



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: Officer William Harris, #3217
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: Columbus Police SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA David Wieging

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at approximately 0255 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer William Harris (Officer Harris). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, Officer Harris was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. Officer Harris agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

Officer Harris 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 Harris 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 Harris related he and fellow officers responded to a "34" call, which was a neighbor stating that she heard a male possibly beating on a female inside an apartment. He further explained another call had come in from the victim's friend indicating the male possibly had a gun because he had one yesterday. Upon their arrival, they attempted to make contact with the female and the male subject began screaming at them telling them to leave and slammed the door on them. Officers began asking the male subject to come out and he basically said, "it's not happening" and they needed to leave or something was going to happen.

The officers advised the male subject that they were not going to leave. The male subject then broke the glass of the screen door at which time one of the officers sees a gun. Harris stated they backed away and called for assistance because the male subject stated he was going to shoot them if they did not leave. Harris explained, as they were waiting, the male subject fired a round in which Harris had seen the muzzle

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flash. Harris then stated other officers began to arrive and they began clearing apartments. He added SWAT was also called.

Harris explained they set up a perimeter, bunkered down and made announcements for the male subject or the female victim to come out. The male subject and the victim came to the door and told them to leave and back off. Officers communicated that they cannot leave. The male subject becomes more agitated at which time he fires another round at them.

Harris shared that he could not see inside the apartment. The only thing he could see was the door cracked open and the male subject yelling out of the door. Next, SWAT arrived and took over the scene. Harris and other officers were told to push back.

According to Harris, no one from CPD was hit by gunfire.

The interview concluded at approximately 0300 hours.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

Audio Interview with CPD Officer William Harris 5.20.2025

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