



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 SWAT Officer Jason Sprague, #1891
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 0422 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Jason Sprague (SWAT Officer Sprague). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, SWAT Officer Sprague was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. SWAT Officer Sprague agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

SWAT Officer Sprague 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, SWAT Officer Sprague 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.

SWAT Officer Sprague is a member of SWAT's red team. He shared they were at the office when one of their K9 units informed them about a possible barricade with shots fired at officers. When they arrived on scene, patrol had the front of the residence surrounded. SWAT Officer Sprague and his partner moved over to the 1/4 side of the residence while two other SWAT officers took the 1/2 side. After a few minutes, the male suspect opened the door, yelled out and then slammed it. The BearCats then arrived. The male suspect opened the door again and SWAT Officer Sprague observed down low a pistol (black handgun) come out and pointed at the BearCat. Once again, the door was slammed shut.

Shortly thereafter, the red team moved and staged at the 2 side of the residence. They planned for an emergency entry, but it was reported the female hostage did not feel she was in danger. Next, they heard a gunshot and could see the "glass particles from

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the bedroom window" fly out. The male suspect continued to open and slam the door and yell out. SWAT Officer Sprague stated he could not understand what the male suspect was saying. Next, the male suspect opened the door and fired a shot, but SWAT Officer Sprague only heard it. It was believed the shot hit the BearCat. More time passed with the male suspect saying he was going to come out, not come out and come out firing. At one point, SWAT Officer Sprague said he said he saw the male suspect's forearm pointing the gun directly at officers and making threats. He did not remember what the male suspect said. The male suspect then pulled back the gun and shut the door.

When the door was opened again, shots from SWAT were fired and the female hostage exited the residence running to the right. She said the male suspect was down and bleeding. A drone was sent in to confirm the male suspect was down and not armed. SWAT's red team subsequently made entry and SWAT Officer Sprague was the first to enter. He observed the male suspect laying there. When he stepped over the male suspect, he saw the gun behind him. SWAT Officer Sprague held several positions inside the residence while they cleared it. He saw multiple shell casings and live rounds laying all over the floor in the living area. A silver magazine was also observed on the front step.

After securing the residence, they proceeded to the command post to turn in their body-worn cameras and later returned to headquarters. Last, SWAT Officer Sprague shared that it was communicated by the Lieutenant that based on what happened, if the male suspect presented himself to the door with a gun, they have command's authority to use deadly force.

The interview concluded at approximately 0438 hours.

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 SWAT Officer Jason Sprague 5.20.2025

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