



**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:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Ofc. Daniel Cole, #1838  
**Activity Date:** 05/20/2025  
**Activity Location:** CPD SWAT Headquarters  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Collins, #151

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 0509 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Daniel Cole (Ofc. Cole). The interview took place at the CPD SWAT Headquarters. The interview was audio recorded.

Ofc. Cole was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 19, 2025 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 4482 Hampton Woods, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Cole did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Cole stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2025, was 537. He has been employed by the CPD for about twenty-four years (24yrs). He has been a police officer for a total of twenty-four years (24yrs.). During the incident, Ofc. Cole wore his standard CPD SWAT uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. Ofc. Cole stated he is equipped with a BWC on his chest and on his helmet. Ofc. Cole believed both of his cameras were activated.

Ofc. Cole stated he was off-duty and had been monitoring his radio when he'd heard some radio traffic, then he'd received a text from his Assistant Team Leader about there being a possible barricade situation; followed by Sgt. Scott Bray advising via radio for them to stand by for the "all call" due to the subject shooting at officers.

Ofc. Cole stated when he arrived, there was one "BearCat" or armored vehicle on scene and a second one coming. Ofc. Cole went to the #2 side (left of the front door) and positioned himself near a BearCat. Ofc. Cole stated he was relieving patrol officers from the area. Ofc. Cole stated he witnessed the front door open on multiple occasions but he never saw anyone. He heard other officers state the subject was armed with a handgun. Ofc. Cole said he then saw the subject come out and go back in

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the front door on at least two occasions. Ofc. Cole stated he clearly saw the subject in possession of a handgun in his left hand, while holding a white cell phone in his right hand.

Ofc. Cole then moved to the #2 side and more toward the #3 side, so he no longer had a view of the front door. Ofc. Cole stated his understanding of what was going on, was coming from radio traffic.

Ofc. Cole did not have a view of the front door and did not see the subject again, until his team went inside. When he went inside, Ofc. Cole witnessed a gun lying next to the subject. The gun is further described as a black semi-automatic handgun.

The interview concluded at approximately 0522 hours.

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

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

2025.05.20 Ofc. Daniel Cole Interview\_Audio

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