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Critical Incident – Officer Involved Shooting

At approximately 12:30 this morning, Akron Police officers attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation at Thayer Ave and E. Tallmadge Ave. The operator of the vehicle refused to stop, as a result, a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The suspect vehicle entered Route 8 southbound as the officers gave chase. During the pursuit, officers reported a firearm being discharged from the suspect vehicle.

The pursuit continued for several minutes until the suspect vehicle slowed down near the intersection of E. Wilbeth Rd. and Clairmont St. While the vehicle was still moving, the suspect fled from the vehicle on foot. Officers engaged the suspect in a foot pursuit in order to apprehend him. The suspect ran northbound into a nearby parking lot. Actions by the suspect caused the officers to perceive he posed a deadly threat to them. In response to this threat, officers discharged their firearms, striking the suspect.

Officers immediately summonsed for EMS to as they began administering first aid until the arrival of paramedics. The suspect was pronounced deceased on scene.

The Summit County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy. The suspect's name is being withheld pending positive identification and family notifications.

Per departmental procedure, the officers involved have been placed on paid administrative leave.

The initial investigation will be conducted by members of the Akron Police Department's Major Crimes Unit with the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. At the completion of the investigation, the case will be handed over to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for further review before being presented to the Summit County Grand Jury for evaluation.

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A separate internal investigation will be conducted by the Office of Professional Standards and Accountability. The results of their investigation will be provided to the police chief and the City of Akron Police Auditor for review.

The incident remains under investigation. No additional information is available currently.

Report # 2022-78920

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PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

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Joint Statement from Mayor Horrigan and Chief Mylett on the Recent Officer Involved Shooting

Akron, Ohio, June 29, 2022 — The following is a joint statement from Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan and Police Chief Steve Mylett regarding the officer involved shooting which occurred Monday, June 27, shortly after 12:30am, which left Jayland Walker deceased.

“We know that no police officer ever wants to discharge their service weapon in the line of duty. And anytime they must, it's a dark day for our city, for the families of those involved, as well as for the officers. Tragically, we are once again faced with a young man, with his life before him, gone too soon. Every single life is precious, and the loss of any life is absolutely devastating to our entire community. Our prayers are with Jayland Walker's loved ones, and we offer our sincere condolences to all those who knew him. Our thoughts are also with our Akron police officers and their families.”

We want to reassure our citizens that more information will be coming in the following days, including the body-worn camera footage that recorded this incident. We are keeping our promise to the community, understanding that there can be no trust without transparency and follow-through on commitment.

We have every confidence in the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct a thorough, fair, and honest investigation. We will cooperate fully with that investigation and have made it a top priority for our staffs. As a city, we are committed to this process and trust that it will yield a fuller understanding of this incident.”

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TRANSCRIPT OF RADIO TRAFFIC (22-78920)

Car 24: Car 24 has a 39 Tallmadge and Thayer (12:30:59)

Car 24: Car 24 he's not stopping signal 5, HON4514, continuing eastbound on Tallmadge, speeds are 43 (12:31:04)

Car 46: Car 24, is this a chase? If so, get your sirens on please

Car 24: Car 24 affirmative make it a chase (12:31:19)

Car 24: Car 24 we're east on Tallmadge approaching RT 8 South, signaling to go 8 South, speeds are at 30, getting on to 8 South from Tallmadge, reason for stop was traffic and equipment violation (12:31:32)

Car 46: Car 46 copies

Dispatcher: All cars standby, chase procedure is in effect

Car 24: Signal 21 shots fired, that vehicle just had a shot come out of its door (12:31:49)

Car 24: We're southbound on RT 8 now, next cross is going to be Perkins, going across the blue bridge on RT 8 South, speeds are 80, middle lane, Silver Buick, 1 occupant, looked like a black male driver

Car 24: He's in the left lane we're going 60. Car 24, we're ok. For the notes, the driver appeared to have been grabbing something and the shot came out through his door

Car 24: We're 8 South, just passing Perkins, 8 South passing Perkins, middle lane, speeds are 72, light traffic. 8 South passing exit 1A, speeds 77, no traffic at this point

Car 1: Car 1 I'm secondary

Dispatcher: Copy

We're 8 South toward 77 south passing exit 0 just passed the University. Middle lane, speeds are 70. Now it's in right lane, speeds are 70, light traffic, vehicles are getting over. Continuing 8 South, speeds are 78, light traffic. Vehicle is about 100 yards in front of us, continuing 77 South just passed the interchange

Car 4: Car 4 requesting to join, I have 3 units in front of me

Car 46: 4-6 to Car 4 go ahead

Car 46: Everybody else, start blocking intersections in case they get off. Get yourself in good position

Car 24: Yeah, units up there that are coming up on Lovers Lane, he's coming up on your left side just now, take caution, he was grabbing for a gun, and he did fire a shot out the side of the door

Car 24: Alright Car 24, we got one, we got 2 units in front of us

Car 20: Car 20 we're primary right behind you now, we're continuing RT 8 South, speeds are, oh he's getting off here. We're gonna be getting off at the Archwood exit. Speeds are 65 MPH (12:34:35)

Car 20: Approaching the red light at Archwood, he's gonna be going through the red light continuing southbound approaching North Firestone. Speeds are 35 MPH. Running the stop sign, he's going to be going westbound on North Firestone Blvd. from here (12:35:08)

Car 20: He's going to be going southbound on Neptune, speeds are 30 MPH, there's no traffic on this road. Running the stop sign at Reed, going westbound on Reed from here

Car 46: Cruisers in the area, watch out for each other, grab some intersections

Car 20: southbound on Oakwood, speeds are 15 MPH, approaching Cypress. Gonna be going westbound on Cypress heading towards Redwood. We're passing Redwood, we're gonna be approaching Brown Street

Car 46: Car 46 I'm on Brown and Cypress blocking intersection. Going south on Brown

Car 20: south on Brown turning westbound on Wilbeth, speeds are approximately 25 MPH (12:36:15)

Car 20: Still westbound on, westbound on Wilbeth, we're gonna be passing Glenmount. Speeds are 55 MPH

Car 602: Car 602, I'm west on Wilbeth and Firestone, can I get in?

Car 20: Still westbound on Wilbeth, we're passing Evergreen, we're heading towards Main. Looks like we have some units up ahead at the intersection of Main.

Car 20: He's slowing down here, slowing down (12:37:08)

Car 602: Car 602, I'm right here guys

Shots fired; shots fired (12:37:16)

Get a 32 (12:37:23)

Is everybody okay out there?

Unintelligible...standby

Car 18: Car 18 we got shots fired by the police we're all okay, get a med unit rolling, we got the suspect down (12:37:32)

Someone grab a medical bag, start EMS (12:37:38)

Car 1: Car 1 gonna need a med unit over here

Close off the streets east and west to this lot

Car 11: Car 11, Car 11 we need a 32 on Wilbeth and Clairmont in the parking lot across. Wilbeth and Clairmont (12:37:49)

Dispatcher: Copy Wilbeth and Clairmont

Car 48: Car 40, Car 48 to Car 40

Car 40: Calling Car 40

Car 48: Yes, sir. Did you copy that officer involved?

Car 40: Yeah, I'm heading out

Car23: Car 23

Dispatcher: Car 23

Car 23: Yes, the vehicle is clear and there is a firearm on the seat (12:38:14)

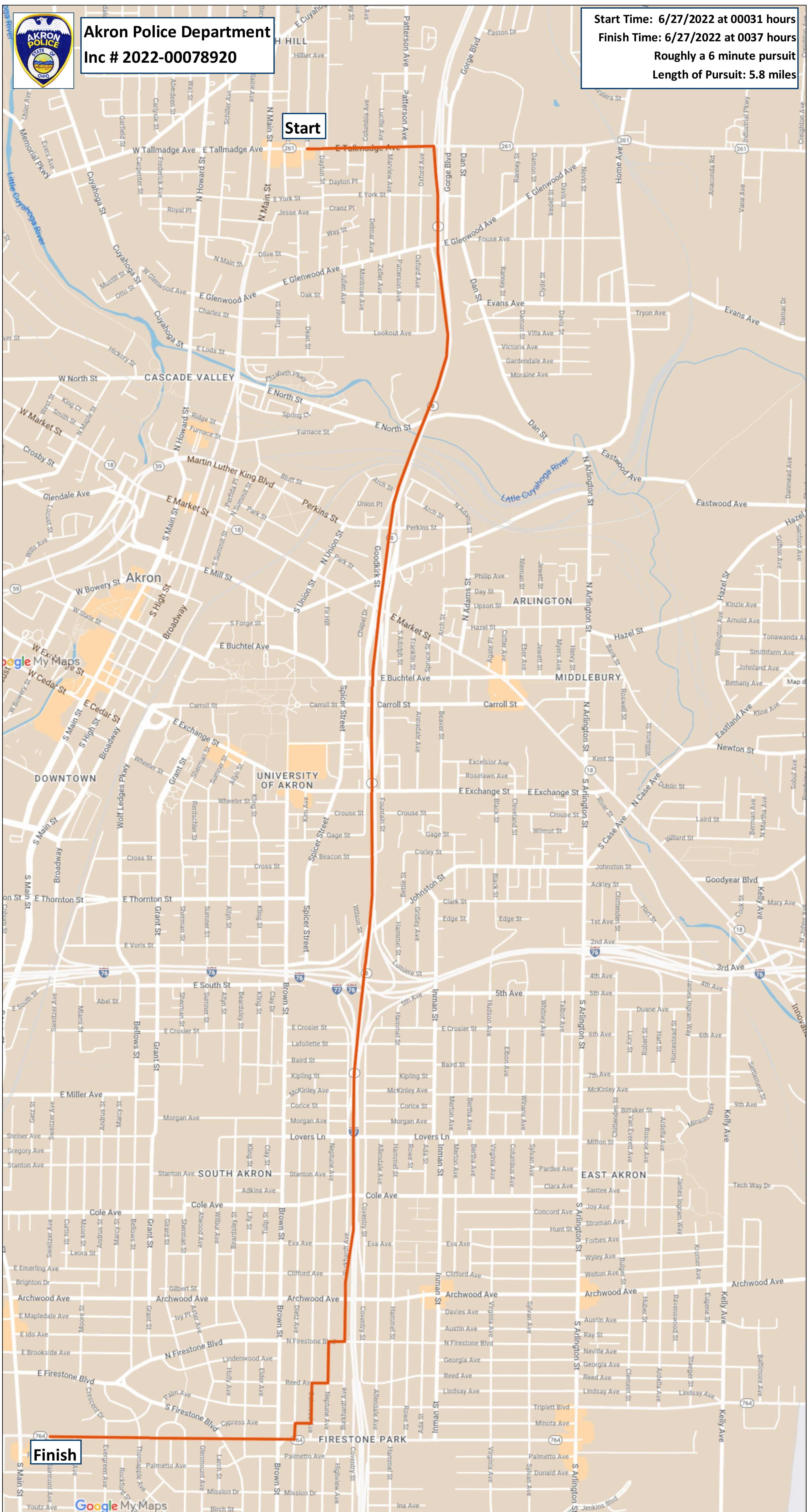
Dispatcher: Copy

Disclaimer: Transcribed transmission wording may not be the exact language used due muffled sound. The times are approximate based on the body worn camera time in comparison with the dispatch audio.



Akron Police Department
Inc # 2022-00078920

Start Time: 6/27/2022 at 00031 hours
Finish Time: 6/27/2022 at 0037 hours
Roughly a 6 minute pursuit
Length of Pursuit: 5.8 miles



Start

Finish

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AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT



<u>RACE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DISCIPLINES</u>	<u>SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS</u>	<u>FATAL SHOOTINGS</u>
WHITE	MALE	6 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	MALE	4 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	MALE	2.5 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	MALE	2.5 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	MALE	2.5 YRS	0	0	0
BLACK	MALE	2.5 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	MALE	2.5 YRS	0	0	0
WHITE	FEMALE	1.5 YRS	0	0	0



Akron Police Department Investigatory Process for Officer-Involved Incidents

The City of Akron and the Akron Police Department want to make sure that the events leading to the death of Jayland Walker are thoroughly and fairly investigated. For that reason, the incident will be reviewed using a multi-step investigatory process involving several agencies. The following is that process, parts of which are already underway:

- Immediately following the incident on Monday, June 27, eight officers were placed on paid administrative leave, following departmental policy.
- The Summit Medical Examiner immediately began an autopsy of the victim to determine the cause and manner of death. For more information: <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Medical-Examiner.html>.
- The Department contacted the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and formally requested BCI to conduct an independent criminal investigation of the incident. BCI is part of the Ohio Attorney General's office. For more information: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/law-enforcement/bureau-of-criminal-investigation>.
- BCI and the Ohio Attorney General's Office will work collaboratively to complete and review the investigation (<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/>). The Ohio Attorney General's Office will present the case to a Summit County Grand Jury, which will decide whether criminal charges will be brought against any of the officers involved in the incident.
- The Akron Police Office of Professional Standards and Accountability will conduct a separate, internal investigation to determine whether the involved officers violated the Department's rules and regulations, procedures or policies. The results of that investigation will be submitted to the Akron Chief of Police and to the City of Akron Police Auditor for review to determine if the actions of any of the officers warrant discipline and/or termination.

This multi-step process is designed to assure fairness and thoroughness. As such, even though the community wants information about this incident as quickly as possible, each agency will require sufficient time to conduct its investigations and complete its work with the detail and attention this case deserves. The Akron Police Department is committed to being as transparent and forthcoming with information as it can and asks for the community's patience and respect for the investigatory and legal process underway.