



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 Sam Hazlerig, #2330
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: Columbus Division of Police SWAT HQ
Authoring Agent: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 0440 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Sam Hazlerig (Hazlerig). The interview took place at the CPD SWAT headquarters. The interview was audio recorded.

Prior to the interview starting, SA Holcomb informed Ofc. Hazlerig that his interview was voluntary and that he could stop the interview at any time; he agreed to the interview.

Ofc. Hazlerig was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 20, 2025 officer-involved shooting which occurred around 4482 Hampton Woods Court, Columbus, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Hazlerig did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Hazlerig has been employed by CPD for about 25 years and has been assigned to SWAT for around one year and nine months.

Ofc. Hazlerig stated that he was called out around 2200 hours to a barricade situation. As he was responding, he was informed that the subject had already fired at patrol officers on scene. Once he arrived on scene, he positioned behind BearCat #2 with a 'knocker' gun. He later repositioned to the two side of the residence as a breacher.

While on the two side, he was not able to see the front door and only heard what was occurring. He heard the subject shot at least four to five gunshots. While he was there, the negotiators would come over the radio and state that the subject's emotional level was up and down.

Ofc. Hazlerig stated that at one point, a 'delta order' was given meaning that if the subject comes out shooting again to protect themselves. Ofc. Hazlerig said the last time the subject came to the door he was screaming and then he heard two rifle shots

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from CPD. The female exited to the two side, and he passed her off to patrol officers on site. He saw blood on her pants. A drone was launched to confirm where the subject was located at. Once they saw him down on the ground not moving, CPD SWAT went towards the residence and saw the subject on the ground. The house was cleared, and he exited the residence.

The interview concluded at approximately 0445 hours.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment #01: 2025-05-20: Ofc. Sam Hazlerig Interview (2025-1603)

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