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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4272 Cider Mill Drive,
Cincinnati, OH 45245 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Sgt. Cameron Shaw (W)

Date of Activity: 11/25/2025

Activity Location: Union Township Police Department – Business – 4312 Glen Este-
Withamsville Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45245

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Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 0754 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Union Township Police Department (UTPD) Sergeant Cameron Shaw (Sgt. Shaw), who was accompanied by his attorney, Steve Lazarus. The interview took place at the Union Township Police Department, located at 4312 Glen-Este Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Sgt. Shaw was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on November 17, 2025, in Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio. Sgt. Shaw did not discharge his firearm during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

Sgt. Shaw has been a police officer at the Union Township Police Department for 11 years. He previously served at the Mariemont Police Department for four years. He is currently assigned as a road patrol sergeant and has been a sergeant for approximately one year. Sgt. Shaw stated that he is assigned to [REDACTED], which is typically from [REDACTED]. He stated that he was wearing his road patrol uniform, which consisted of dark blue pants, a dark blue shirt, and an outer vest carrier, clearly marked police. Sgt. Shaw was assigned to cruiser 22 and was wearing a body worn camera (BWC), which was activated and recording during the

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incident. He stated that UTPD does not have in-car cruiser cameras.

On November 17th, 2025, Sgt. Shaw stated that he arrived at work 15 to 20 minutes early. He said that he heard a radio dispatch for a 911 hang-up call. He said that the call was updated to a possible hostage situation. Dispatch told officers that a male was on the phone with them, stating that if police showed up, he'd have a shootout with officers.

Sgt. Shaw said that several officers were in route to the address on Cider Mill and [REDACTED] was already on scene. Sgt. Shaw left the police department and estimated that it took him 2-3 minutes to arrive on scene. Once he arrived, Sgt. Shaw said that he retrieved a ballistic shield out of the rear of his cruiser. He stated that he observed [REDACTED] behind a red truck, located directly across the street from the involved address. He said that [REDACTED] was negotiating with the male on the phone and asked Sgt. Shaw to contact SRT (special response team) because negotiations weren't going well.

Sgt. Shaw took a position with [REDACTED] just north of the house, across the street, and behind a truck. He said that he was close to [REDACTED] and could hear him speaking. Sgt. Shaw requested dispatch to contact SRT and forward them to his phone. He heard [REDACTED] advise that a female may be coming out of the residence, then heard him stating "no one wants to hurt you."

Sgt. Shaw said that he could not see the front door from his position, due to the layout of the house. He said that he could see movement, described as shadows, in the front of the house. Shortly after, a small canine and a female with a walker came outside. He said that she was outside for a short amount of time, before she went back inside. Sgt. Shaw stated that he had not seen the male subject at that point.

A short time later, the male subject came out of the front door. Sgt. Shaw stated that the subject had what appeared to be a black handgun in his hand. He could not recall what hand the gun was in. Sgt. Shaw said that the male had the gun in his hand and was moving his hands around, like he was talking with his hands. He said that officers were giving the subject orders to drop the gun, but he did not comply. Sgt. Shaw said that the subject was talking but he couldn't recall what he was saying. He said that the subject's tone was agitated, and he seemed upset.

Sgt. Shaw said that the subject looked toward him and [REDACTED] and pointed the gun in their direction. He said that he was concerned for the female because he wasn't sure where she was. He and [REDACTED] ducked behind the truck and then he heard gunshots. Sgt. Shaw did not know who had fired but said that he heard approximately 3-4 gun shots. Sgt. Shaw believed that the subject had fired shots toward him and [REDACTED], and that an officer returned fire at the subject. He said that he has since watched his BWC and knows that's not accurate. Sgt. Shaw stated that he used to be on the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT team. Through his training, he said that he is familiar with the sound of gunshots near him, and that he didn't hear any bullets hit around him.

Sgt. Shaw said that he stood up and didn't see the subject standing where he last was. He observed the subject on his left, near [REDACTED], lying on the ground. Sgt. Shaw said that he saw a gun near the subject, but not in his possession anymore. He said that he and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ran to the subject. Sgt. Shaw stated that he kicked the gun to the side, to get it further away from the subject as they were giving him commands. The subject did not respond to commands and [REDACTED] placed him in handcuffs.

[REDACTED] arrived and Sgt. Shaw made his way to the subject's residence. He said that he was still concerned for the elderly female and a possible other female inside the residence. He responded to the house and met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Officers were trying to speak with the elderly female, who was sitting on a bed in the living room. They were trying to get her to come to officers, but she wasn't able to do so. Sgt. Shaw said that he went and retrieved the shield from behind the truck and officers began to clear the residence. Officers did not locate an additional female inside. He said that officers did a secondary and more thorough search to make sure someone wasn't hiding in smaller places.

Sgt. Shaw said that [REDACTED] had already retrieved [REDACTED] rifle but was not sure if it had been manipulated. Sgt. Shaw said that he took possession of [REDACTED] handgun and two spare magazines. When [REDACTED] removed his gun, he ejected the magazine and cleared the gun before handing it to Sgt. Shaw. Sgt. Shaw said that he reconfigured the gun and put it in his holster to store it. Sgt. Shaw drove [REDACTED] s cruiser back to the police department, so he transported [REDACTED] rifle and handgun. [REDACTED] rode with Sgt. Shaw.

Sgt. Shaw explained that when him and [REDACTED] are both working, that they're both in charge. When Sgt. Shaw got to the scene, he said that [REDACTED] was already handling the incident by setting up a perimeter, making decisions, and negotiating with the subject. Therefore, [REDACTED] was acting as the primary supervisor. Sgt. Shaw said that he felt his role was to pick up anything else that needed to be done.

The interview concluded at 0812 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-11-25 Sgt. Cameron Shaw Audio Interview