



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: Witnessing Officer Interview
Involves: CPD SWAT Officer Michael Wilgus, #5166
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: Columbus Division of Police SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA David Wieging

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at approximately 0503 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Michael Wilgus (SWAT Officer Wilgus). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, SWAT Officer Wilgus was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. SWAT Officer Wilgus agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

SWAT Officer Wilgus 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 Court, Columbus, Ohio. Reportedly, SWAT Officer Wilgus 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.

SWAT Officer Wilgus is a Sergeant with SWAT's green team. He stated they got an all-call for SWAT to mobilize and head to the scene. According to SWAT Officer Wilgus, patrol had an incident where they were shot at by a suspect inside an apartment. When SWAT Officer Wilgus arrived on scene, there was still patrol present in the inner perimeter. He and a couple of other SWAT officers worked on getting patrol out of the line of fire. They positioned themselves on the 1/2 corner of the residence.

While other SWAT officers were arriving, there was a shot fired from the residence. SWAT sergeants put together an emergency entry plan in case they needed to go in if the male suspect was hurting the female hostage. Once all SWAT officers arrived, they took over containment and each team got into position. The red team was on entry on the 2 side of the building. SWAT Officer Wilgus then went from the 1/2 corner to behind BearCat 2, which was positioned in front of the door. At that point they were trying to negotiate who was going to come out of the residence and surrender. SWAT

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officers put together a plan while behind the BearCats if the male suspect and female hostage came out.

According to SWAT Officer Wilgus, negotiators were on the phone trying to negotiate with the male suspect. At two different times, the male suspect fired (his weapon) toward officers and "you could hear the bullets skimming by." SWAT Officer Wilgus stated the male suspect opened the door a few times and then slammed it shut. SWAT Officer Wilgus said he could tell the male suspect was "aggravated." SWAT Officer Wilgus also shared that it was communicated to them by negotiators that the male suspect wanted to die and that he was going to shoot it out with them.

At one point when the male suspect opened the door and may have waved his gun, two SWAT officers fired. The female hostage then came out and proceeded to the 2 side of the residence where the red team took control of her. SWAT then sent the drone up and could see the male suspect on the ground and not moving. The red team then made entry and confirmed the male suspect was down. They cleared the residence and sent medics up.

SWAT Officer Wilgus stated they held the exterior perimeter for purposes of containment. Next, SWAT Officer Wilgus went over with SWAT [REDACTED], who was one of the officers that fired, to be his officer support until he was relieved by a K9 officer who assumed the officer support role.

The interview concluded at approximately 0513 hours.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

Audio Interview with CPD SWAT Officer Michael Wilgus 5.20.2025

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