



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



2025-3317

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1444 N. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Investigative Activity: Interview w/ Relative/Associate
Involves: Rebecca Suttles
Activity Date: 10/27/2025
Activity Location: 4639 Eastridge St, Springfield, OH 45503
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Monday, October 27, 2025, at 1359 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and SA James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Rebecca Suttles (Suttles), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Sunday, October 12, 2025. The interview took place at Suttles's residence in Springfield, OH. Also present during portions of the interview was Suttles's daughter, Britany Wells (Wells). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this individual.

Suttles identified herself as a grandmother figure to Tashawn Davis (Davis) but has no biological relation to him. Suttles reported her last in-person interaction with Davis was on Friday, October 10, 2025, around 1800 hours. Suttles recalled Davis was going to a football game in Dublin with his friends and staying there for the weekend. Suttles had exchanged text messages with Davis Saturday night, October 11, 2025. Suttles believed Davis may have been staying with his friend, Jesse Jones (Jones) that weekend. Suttles said Davis worked at a McDonald's restaurant in the Dublin area and was supposed to work the afternoon/evening of October 12, 2025. Suttles felt Davis's behavior seemed normal when she last saw him and spoke to him.

Suttles recalled Davis's only encounter with police that she was aware of was after a "hit and run" car accident, where Davis fled the scene. Suttles confirmed the vehicle from that accident was the same vehicle Davis would have been driving on the night of the shooting incident, a dark gray Chrysler sedan. "He and I had a deep conversation about, you don't flee from the police you know, and he totally agreed," Suttles stated, regarding a discussion she had with Davis after he had fled the scene of the accident which he had caused. Suttles reported at the time of the accident Davis did not have a valid driver's license and only had a learner's permit.

Suttles identified Shawnte Lynn (Lynn) as Davis's biological father, and Anishia Cooper (Cooper) is Davis's stepmother. Suttles said Lynn called her son, Jereme, on the

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morning of October 12, 2025, and said there had been an incident near the Ohio State University (OSU) campus involving Davis. Lynn told Jereme someone had been shot and possibly killed. Suttles found out several days later that Davis had been identified as the decedent.

Suttles believed Davis had been with Jones and his stepbrother, Jayden Williams (Williams), prior to the shooting incident. "I guess Tashawn's behavior was off, and they left him behind," Suttles stated. Suttles was under the impression that Davis and the others he was with had been drinking alcohol that night. Suttles indicated she was not aware of any illegal drug use by Davis. Suttles was told Davis was displaying aggressive behavior and "wanted to fight," which led Williams and Jones to reportedly distance themselves from Davis on the night of the shooting incident. Suttles was asked if it had been mentioned who Davis was trying to fight. "Just strangers," Suttles responded. Suttles was not told Davis had possibly been involved in any fights or robbery activity which had occurred in the area of the shooting.

Suttles began discussing Davis being in possession of a gun during the incident. "They claimed that he had a BB gun or an airsoft gun," Suttles stated, and indicated Williams had reported details regarding the gun Davis had to Davis's father, Lynn. Suttles said she had not discussed specifics of the incident directly with Williams or Jones.

Suttles confirmed Davis and his friends used airsoft guns "all the time." Suttles was asked to describe the guns she had seen Davis with, to which she responded, "They looked like airsoft guns." Suttles described the airsoft guns she had seen Davis with having "orange tips" on the muzzle.

Davis had turned eighteen (18) years old on October 4, 2025, approximately one week prior to the shooting incident. Suttles said she was aware that Davis had been to the OSU campus area at night and on weekends several times in the past. Suttles was asked how she felt about Davis frequenting that area late at night. "I didn't like it, I certainly expressed that to him," Suttles responded, acknowledging that Davis was a juvenile until days prior to the incident. "Anything that happens after those hours is no good," Suttles added.

Suttles confirmed she had been contacted by the media requesting an interview with her about Davis. Suttles cited the news using Cooper's "911 call" during which Cooper had allegedly reported Davis to be missing.

Wells reported Lynn had residential custody over Davis. Davis began staying with Suttles and Wells in spring 2025. Wells believed Davis "felt more at home" with Suttles and Wells than with his mother, Britney Flora (Flora), or his father, Lynn. Suttles

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explained Flora and Wells were best friends when they were younger, and Flora had lived with Suttles when Davis was a baby. Suttles recalled Flora stopped allowing Davis to see or visit with Wells and Suttles after Flora married her current husband, Alexander Flora (Alex). Suttles claimed Alex was verbally and physically abusive towards Davis. Suttles went to court to dispute custody of Davis and was granted visitation with him every third weekend. Davis was in eighth grade at the time. Suttles was never Davis's legal guardian. Wells described their current relationship with Flora as civil but distant.

Wells believed Davis had "suppressed anger" and often did not want to talk about things that were troubling him. Davis had broken up with a recent girlfriend in July 2025, which Wells and Suttles indicated was difficult for Davis to process.

Wells reported receiving a text from Davis on Saturday, October 11, 2025, asking Wells for money. "I could tell he was off," Wells stated, and indicated his text responses sounded agitated in nature. "He never would talk to me like that, he would never respond to me like that," Wells said, and indicated she felt something was wrong based on Davis's demeanor when he was messaging her. The last text message Wells received from Davis was at 2259 hours on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Wells said she and Suttles had a "gut feeling" after they heard about the shooting incident the following morning.

Wells reviewed her Life360 phone app, which allowed her to see Davis's cell phone location on the date of the shooting incident. Wells reported Davis's phone died at 0333 hours. Life360 showed Davis's location near the Barnes & Noble bookstore on North High Street in Columbus between 0307 hours and 0332 hours. Wells provided screenshots to BCI documenting Davis's Life360 location and movements on October 12, 2025. Some of the Life360 location reports documented Davis's driving speed at over 100 miles per hour. "That just goes to show you that night something was off," Wells stated, and claimed Davis didn't normally drive at such high rates of speed.

Suttles reported the vehicle Davis was driving was found by Williams and Jones and was subsequently towed to Lynn's residence. Suttles was asked if anything out of the ordinary was discovered in Davis's car. Suttles answered, "They said there was quite a bit of alcohol."

"We gotta figure this out, whether he's at fault or [not]," Suttles stated, regarding providing information about Davis's activities on the night of the shooting incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1519 hours.

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The interview was audio recorded. The recording is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

No references

Attachments:

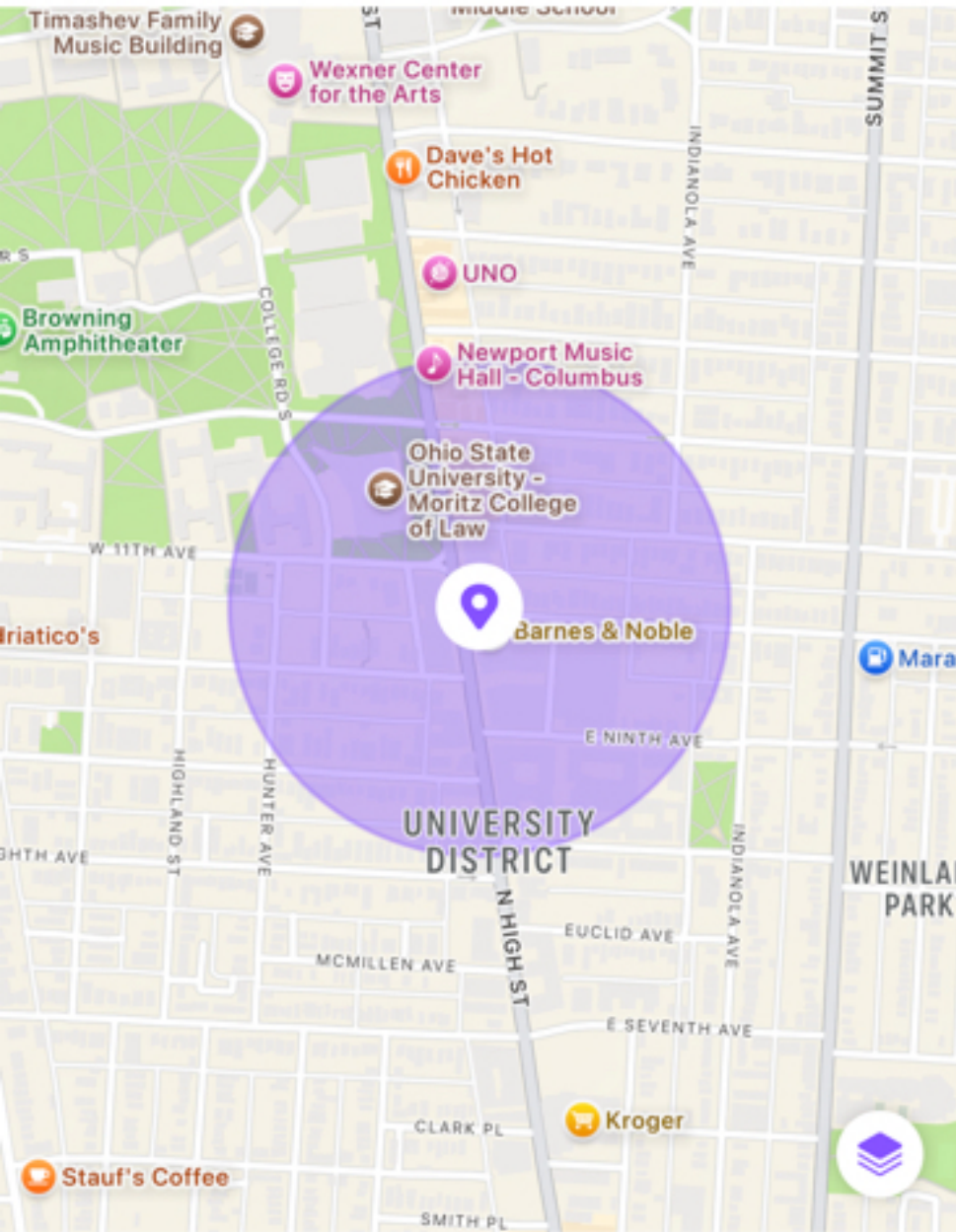
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Ta's location

3:07 am – 3:32 am (25 min)



Location details

Near 8 E 11th Ave

3:07 am – 3:32 am (25 min)



Save place



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Location details

Near 8 E 11th Ave

3:07 am – 3:32 am (25 min)



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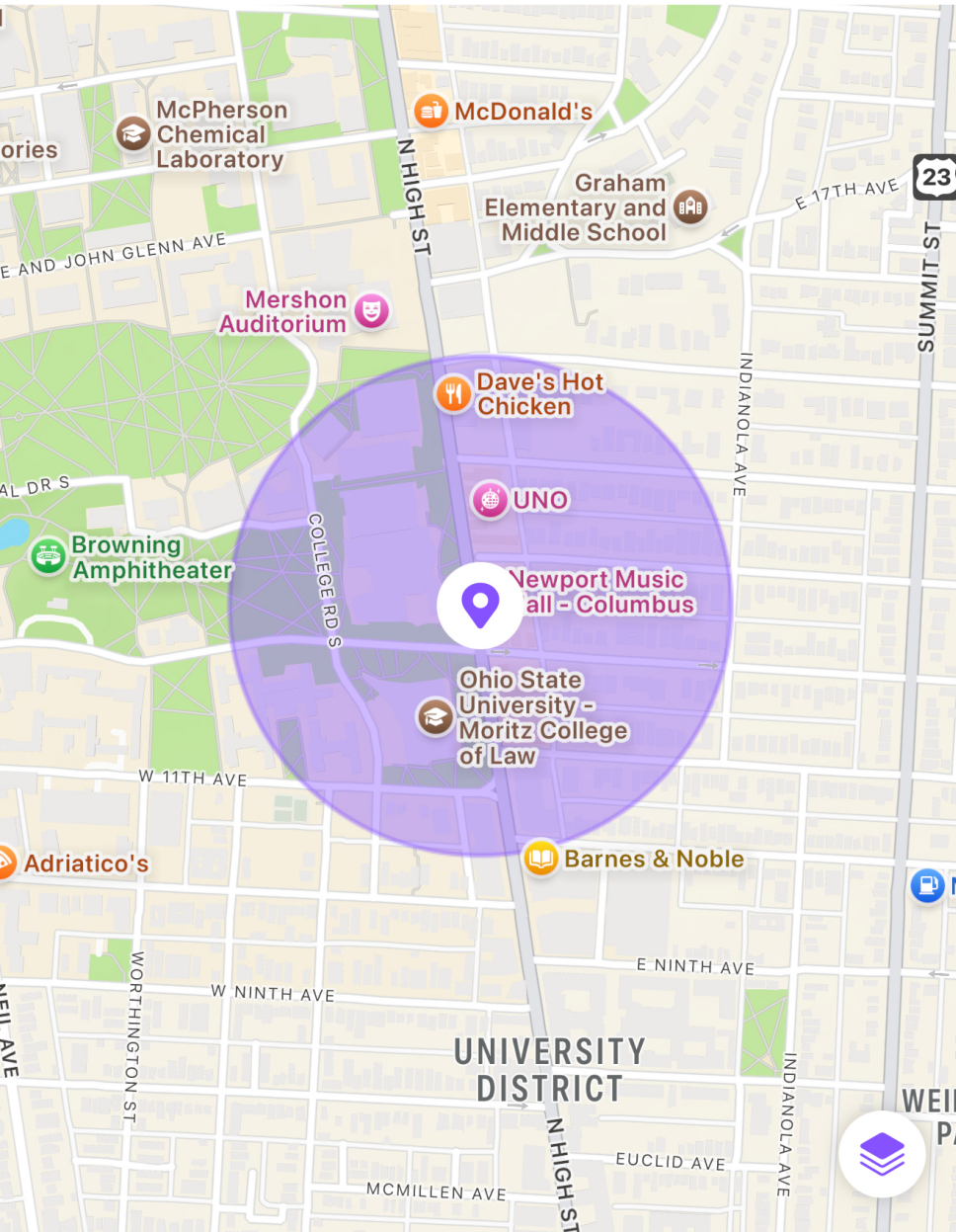
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Ta's location

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Location details

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1:12 am – 2:37 am (1 hr, 24 min)



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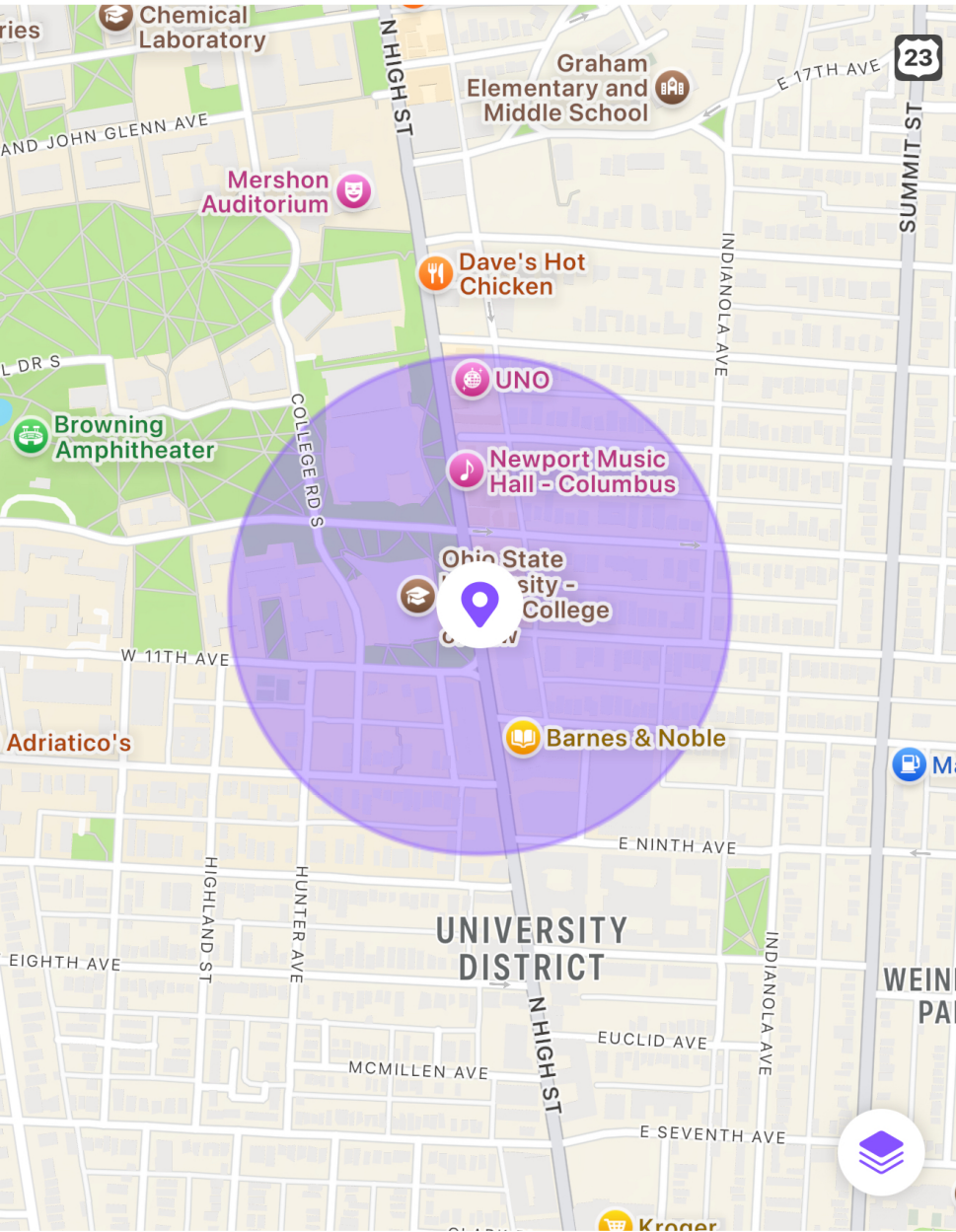
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Ta's location

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Location details

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1:01am – 1:09am (7 min)

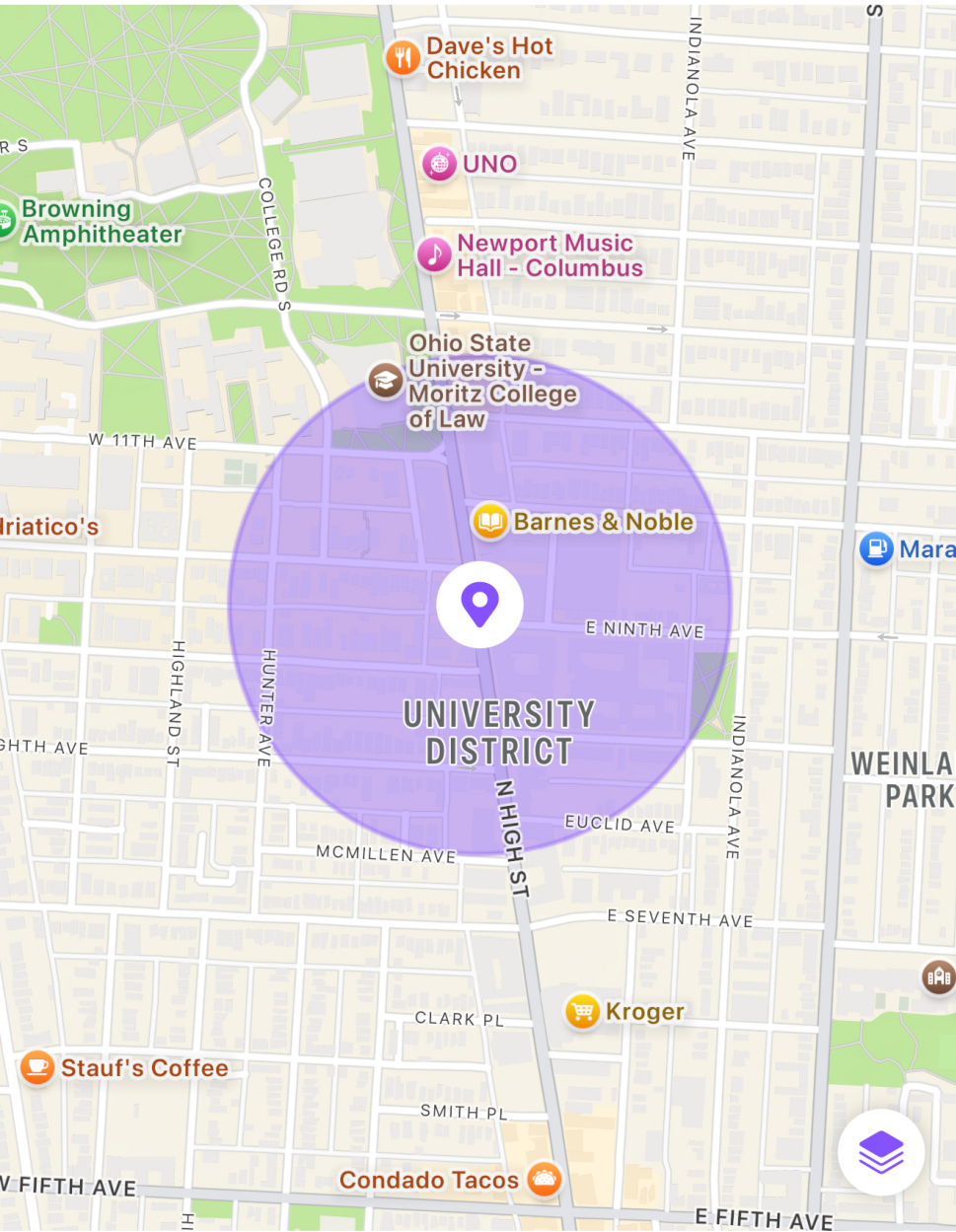


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Ta's location

12:22 am – 12:27 am (< 5 min)



Location details

Near 1524 North High Street

12:22 am – 12:27 am (< 5 min)



Save place

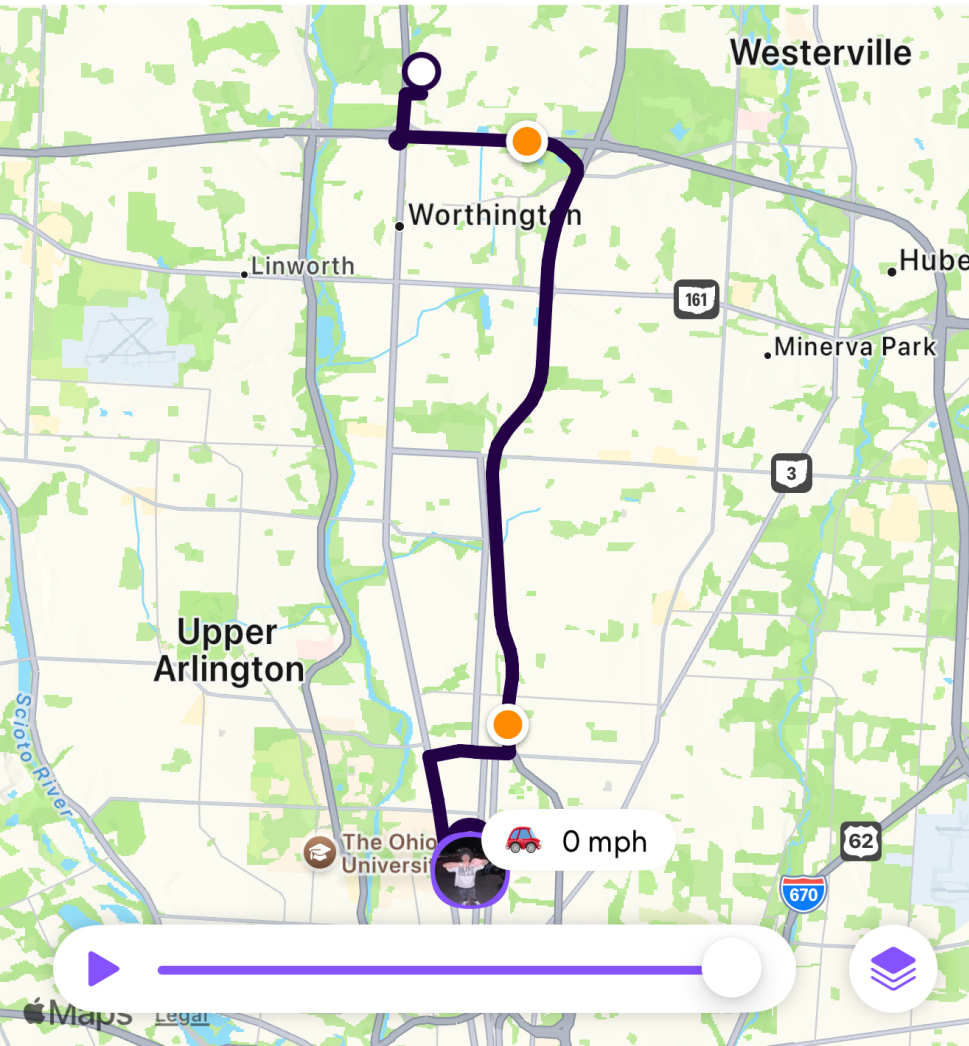
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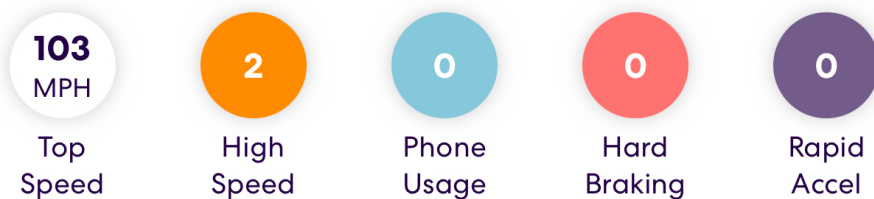
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Ta's drive details

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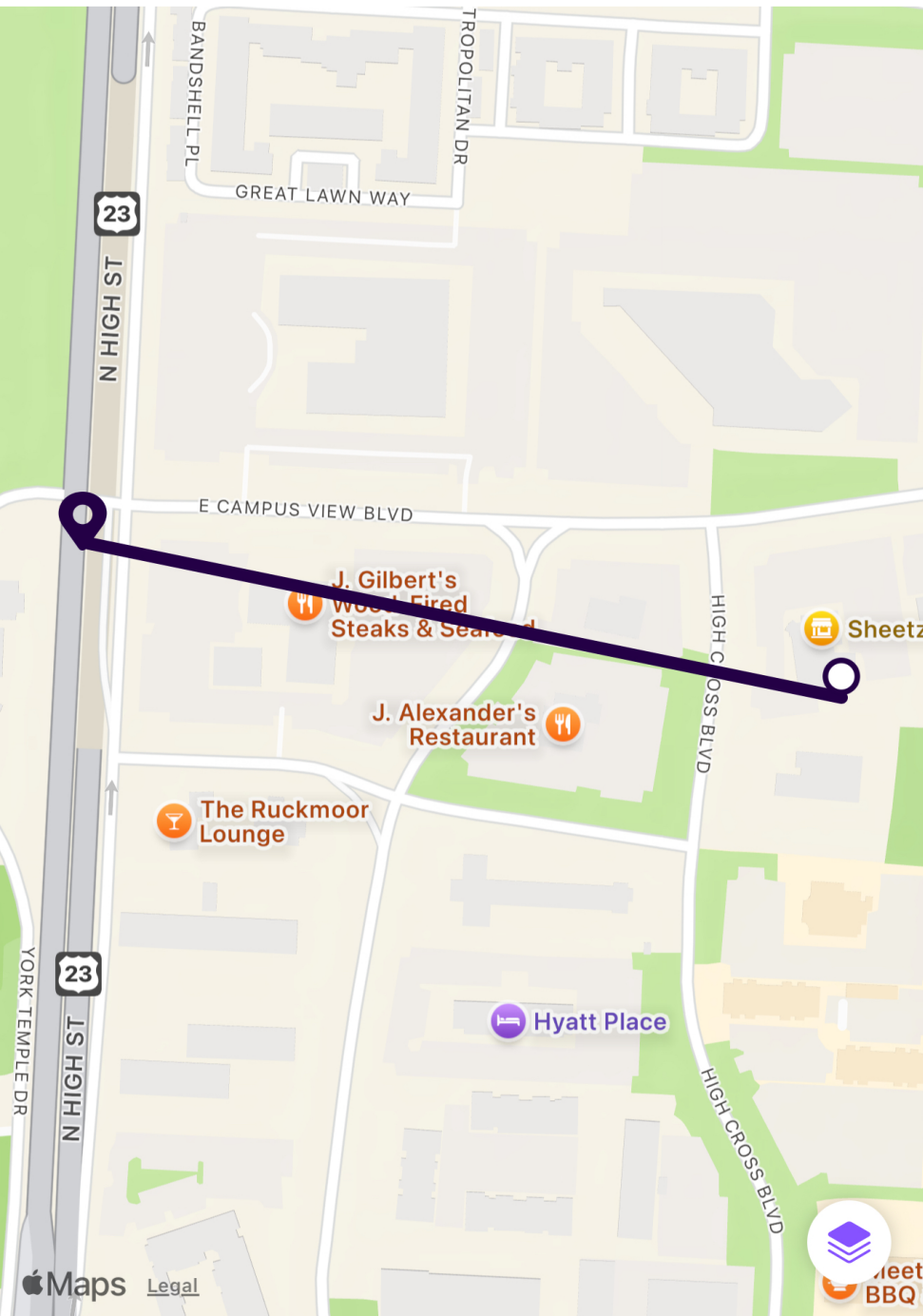
Drive events





Ta's short trip

11:40 pm – 11:51 pm (11 min)



Ta's trip details

-  7564 High Cross Blvd 11:40 PM
-  Campus View Boulevard 11:51 PM

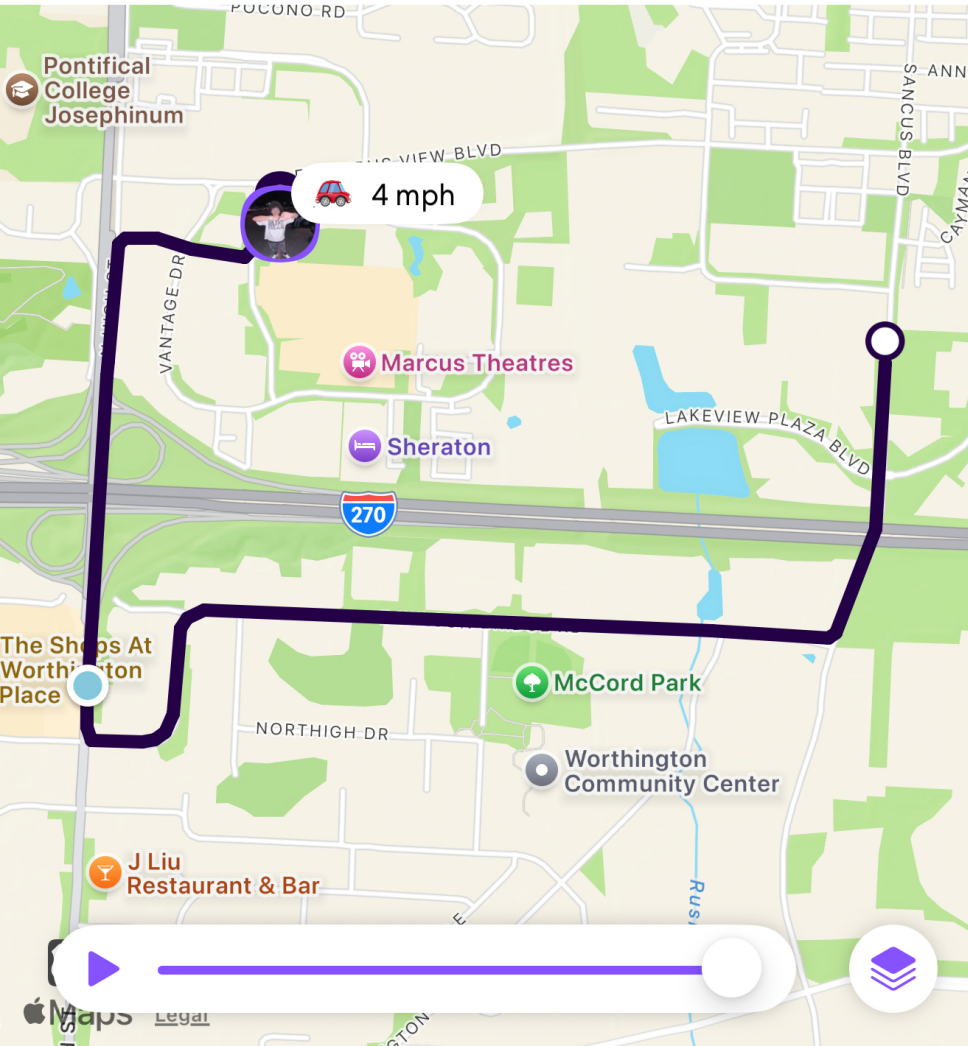
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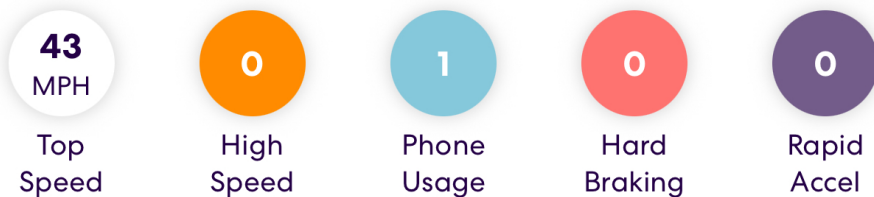
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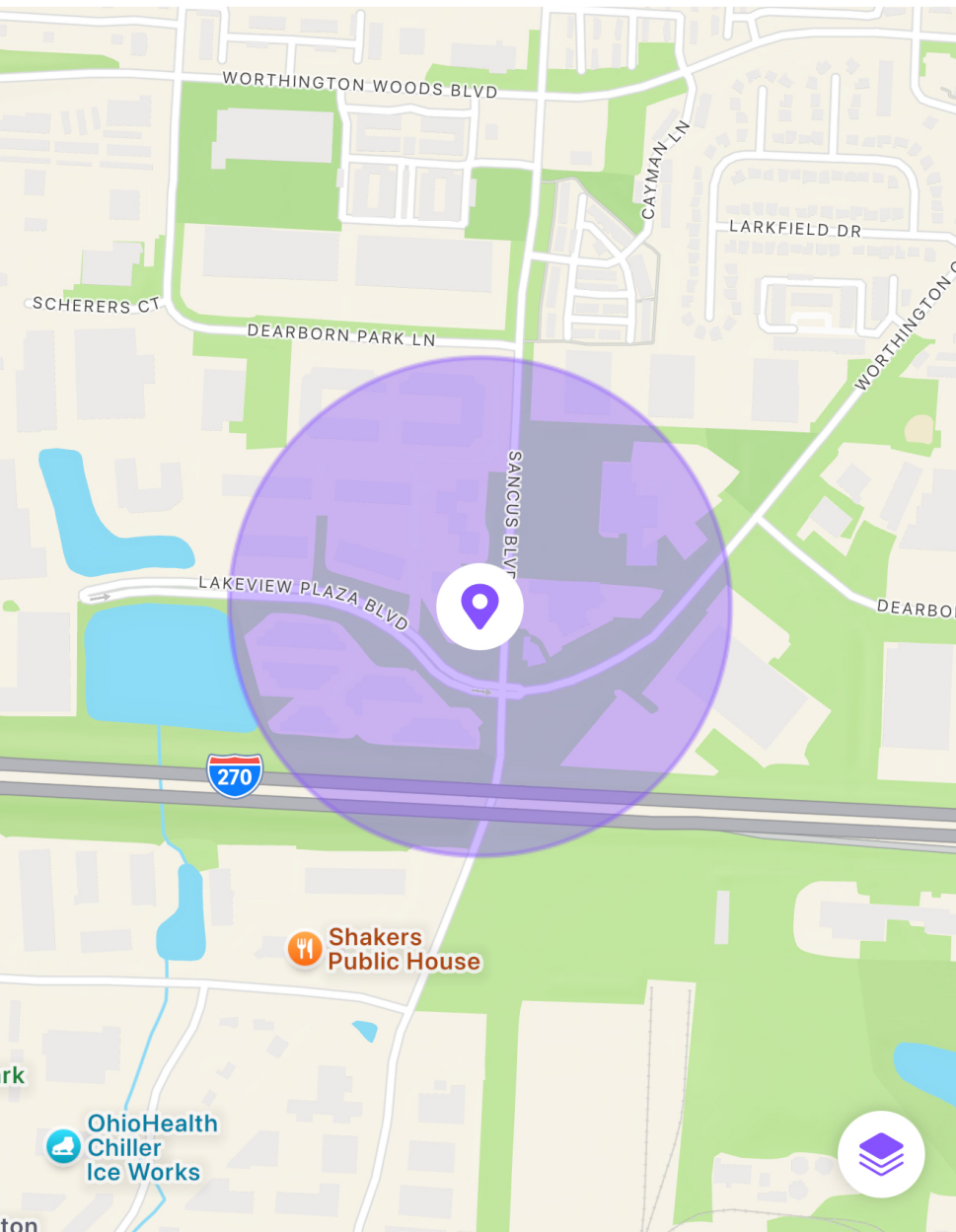
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● 161 E Campus View Blvd	11:39 PM

Drive events



**Ta's location**

10:57 pm – 11:32 pm (35 min)

**Location details****Near Sancus Blvd**

10:57 pm – 11:32 pm (35 min)

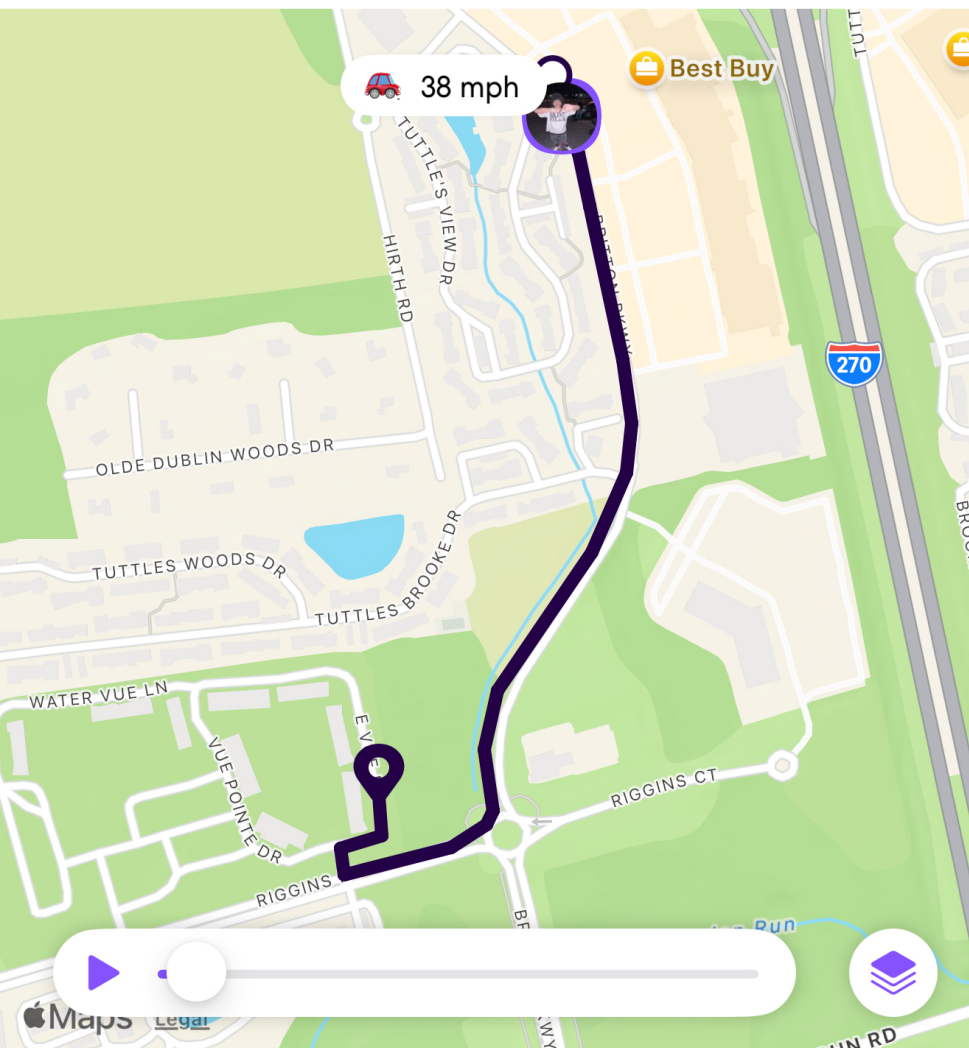


Save place



Ta's short drive

9:53 pm – 9:56 pm (< 5 min)



Ta's drive details

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Drive events

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MPHTop
Speed

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High
Speed

0

Phone
Usage

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Hard
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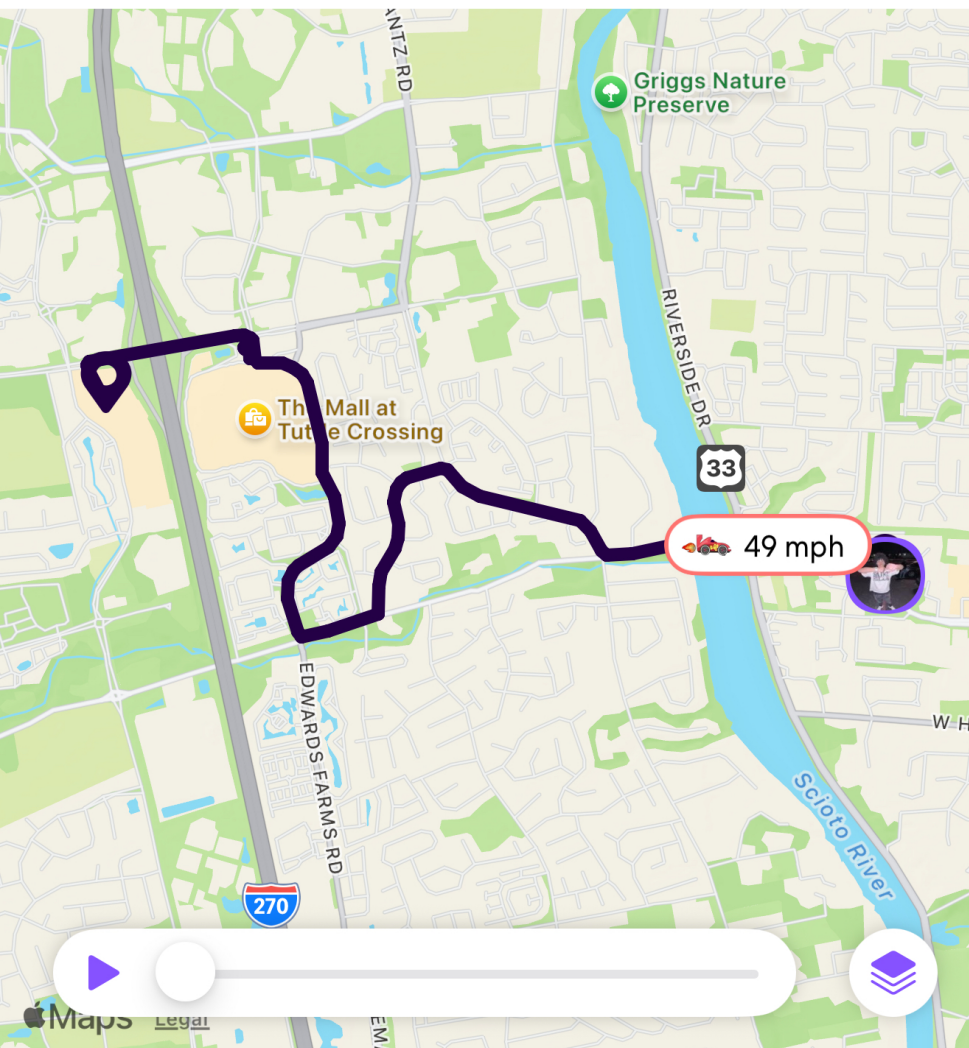
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Accel



Ta's 4 mi drive

9:33 pm – 9:45 pm (11 min)



Ta's drive details

○ 3010 Hayden Rd	9:33 PM
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Drive events

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MPHTop
Speed

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High
Speed

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Phone
Usage

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Hard
Braking

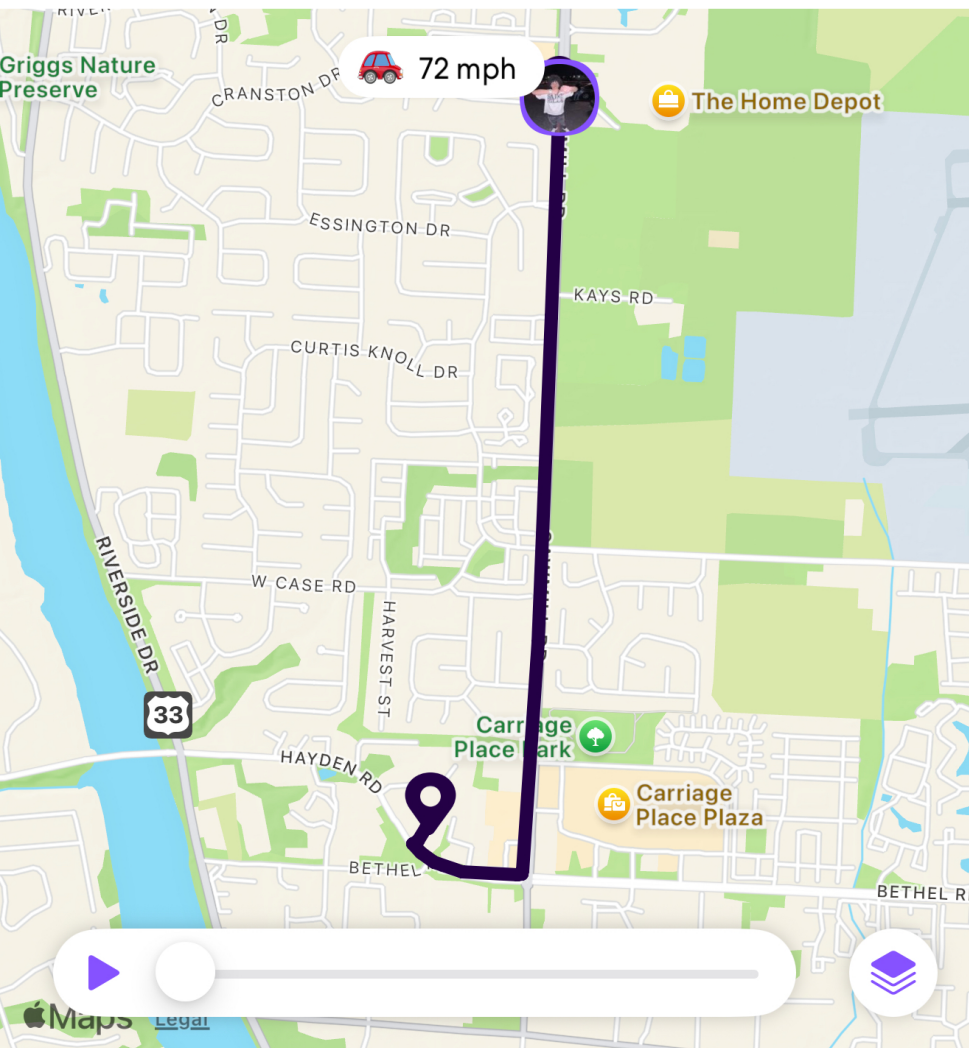
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Rapid
Accel



Ta's 2 mi drive

9:13 pm – 9:16 pm (< 5 min)



Ta's drive details

○ 5829 Sawmill Rd	9:13 PM
● 2966 Hayden Rd	9:16 PM

Drive events

72
MPHTop
Speed

0

High
Speed

0

Phone
Usage

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Hard
Braking

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Rapid
Accel