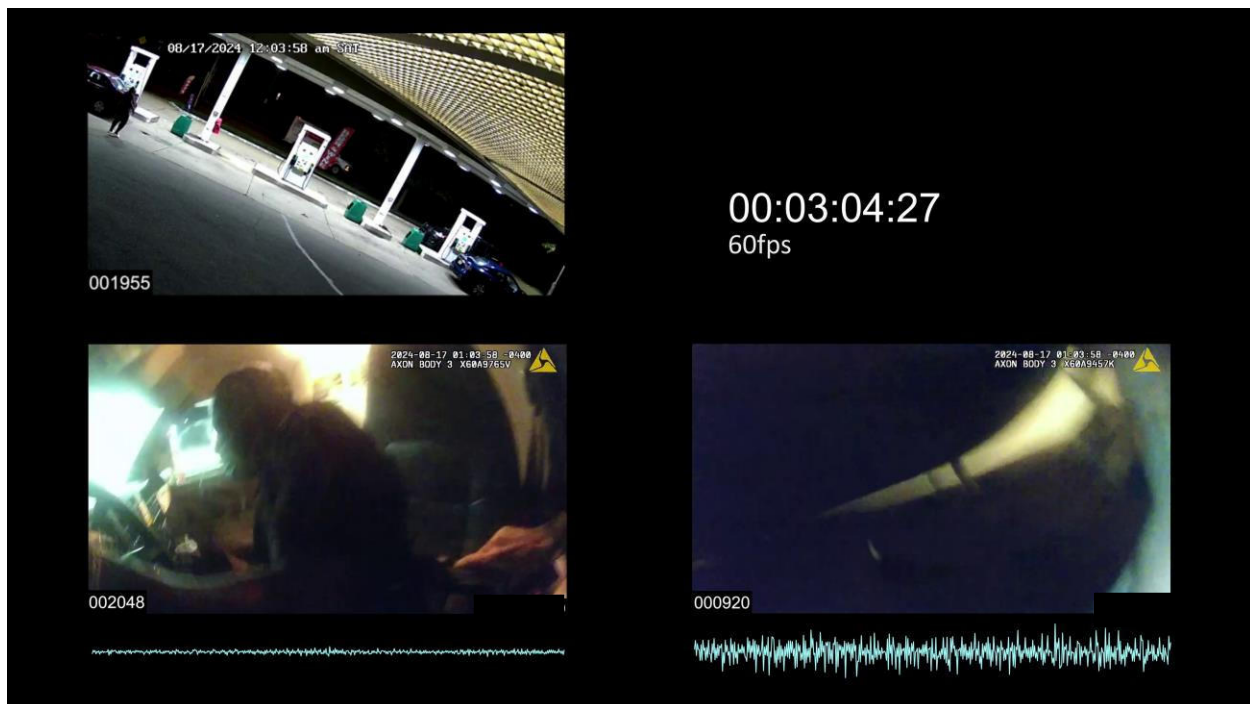


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Timecode	00:03:04:27
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6365
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel). It also showed [REDACTED] with his pistol in his right hand pointing it at the left flank of Michael Jones. The pistol was canted/turned with the left side facing down and the right side facing up. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	3.98 seconds (approx.) from 00:03:00:28



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Jones driving truck north on East Ave.
Truck passing middle gas pumps.
Officers on exterior driver's side of truck.
Novak had pistol pointed at Jones' left side.

00:03:04:27
60fps

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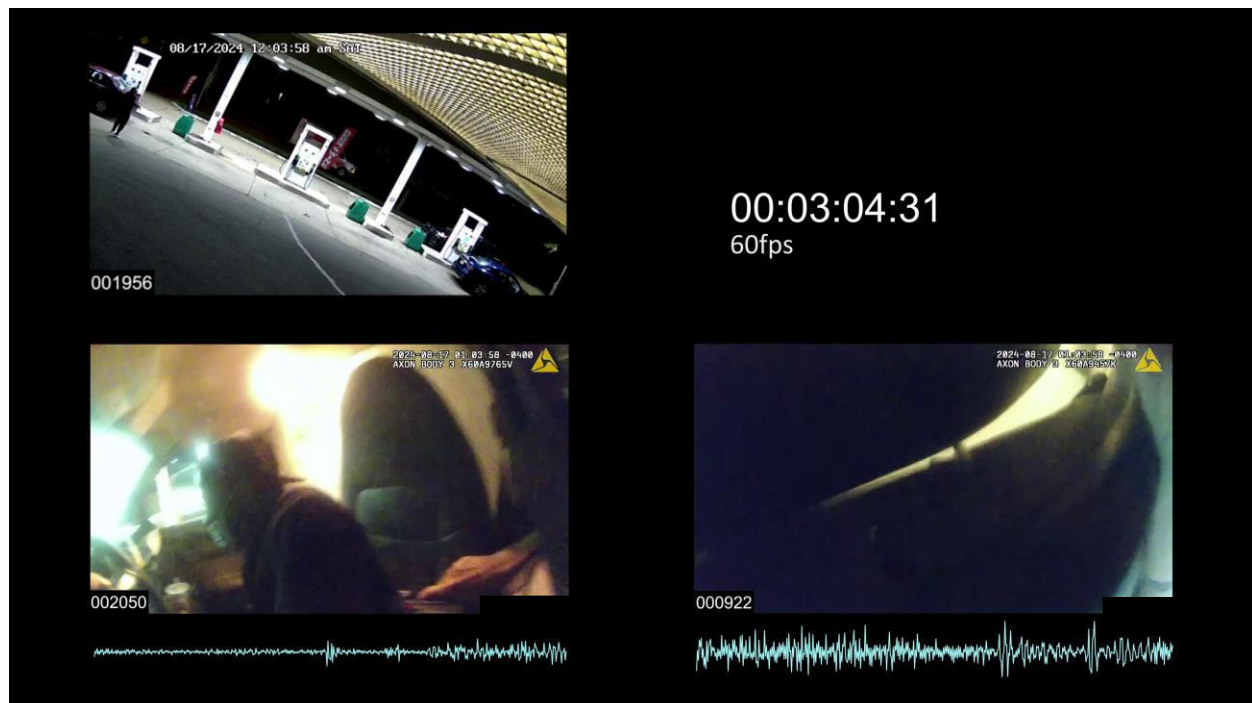


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Timecode	00:03:04:31
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6369
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel). It also showed [REDACTED] with his pistol in his right hand pointing it at the left flank of Michael Jones. The pistol was canted/turned with the left side facing down and the right side facing up. A red light/object was observed near the right middle side of [REDACTED] pistol in [REDACTED] right hand. It is possible that the slide moved backward in this frame. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.) Note – If this was a contact gunshot, it might be difficult to detect on the audio stream, especially with the other noises occurring at the same time.
Time Elapsed	0.07 of a second (approx.) from 00:03:04:27



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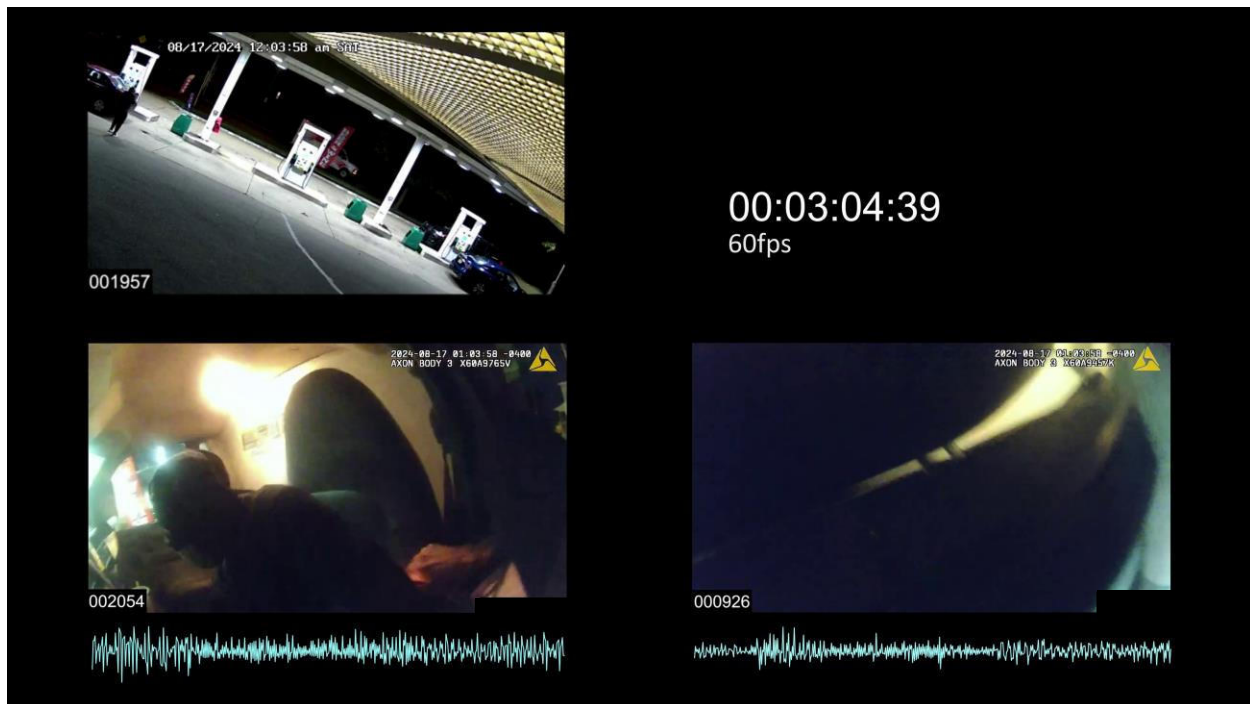


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Timecode	00:03:04:39
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6377
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel). It also showed [REDACTED] with his pistol in his right hand pointing it at the left flank of Michael Jones. The pistol was canted/turned with the left side facing down and the right side facing up. A light (unknown if muzzle flash or from weapon-mounted light) was observed near [REDACTED] right hand. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.) Note – If this was a contact gunshot, it might be difficult to detect on the audio stream, especially with the other noises occurring at the same time.
Time Elapsed	0.13 of a second (approx.) from 00:03:04:31



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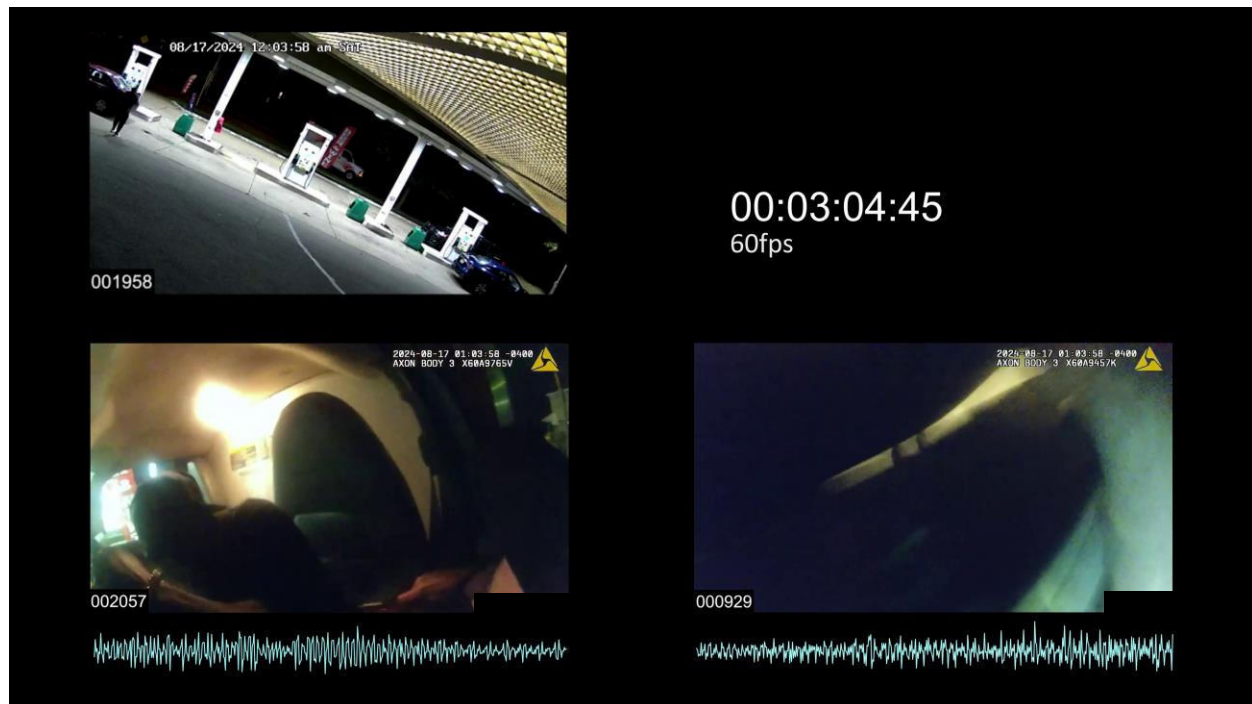


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Timecode	00:03:04:45
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6383
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel). It also showed [REDACTED] with his pistol in his right hand pointing it at the left flank of Michael Jones. The pistol was canted/turned with the left side facing down and the right side facing up. A red/orange light/object was observed near the right middle side of [REDACTED] pistol in [REDACTED] right hand. Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.) Note – If this was a contact gunshot, it might be difficult to detect on the audio stream, especially with the other noises occurring at the same time.
Time Elapsed	0.1 of a second (approx.) from 00:03:04:39



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Jones continued driving truck north
on East Ave.
Officers on exterior driver's side of truck.
pistol had orange / red light.

00:03:04:45
60fps

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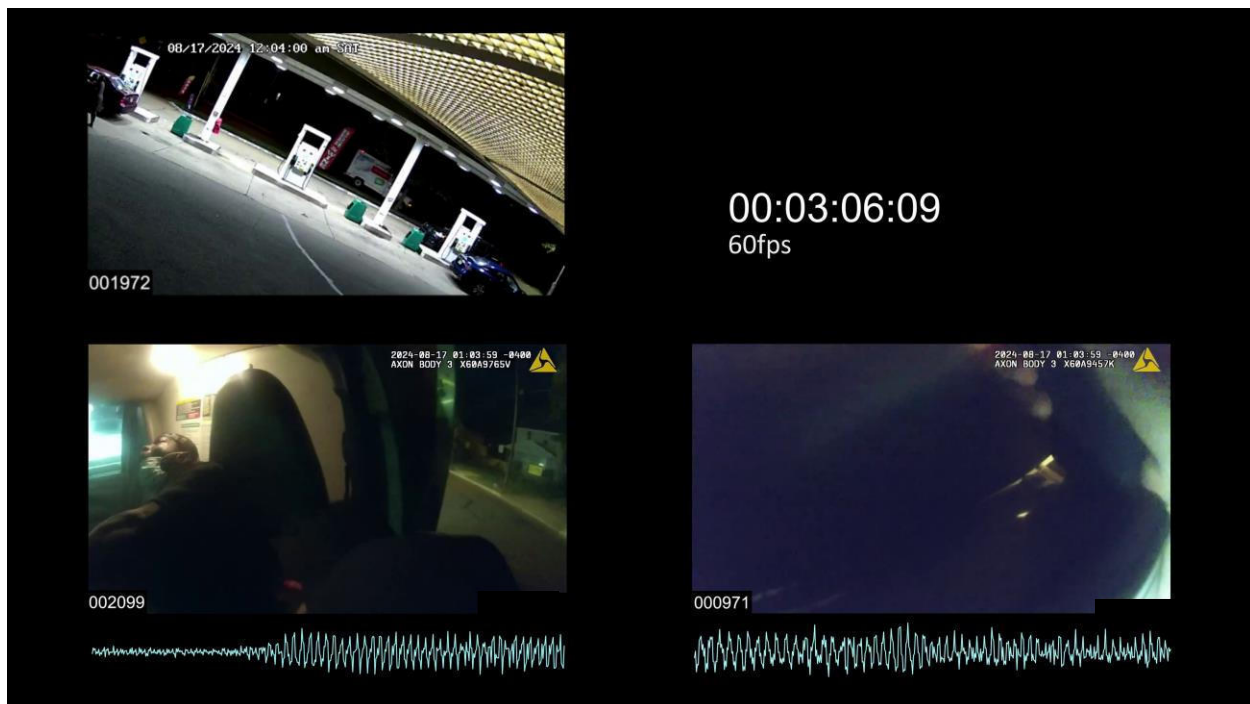


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Timecode	00:03:06:09
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6467
Notes/Activity	Michael Jones appeared to react to event(s) (likely gunshots), and the horn sound was heard. The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. [REDACTED] BWC was blocked by the immediate proximity of the struggle with Michael Jones. It showed [REDACTED] pistol in his right hand. [REDACTED] BWC showed Michael Jones leaning slightly forward and to his right from the seat with both arms in front of him (possibly maneuvering the steering wheel and pressing the horn). Sounds consistent with a struggle were heard (rustling, brushing, etc.)
Time Elapsed	1.4 seconds (approx.) from 00:03:04:45



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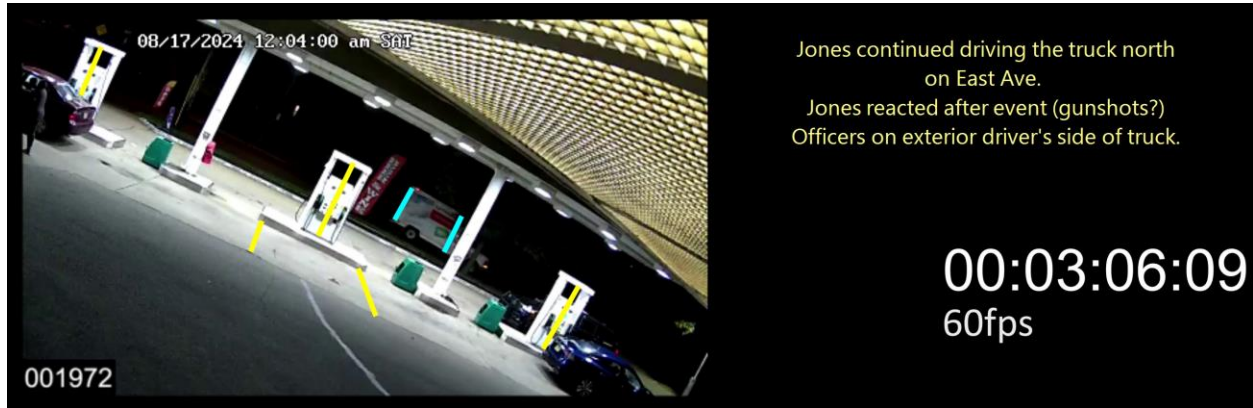
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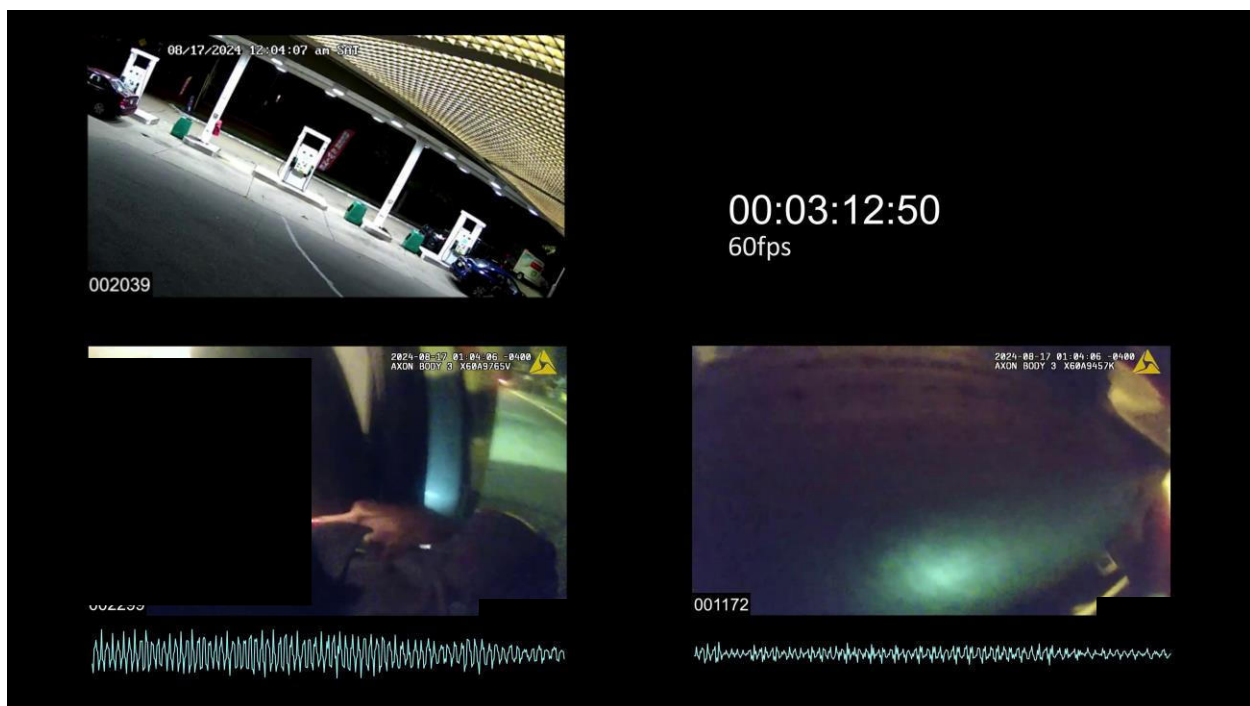


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Timecode	00:03:12:50
Amped Replay Frame(s)	6868
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck as it continued driving north on East Avenue. An officer radioed, "Shots fired! Shots fired!" Both officers appeared to still be on the exterior doorframe of the truck.
Time Elapsed	N/A



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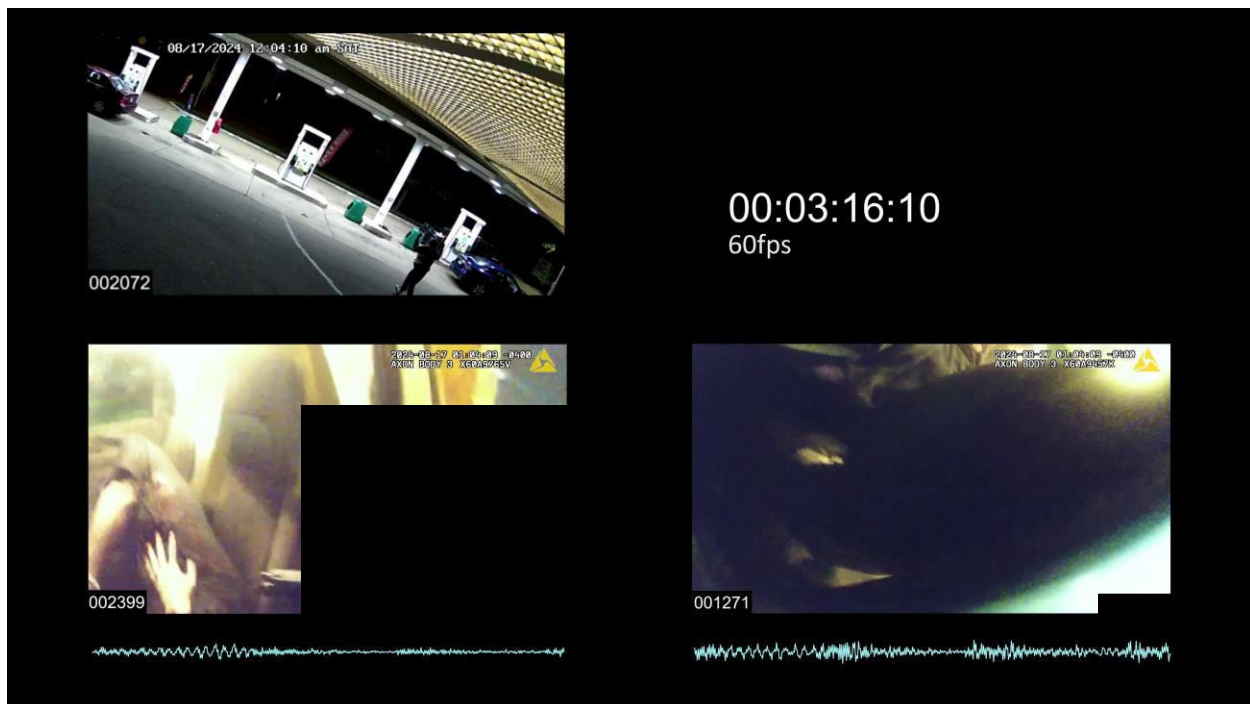


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Timecode	00:03:16:10
Amped Replay Frame(s)	7068
Notes/Activity	The surveillance camera showed the truck continued moving forward slightly or possibly came to a stop. [REDACTED] BWC showed [REDACTED] starting to move to the ground from the exterior doorframe of the truck. [REDACTED] still had his pistol in his right hand. The pistol appeared to be “out of battery/stove piped” (the interior barrel was observed protruding from the front of the slide and the slide was locked back a short distance.) Possible bullet wound(s) and blood were observed on Michael Jones’ left flank as he leaned to his right. A winding noise was heard slowing down.
Time Elapsed	10.02 seconds (approx.) from 00:03:16:10



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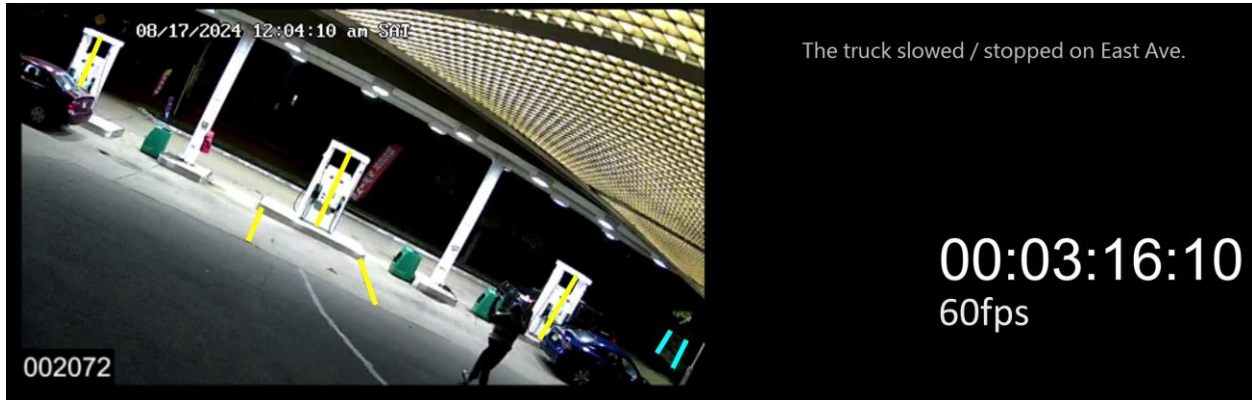
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ADDITIONAL TIMING ESTIMATES SUMMARY

SAS Moran used the "Timing and Action Summary" spreadsheet to calculate several significant activities noted during the video review. They were:

TIMECODE FROM	TIMECODE TO	ACTIVITY	FRAMES	FPS	TIME ELAPSED	ROUNDED
00:02:50:12	00:03:16:10	Officers told Jones to exit the truck to slowing down / stopping.	1559	0.01666667	25.9833333	25.98
00:02:50:12	00:03:00:28	Officers told Jones to exit the truck to a person (Jones) saying, "I ain't going back..."	616	0.01666667	10.2666667	10.27
00:02:50:12	00:03:04:48	Officers told Jones to exit the truck to [REDACTED] pistol near Jones' left side and Jones started to react (gunshot?) while driving the truck.	873	0.01666667	14.55	14.55
00:02:55:11	00:03:16:10	Jones started driving truck with officers on exterior driver's side to truck slowing down / stopping.	1260	0.01666667	21	21
00:02:55:11	00:03:00:28	Jones started driving truck with officers on exterior driver's side to person (Jones) saying, "I ain't going back..."	317	0.01666667	5.28333333	5.28
00:02:55:11	00:03:04:48	Jones started driving truck with officers on exterior driver's side to [REDACTED] pistol near Jones' left side Jones started to react (gunshot?) while driving the truck.	574	0.01666667	9.56666667	9.57
00:03:00:28	00:03:16:10	Jones turned the truck north onto East Avenue with officers on exterior driver's side to truck slowing down / stopping.	943	0.01666667	15.7166667	15.72
00:03:00:28	00:03:04:45	Jones turned the truck north onto East Avenue with officers on exterior driver's side to [REDACTED] pistol near Jones' left side Jones started to react (gunshot?) while driving the truck.	257	0.01666667	4.28333333	4.28

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OVERHEAD DIAGRAM WITH MEASUREMENTS COMBINED WITH VIDEO REVIEW INFORMATION

SAS Moran contacted BCI Crime Scene Technician (CST) Mike Rostocil and inquired about the Leica BLK360 3D scan data for the incident. SAS Moran asked CST Rostocil to view the OOCIC synchronized video presentation and the cropped and annotated images above and compare them with the scan data to determine an approximate distance that the U-Haul truck traveled during significant times during the incident.

CST Rostocil performed the review and 3D scan data analysis and completed a report. See BCI investigative report titled, ***“2025-02-28: Overhead Diagram with Measurements”*** for details. Below is some information derived from that report:

Measurement 1 was from the front end of the approximate starting position of the U-Haul truck parked at the gas pump of the Duchess Shoppe to the approximate center line of the South end driveway leading to East Avenue, which was found to be approximately 33 feet.

Measurement 2 was from the end of measurement 1 to the approximate center of the Northbound lane of East Avenue, which was found to be approximately 38 feet.

Measurement 3 was from the end of measurement 2 to the approximate location of the possible shooting incident in the Northbound lane of East Avenue, which was found to be approximately 50 feet.

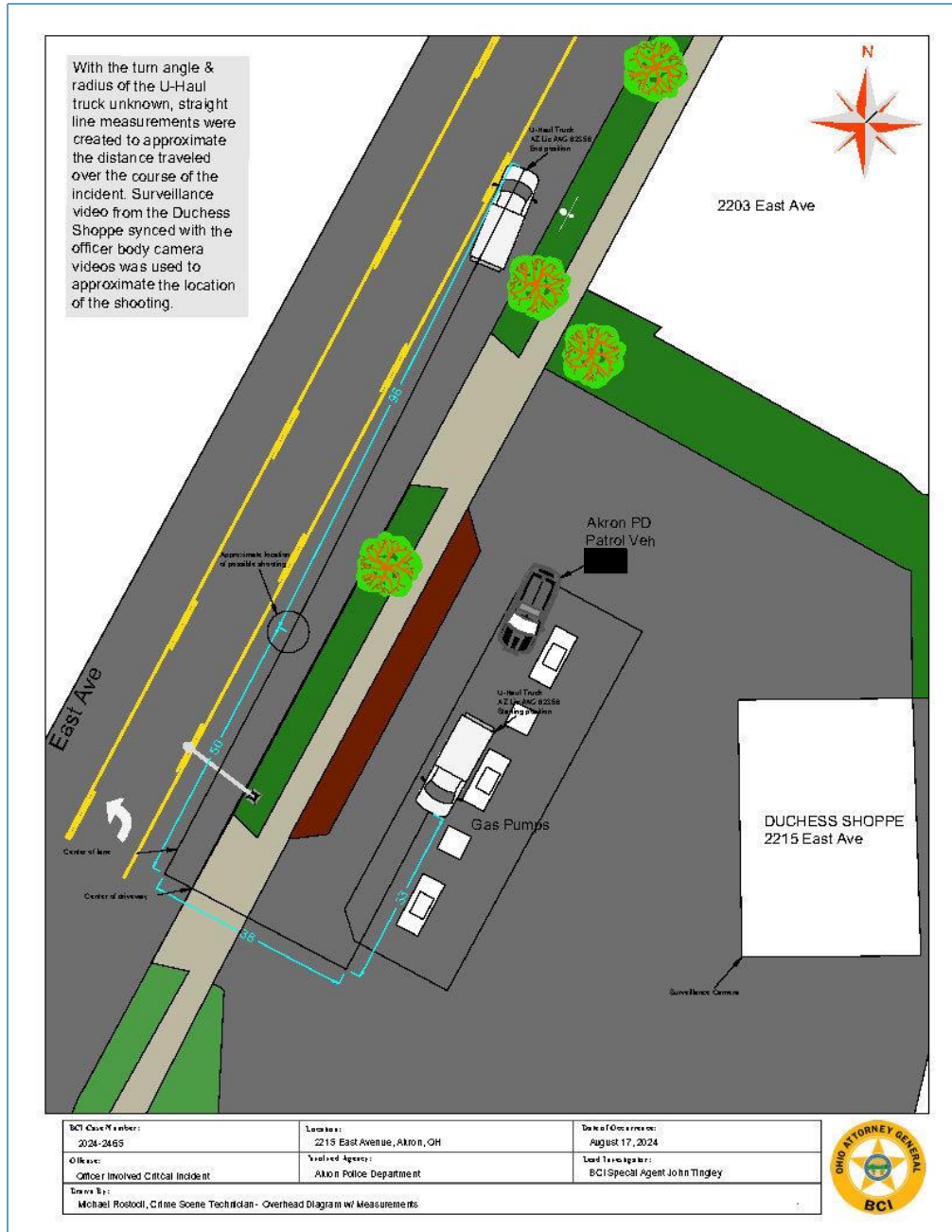
Measurement 4 was from the end of measurement 3 to the front end of the truck in its final resting position, which was found to be approximately 96 feet.



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CONCLUSION

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, APD [REDACTED] got out with a stolen U-Haul truck at the Arco/Duke and Duchess gas station, which is located at 2215 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio. Officers contacted the driver of the stolen U-Haul, Michael Jones, and attempted to get him out of the vehicle and into custody.

However, Michael Jones refused officers' commands and when [REDACTED] attempted to remove Michael Jones from the U-Haul (it should be noted that Michael Jones was seated in the driver's seat of the U-Haul and was in an elevated position above where the officers were initially standing while outside the U-Haul and as they were trying to grab and handcuff him), Michael Jones put the vehicle into gear and drove out of the parking lot of the business while both officers were still mostly outside and partially inside the U-Haul. Upon exiting the parking lot, Michael Jones made a sharp turn to the right and began traveling northbound on East Avenue where the speed limit is 35 mph. Officers provided multiple verbal commands during the incident.

At that time, [REDACTED] pulled his issued semi-auto pistol, placed the pistol against Michael Jones' left side, and fired two (2) rounds. After the second shot, Michael Jones released the steering wheel, and [REDACTED] was able to get the U-Haul stopped. Michael Jones was then removed from the vehicle, handcuffed and secured, and officers provided medical aid.

- From the time that officers told Michael Jones to get out of the U-Haul to the approximate time of a possible gunshot, about 14.5 seconds elapsed.
- From the time that Michael Jones started driving the U-Haul with the officers on mostly on the exterior (while providing verbal commands) of the U-Haul to the approximate time of a possible gunshot, about 9.5 seconds elapsed.
- From the time that Michael Jones turned the U-Haul onto East Avenue from the parking lot (with the officers mostly on the exterior of the truck and providing verbal commands) to the approximate time of a possible gunshot, about 4.3 seconds elapsed.
- Michael Jones drove the U-Haul with the officers mostly on the exterior of the U-Haul at least 33 feet in the parking lot, at least 38 feet as he turned out of the parking lot, and possibly/at least 50 feet before a possible gunshot was fired (approximately 111 feet total).

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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