



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: Uninvolved Officer Interview
Involves: Officer Rodger Nolan
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Eric Runyan

Narrative:

On May 20, 2025 at approximately 0401 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) and Eric Runyan (SA Runyan) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Rodger Nolan (Officer Nolan) regarding the May 19, 2025 fatal shooting incident between CPD officers and Jerry Smith (Smith) that occurred at 4482 Hampton Woods Court in Columbus, Ohio. The contact with Officer Nolan took place at the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) building. Prior to providing a statement, Officer Nolan was notified that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation into the shooting incident, and he confirmed he would provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the statement of Officer Nolan and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

On May 19, 2025, Officer Nolan (Badge #10 and radio call sign 535) was at his personal residence off duty. Officer Nolan was assigned to CPD SWAT Gold Team. Officer Nolan was notified by on duty SWAT officers to respond to the command post at the scene of the incident. Officer Nolan was advised the subject inside the residence, later identified as Jerry Smith (Smith) had discharged a firearm toward responding officers and there was an unknown female inside the residence. Officer Nolan described the residence as a single floor apartment in a line of non-connected apartments. Officer Nolan stated he saw several patrol officers near the front of the residence. Officer Nolan began assisting those patrol officers to safely back away from the residence utilizing his shield. Officer Nolan then moved into a perimeter cover position toward the north side of the front of the residence. Officer Nolan could see the front door and front windows to the residence. Shortly after arriving at that position, Officer Nolan observed Smith come to the front door and was smashing out windows with a gun in his hand. Officer Nolan was advised that members the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) were speaking with Smith on the phone. Smith was allegedly

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saying he wasn't going to let the police come inside the residence and would get into a "shootout" with them. Officer Nolan observed Smith come to the doors and windows several more times with a gun in his hand. At one point, Officer Nolan observed Smith open the front door and point a handgun at several SWAT officers. Officer Nolan heard at least two (2) shots being fired from inside the residence and he believed those rounds were fired toward the Armored Rescue Vehicles (ARV). Officer Nolan witnessed the front door open and Smith was in the doorway. Officer Nolan stated Smith was manipulating the firearm at that moment and saw Smith begin to raise the handgun toward officers when he heard gunfire that Officer Nolan believed to have been fired by other officers. Officer Nolan advised he knew immediately that [REDACTED] was one of the officers who had fired because he was within close proximity. Officer Nolan stated he could see [REDACTED] was utilizing his AR-15 rifle.

After shots were fired by police, Officer Nolan said the female was called out of the residence and she was safely taken into custody. Officer Nolan stated loud, verbal announcements were made over the ARV loudspeaker. After several announcements with no response from inside the residence, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) drone team that was on scene sent their aerial drone inside and confirmed Smith was immobile on the floor. CPD SWAT members entered and secured the residence. Officer Nolan stated he did not approach the residence. Officer Nolan secured a fired cartridge casing from [REDACTED] firearm. Officer Nolan was aware the Tactical Emergency Medical Services medics had entered the residence to check on Smith.

Officer Nolan denied discharging a firearm or Taser during the incident. Officer Nolan didn't have any additional information and the contact was ended at approximately 0415 hours.

References:

None

Attachments:

CPD Officer Rodger Nolan Audio 5.20.2025

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