



**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 Arnold, #2114  
**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 0402 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Jason Arnold (SWAT Officer Arnold). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, SWAT Officer Arnold was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. SWAT Officer Arnold agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

SWAT Officer Arnold 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 Arnold 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 Arnold is assigned to SWAT's red team. SWAT Officer Arnold related his team was on duty when K9 officers alerted them about a barricaded individual that fired on patrol. When they first arrived on scene the male suspect came to the door a couple of times with a handgun in his hand and smashed some windows. According to SWAT Officer Arnold, they were giving commands "the whole time." The red team was assigned as the entry team. Once SWAT's armor was set, and more manpower arrived with patrol being pushed out, the red team moved over to the "2" side of the structure and staged for entry.

According to SWAT Officer Arnold, they were advised that officers had made contact with both the male suspect and female hostage. He stated the male suspect fired shots at SWAT. The negotiating team was trying to get the female hostage to come out. While staged, SWAT Officer Arnold stated the male suspect came out a few times waving and closed the door. The male suspect always showed one hand and they

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assumed he had the gun in the other. Next, he observed the gun extend outside seeing the male suspect's elbow and forearm. The male suspect was "working the gun, working the slide, moving the gun around" and then they (SWAT) fired.

According to SWAT Officer Arnold, they had two [REDACTED] set up; one of which was SWAT [REDACTED], who was on the [REDACTED] team. He was the SWAT officer that fired.

After the shots were fired, they were able to get the female hostage out. SWAT Officer Arnold was there to receive her, but he was paying attention to the "threat." A team member communicated she had blood on her and he could hear her say that he (male suspect) was shot. The drone team then reported the male suspect was down and unresponsive. When the red team pushed forward, the first two officers on the team saw the male suspect down and stepped past. Another officer covered the male suspect noting he had the suspect's gun. That is when SWAT Officer Arnold stepped over the male suspect and began to clear the structure.

The medics were then called and the red team retreated.

The interview concluded at approximately 0410 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 Arnold 5.20.2025

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