



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 248 E. 11th Avenue,  
Columbus, OH 43201 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Date of Activity:** 09/10/2024  
**Activity Location:** Columbus Police Substation 4 – 248 E. 11th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201  
**Author:** SA James Poole

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 0516 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) and Aja Chung (SA Chung) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Nathan Scherger (Sgt. Scherger). Sgt. Scherger was identified as a first responding officer who responded to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that involved Lamine Mahmoudi (Mahmoudi), who is now deceased. The interview took place at 248 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio (CPD Precinct 4 substation). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Sgt. Scherger.

This interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Sgt. Scherger advised that his current assignment is S17 – C, third shift and that he was filling in/working overtime as sergeant staffing for the zone. Sgt. Scherger indicated there were a total of three incidents that occurred between September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that involved Mahmoudi.

Sgt. Scherger stated he only responded to the latter two incidents, as the first one occurred prior to his shift starting. The second incident with Mahmoudi, involved Mahmoudi's roommate was reportedly threatened by Mahmoudi with a knife. Sgt. Scherger advised the roommate was not filing charges regarding the threats against him and CPD units weren't able to contact Mahmoudi at that time as he barricaded himself in his bedroom. Sgt. Scherger confirmed CPD SWAT was contacted to respond, however CPD units on scene were told to monitor the situation and a follow up would be scheduled. Sgt. Scherger indicated the decision was made for all CPD units to remove themselves from the apartment.

Sgt. Scherger went on saying he heard CPD units air on the radio they were making contact

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with Mahmoudi walking in the alley behind the 4 substation. Sgt. Scherger indicated that was the third time units had dealt with Mahmoudi. Sgt. Scherger confirmed he was already enroute to the 4 substation when the shooting occurred, and he was the first on the scene after the incident.

Sgt. Scherger said when he arrived at the scene, CPD units were rendering aid to Mahmoudi and medics were in route. Sgt. Scherger added that upon his arrival, he observed two large knives (8–10 inches long) on the ground that were removed from Mahmoudi's possession by CPD units. Once Columbus Fire Department Medic 7 arrived they pronounced Mahmoudi deceased on scene.

When asked how close Mahmoudi's apartment was from the rear of 4 substation, Sgt. Scherger described the proximity of Mahmoudi's apartment as visible from the 4–substation rear parking lot.

The interview concluded at 0522 hours.

**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Sgt. Scherger interview