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## **SUMMIT COUNTY GRAND JURY CLEARS OFFICER IN JAZMIR TUCKER SHOOTING**

AKRON, OH – A Summit County Grand Jury has cleared an Akron Police Officer who was forced to use deadly force to defend their life in November of 2024. After an independent investigation by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and a comprehensive review by the grand jury, the evidence showed that our officer acted appropriately in a life-threatening situation.

“The grand jury confirmed today that our officer followed his training and acted lawfully,” Brian Lucey, President of Akron FOP Lodge #7 said. “While the loss of life is a tragedy, the rush to judgment by some elected officials in this case was reckless and irresponsible.”

The BCI investigation showed that officers were finishing reports late at night when they heard gunshots nearby. Not knowing whether the shots were fired at them or someone else, they rushed towards the sound of the gunfire. Officers came face to face with Jazmir Tucker, a teenager who was carrying a recently-fired and loaded semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine.

“The cause of this terrible tragedy was a teenager carrying and firing a loaded semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine, that he was not permitted to carry” Lucey continued. “Akron police are dedicated to keeping our community safe, but we urgently need stronger support from juvenile courts, parents, and community leaders to prevent tragedies like this.”

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