



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: Video review
Involves: Ofc. Austin Staab (W), Sgt. Jeremy Jefferson (W), Ofc. Christian Ibarra (W), Ofc. Adam Lautner (W), Ofc. Alexander Shapiro (W)
Activity Date: 07/23/2025
Activity Location: 1560 State Route 56 SW, London, OH 43140
Authoring Agent: SA James H Gore

Narrative:

On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Gore (SA Gore) completed reviews of body-worn camera footage (BWC) for the following officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) regarding the officer-involved critical incident from May 19, 2025:

- Officer Austin Staab (Ofc. Staab)
- Sergeant Jeremy Jefferson (Sgt. Jefferson)
- Officer Christian Ibarra (Ofc. Ibarra)
- Officer Adam Lautner (Ofc. Lautner)
- Officer Alexander Shapiro (Ofc. Shapiro)

The following was noted from **Ofc. Staab's** video:

- Ofc. Staab's footage began at 22:10:12 hours with his camera facing the ground, as if he was in a prone or crouched position. He relayed to another officer that there was a female and male inside. The female, according to Ofc. Staab, said the male needed help, but she told officers to back off.
- Around the 22:17:35 timestamp, a gunshot was audible.
- At 22:37:36, Ofc. Staab backed away from his position when Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers arrived. He was initially prone behind a vehicle, armed with a rifle. He repositioned himself on the patio of an apartment across from the target location.
- At around 22:57:36, Ofc. Staab moved back to the northern edge of the inner scene perimeter, near the intersection of Hampton Woods Drive and Hampton

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Woods Court. Shortly afterward, Ofc. Staab and most of the patrol officers appeared to evacuate from the inner perimeter.

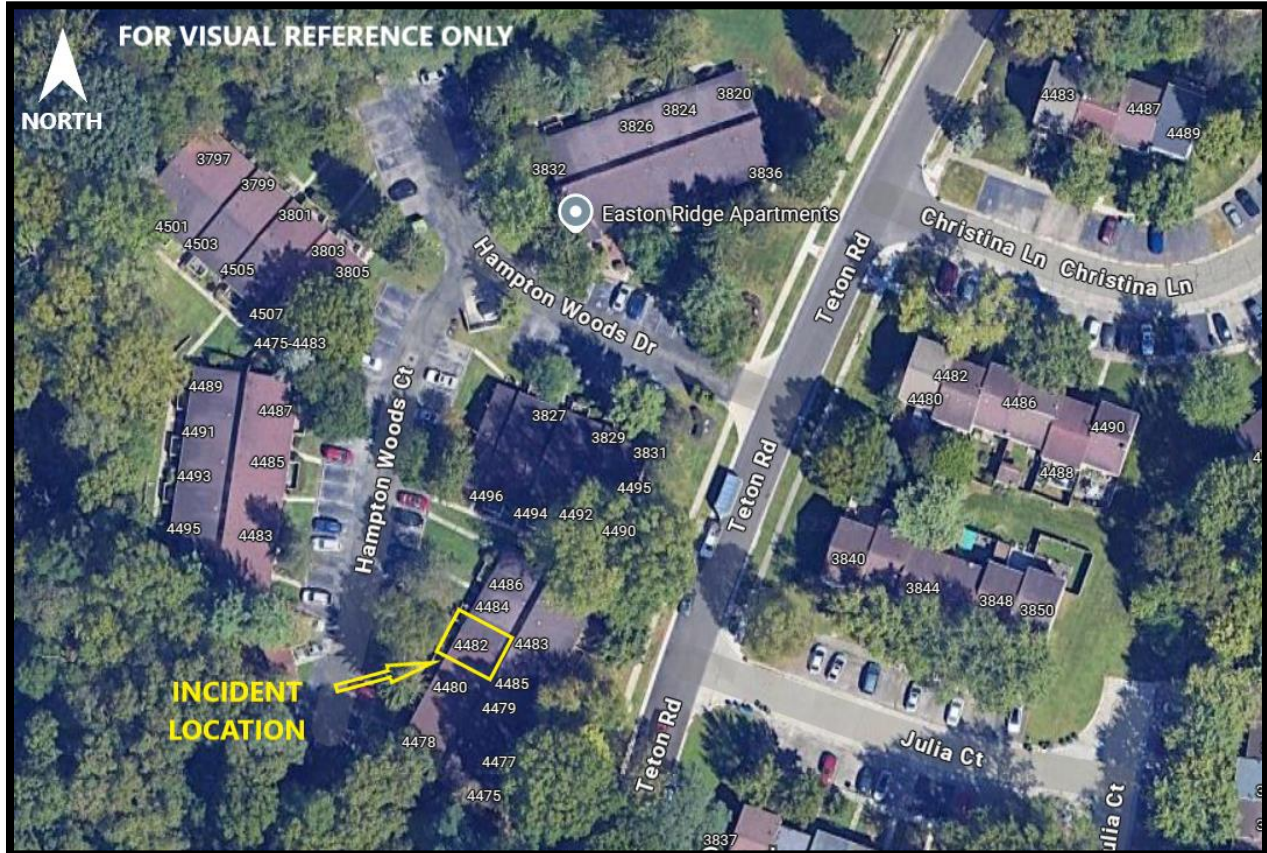


Figure 1: Reference map

The following was observed from **Sgt. Jefferson's** footage:

- Sgt. Jefferson arrived in the area, then walked to the northern edge of the inner perimeter, where he was briefed by another sergeant. Sgt. Jefferson made plans to evacuate the apartments on the back side (Teton Road) of the target location.
- As Sgt. Jefferson and other officers were walking along the Teton side, a gunshot was audible around the 22:17:35 timestamp. The officers took cover briefly, then proceeded to evacuate the apartments.
- Sgt. Jefferson returned to the inner perimeter, where he took positions of cover behind vehicles and buildings while he briefed other officers.

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- At approximately 22:49:34, an unidentified SWAT officer advised Sgt. Jefferson and other patrol officers that they could back out of the scene.



Figure 2: Screenshot from Sgt. Jefferson's BWC footage, 5/19/2025, 22:49:34 timestamp

From **Ofc. Ibarra's** footage, the following was observed:

- Upon arriving at Hampton Woods Court, Ofc. Ibarra took an initial position of cover behind a cruiser that was parked close to the target apartment. He moved behind several residents' vehicles for better positioning.
- At 22:17:35, officers announced that the door was open, and a gunshot was audible.
- Ofc. Ibarra was positioned close to Sgt. Jason Ayers, who was negotiating with the suspect, Jerry Smith, by phone. Portions of Sgt. Ayers' conversation were audible.
- At around 23:00:49, Ofc. Ibarra and most of the patrol officers began to vacate the inner perimeter on Hampton Woods Court.

For **Ofc. Adam Lautner's** video, the following was noted:

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- After arriving at Hampton Woods Court, Ofc. Lautner joined officers by a minivan near the front of the target apartment, and he assisted by providing cover with a ballistic shield.
- An officer informed Ofc. Lautner that the female victim, Mary Beth Bright, kept popping out the door. Another officer was heard in the background calling for her to come outside.
- At the 22:10:11 timestamp, the sound of breaking glass was audible. Another officer announced that it was a window. Officers later clarified that the male suspect was throwing things through the window.
- At the 22:17:35 mark, an officer announced that the door opened, and a gunshot was audible.
- Around 22:32:26, Ofc. Lautner and other patrol officers around him were relieved of their front-line positions by SWAT officers. Ofc. Lautner took up another position behind a vehicle further back, but still within Hampton Woods Court.
- Around 22:53:37, Ofc. Lautner and others were relieved from their second inner perimeter position by another SWAT officer.
- Ofc. Lautner later confirmed with a sergeant on scene that the shot that he observed was fired in his direction, as he heard the “whiz” of the bullet.

The following were observations from **Ofc. Shapiro's** video:

- When he arrived at Hampton Woods Court, Ofc. Shapiro took a position of cover behind a resident's vehicle, armed with a patrol rifle, with a view of the target location's door.
- Immediately after Ofc. Shapiro moved to a closer position; a gunshot was audible at 22:17:35.
- Around 22:50:22, Ofc. Shapiro and other patrol officers around him were relieved of their positions by a SWAT officer.

None of the officers' video reviewed for this report had actual visual footage of shots being fired by the suspect or by the involved officers. The video files referenced herein are available for review on the Evidence.com/Axon™ database.

References:

1. Axon Body 3 Video 2025-05-19 2212 X60A7594T (Ofc. Austin Staab)
2. CHECK ON WELL BEING 2025-05-19 JEFFERSON 5213 (Ofc. Jeremy Jefferson)
3. UNKNOWN COMPLAINT 2025-05-19 IBARRA 3549 (Ofc. Christian Ibarra)

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4. UNKNOWN COMPLAINT 2025-05-19 LAUTNER 3180 (Ofc. Adam Lautner)
5. UNKNOWN COMPLAINT 2025-05-19 SHAPIRO 3034 (Ofc. Alexander Shapiro)

Attachments:

No attachments.

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