



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



2025-1603
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4482 Hampton Woods
Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43230 (L)

Investigative Activity: Uninvolved Officer Interview
Involves: K9 Officer Brian Carter
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer

Narrative:

On May 20, 2025 at approximately 0333 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) and Eric Runyan (SA Runyan) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) K9 Officer Brian Carter (Officer Carter) regarding the May 19 2025 fatal shooting incident between CPD officers and Jerry Smith (Smith) that occurred at 4482 Hampton Woods Court in Columbus, Ohio. The contact with Officer Carter took place at the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) building. Prior to providing a statement, Officer Carter was notified that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation into the shooting incident and he confirmed he would provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the statement of Officer Carter and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

On May 19th Officer Carter (Badge #1155 & radio call sign K9-10) was working special duty when he overheard radio traffic from officers on scene at 4482 Hampton Woods Court. As he heard information from the scene, Officer Carter started passing it onto officers assigned to CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). Specifically, Officer Carter relayed that there was a male and female inside the residence at that location and shots had been fired at the responding patrol officers. Then an "All Callout" occurred, so Officer Carter left his special duty assignment and responded to the incident location.

Once on scene, Officer Carter retrieved his K9 partner from his cruiser and took a position on the "1-side" (front of the residence) and waited for the SWAT Armored Rescue Vehicles (ARV's) to arrive so he could use those for cover. Officer Carter observed Smith "beating" on a window from inside the residence with a pistol in his hand. Due to Officer Carter's position behind the ARV, his view was obstructed, but he could partially see Smith when he came to the doorway of the residence. While at the rear of the ARV, Officer Carter heard two shots coming from inside the residence and then heard the bullets "whizzing by" between the two ARV's.

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Officer Carter heard negotiations with Smith were progressing and there was talk of him exiting the residence with the female, so Officer Carter positioned himself behind a vehicle located behind an ARV so that if Smith exited the residence and fled on foot, his K9 partner could attempt an apprehension. Officer Carter clarified Smith made comments that he would surrender, then make comments that if officers tried to enter the residence, he would shoot the female and then himself. When Officer Carter heard the final gunshot(s), he was not sure where they came from until SWAT [REDACTED] stated "That was me". At that time, Officer Carter did not know another officer (SWAT [REDACTED]) had also discharged a firearm. Officer Carter believed [REDACTED] was set up as a sniper but wasn't aware of what firearm he discharged. Officer Carter confirmed he did not personally observe Smith immediately prior to him being shot by officers.

Officer Carter denied discharging a firearm or Taser during the incident and he denied utilizing any chemical munitions or utilizing his K9 partner for an apprehension/bite during the incident. Officer Carter didn't have any additional information.

References:

None

Attachments:

CPD Officer Brian Carter (K9-10) Audio 5.20.2025

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