



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 Andrew Ross, #2103
Activity Date: 05/20/2024
Activity Location: Columbus Division of Police SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA David Wieging

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at approximately 0413 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Andrew Ross (SWAT Officer Ross). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, SWAT Officer Ross was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. SWAT Officer Ross agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

SWAT Officer Ross 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 Ross 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 Ross is assigned to SWAT's red team and they were at the office when they received a call from patrol indicating they had a barricaded subject firing shots at them. SWAT Officer Ross was instructed to take one of the BearCats (BearCat 2). He was accompanied by Columbus Fire Department TEMS Paramedic John Hagan. Upon their arrival at the scene, they lined up the BearCat in front of the residence.

While in the BearCat, SWAT Officer Ross could see the male suspect with a gun in his right hand come to the door. He said the male suspect yelled "incoherently" and then slammed the door shut. SWAT Officer Ross then heard a gunshot followed by another gunshot later. They believed the second shot struck the BearCat. Instructions were then given that if the male suspect came to the door with the gun in his hand pointing it at officers, "he was to be stopped." Shortly thereafter, the male suspect came to the door again with the gun in his hand and pointed it at officers at which time SWAT Officer Ross heard a third gunshot. He saw the male suspect fall back into the

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residence. [REDACTED] then came over the radio and said he fired a shot. He (SWAT Officer Ross) believed the male suspect was only shot once.

Next, the drones were requested. The female hostage came out of the residence and he observed blood on her. The drone confirmed the male suspect was down at which time the entry team moved up, secured the residence and immediately called for medics. SWAT Officer Ross subsequently exited the BearCat to see where the gunshot struck the armored vehicle. He added he remained with the BearCat and awaited further instructions.

The interview concluded at approximately 0420 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 Andrew Ross 5.20.2025

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