



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 Officer Celeste Rios, #3513
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 0319 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Celeste Rios (Officer Rios). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, Officer Rios was informed that her statement was voluntary and that she could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. Officer Rios agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

Officer Thompson 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, Officer Rios 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.

Officer Rios shared that she had heard 6th precinct was out on an unknown complaint regarding a male and female arguing. She and her partner, Officer Lautner, responded once they heard that shots were fired at officers. When they arrived on scene, Officer Lautner grabbed a shield and Officer Rios joined the other officers present. She took cover as officers held the door at which time she heard a "shot go off." Officer Rios mentioned she heard some yelling from the residence. She witnessed the suspect inside and could see the door opening and closing. According to Officer Rios, no officers returned fire.

Once SWAT arrived, Officer Rios said she stepped back and removed herself from the scene.

The interview concluded at approximately 0324 hours.

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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 Officer Celeste Rios 5.20.2025

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