



**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 Andy Ackerman, #3000  
**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 0327 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer Andy Ackerman (Officer Ackerman). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, Officer Ackerman was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. Officer Ackerman agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

Officer Ackerman 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 Ackerman 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 Ackerman explained that he saw an unknown complaint "pop up" on the board with two 6th precinct officers being dispatched and en route. Officer Ackerman added his name to the call and joined the other officers who were responding. Once they arrived at the residence, Officer Ackerman immediately saw the neighbor to the left, "waving frantically and pointing over toward the door." Officer Ackerman believed the neighbor was the original person who made the initial complaint call. He also shared that they received a call from a friend of the female victim inside the residence who related she (female victim) was in trouble and the male suspect had a gun at her residence yesterday and likely again today.

As they approached the apartment the female neighbor was pointing to, Officer Ackerman said he observed a Black male in the front door who yelled at the officers and then slammed the door closed. Officer Ackerman did not know what the male was saying. Officer Ackerman then got on the radio to do a call back to the victim, "Mary

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Beth," to have her step outside, but the call went to voicemail. Next, Officer Ackerman approached the neighbor's residence to ascertain why she called and what she heard. The neighbor explained to Officer Ackerman that she heard the male suspect and female fighting and heard her in "distress." She elaborated the female victim was crying and having a difficult time talking. The neighbor did not hear the female victim asking for help.

While Officer Ackerman was speaking to the neighbor, the male suspect opened the door and began screaming and yelling. Officer Ackerman was not certain what the male suspect was saying. At this time, the neighbor returned inside her residence and Officer Ackerman moved behind a tree for cover. He asked the male suspect to come out, adding he still did not see the female victim inside the residence. Officer Ackerman then said the male suspect broke out the glass of the screen door and closed the door again. Shortly after, the male suspect opened the door at which point Officer Ackerman saw him holding a handgun. The male suspect fired a round that which Officer Ackerman did not know the direction of travel. He then returned inside and slammed the door again.

Officer Ackerman recalled seeing the female victim and asking her to come out and let them help her. The female victim told officers to "back up" and that "she's okay." According to Ackerman, he was the closest officer to the door estimated he was about 40' to 50' away. Ackerman confirmed he was giving commands and that the male suspect and female victim could hear him. Officer Ackerman said that the female victim responded more so than the male suspect.

The female victim never came outside and next, the male suspect opened the door, and Officer Ackerman clearly saw the "muzzle flash" pointed toward officers. He also believed he "heard like a projectile fly by us" the second time he fired at officers. Officer Ackerman clarified that the male suspect never came out of the house but merely stood in the doorway. Once again, the male suspect shut the door, and no officers shot back because the female victim was near him.

After the second shot, Officer Ackerman stated there was no further communication with the male suspect or female victim. He added it was like a waiting game. Officer Ackerman was subsequently relieved by a SWAT officer and held the perimeter until all SWAT officers arrived.

The interview concluded at approximately 0337 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 Andy Ackerman 5.20.2025

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