



**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 Mark Dilello
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Brady Curry

Narrative:

On May 20, 2025, at approximately 0404 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Brady Curry (SA Curry) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Mark Dilello (Officer Dilello) 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 Dilello took place at the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) building. Prior to providing a statement, Officer Dilello 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 Dilello and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Officer Dilello (Badge #2067) stated he and members of SWAT received a notification from a K9 handler who advised them to monitor the radio because of a call with shots fired at officers. Officer Dilello and other SWAT Officer monitored the radio traffic and responded. An official request for SWAT was also requested around this time.

Officer Dilello arrived on scene. Officer Dilello and other officers set up containment. Ultimately, Officer Dilello was on the left side of the structure, if facing Smith's front door. Officer Dilello was equipped with a handgun and a ballistic bunker/shield.

Officer Dilello stated multiple emergency action plans were formed due to the hostage situation. While maintaining position on the left side, Officer Dilello heard Smith say that he had a gun, was going to go out with a fire and other yelling by Smith.

Officer Dilello observed what he believed to be a gunshot coming out of a window in the direction of the armored vehicles. Officer Dilello observed the glass breaking outward but did not hear a shot. Another time, Officer Dilello observed Smith put the firearm out of the doorway. At this time, Officer Dilello heard a shot from his right and

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Smith was shot. When Smith was shot, he went back inside the apartment. Officer Dilello and others gave Mary verbal commands to which Mary complied.

Officers called the drone team to come up and fly the drone inside. The drone team flew the drone into the apartment, and they were giving updates on what Smith was doing.

Officer Dilello and other SWAT members began clearing the apartment. Officer Dilello observed Smith down with an apparent gunshot wound. The apartment was cleared. Officer Dilello observed numerous spent casing and live cartridges on the floor inside the apartment. Officer Dilello observed a handgun in the apartment as well. Officer Dilello noticed the handgun did not have a magazine. Officer Dilello remembered when Smith was shot, Officer Dilello saw something fall. This was later determined to be the magazine from the handgun. Officer Dilello exited the residence.

Officer Dilello had his Body Worn Camera (BWC) and helmet camera activated. The cameras were turned into the command post.

The interview concluded at approximately 0431 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

Attachments:

SWAT Officer Mark Dilello Interview

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