



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: Interview with Officer
Involves: Ofc. Matt Liford #2182
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 0450 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Matt Liford (Ofc. Liford). The interview took place at the CPD SWAT Headquarters. The interview was audio recorded.

Ofc. Liford 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, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Liford 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.

Ofc. Liford stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2025, was 511. He has been employed by the CPD for about twenty-eight years (28yrs). He has been a police officer for a total of twenty-eight years (28yrs). During the incident, Ofc. Liford wore his standard CPD SWAT uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. Ofc. Liford stated he is equipped with a BWC on his chest and on his helmet. Ofc. Liford believed both of his cameras were activated.

Ofc. Liford stated he was at the office when dispatch advised there was a domestic violence call where a subject had barricaded himself at his residence and had fired multiple shots at officers. Ofc. Liford advised his team responded to the Hampton Woods location.

Ofc. Liford arrived and witnessed the subject fire, exiting the residence multiple times. He said he also witnessed the subject fire at officer's multiple times. Ofc. Liford stated he'd witnessed the subject with a handgun in his right hand, as he was waiving it back and forth. He further stated the subject had held the gun at a "low-ready."

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Ofc. Liford positioned himself on the #4 side (right side) of the structure. Ofc. Liford explained the #4 side of the building was a little farther away than the #1, #2, or #3 sides, as there were other apartments on the #4 side. Ofc. Liford said he'd positioned himself in a way so he could make sure the subject did not run to the #4 side of the apartment but at the same time Ofc. Liford was staying out of the way, so as not to be in a crossfire from other officers on the #1, #2, and #3 sides. Due to his positioning, Ofc. Liford did not have much of a vantage point to see what was going on at that point.

Ofc. Liford did not assist with entry or assess the subject.

The interview concluded at approximately 0500 hours.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

2025.05.20 Ofc. Matt Liford Interview_Audio

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