



**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: Interview with Un-Involved Officer
Involves: CPD- Sgt. Jason Ayers #5111
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD- SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Collins #151

Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 0335 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Sergeant (Sgt.) Jason Ayers (Sgt. Ayers). The interview took place at the CPD SWAT Headquarters. The interview was audio recorded.

Sgt. Ayers 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, Ohio. Reportedly, Sgt. Ayers 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.

Sgt. Ayers stated his radio call sign on May 19, 2025, was K-9 #11. He has been employed by the CPD for about twenty-nine years (29yrs). He has been a police officer for a total of Twenty-nine years (29 yrs.). During the incident, Sgt. Ayers wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove CPD unit #K9-11, a Ford Explorer, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights. Sgt. Ayers stated his BWC was activated and was dropped off at the K-9 offices.

Sgt. Ayers stated he scans all six patrol radio channels, and he heard what sounded like a situation that could potentially end in a barricade. Sgt. Ayers stated the K-9 unit is attached to SWAT and responds to such incidents. Sgt. Ayers stated his focus turned to attempting to obtain information, including photographs of the subject, to be dispersed to SWAT members.

Sgt. Ayers stated he witnessed the front door open and saw the female, Mary, emerge from the doorway. Sgt. Ayers said it appeared to him that Mary was pulled back into the apartment, just after there was some yelling. Sgt. Ayers said he called Mary's phone and was able to make

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contact with both she and the subject, Jerry. Sgt. Ayers stated he'd established rapport with both subjects and he remained the point of contact along with hostage negotiators (Dan Weaver) who were also on scene.

Sgt. Ayers described the subject as irritated and admitted he'd been drinking all day. The subject said he was going to come out of the house with a gun, after several pleas from officers to not do so. Sgt. Ayers, paraphrasing, said the subject stated multiple times that he was going to come out with the gun and things were going to have to happen at that point. Sgt. Ayers said the subject mentioned letting Mary go on multiple occasions but never did. Sgt. Ayers stated the subject appeared suicidal, based on the comments he was making. Sgt. Ayers stated the subject was also homicidal, based on his multiple comments that he was going to kill Mary. Sgt. Ayers said the subject indicated that his mental health was not good and he needed help. Sgt. Ayers said he tried to navigate that route (to get him help) several times but was not successful.

Sgt. Ayers stated he believed there were times when the conversation showed positive outcomes but then the subject would get agitated, and the conversation would take steps backwards. Including, the subject assaulting Mary while they were on the phone.

Sgt. Ayers said he gave the subject instructions on coming out of the house without the gun so the incident could end peacefully. Whether it was him coming out without the guns or allowing Mary out of the house. Sgt. Ayers again said there were times things seemed positive but would then regress, "you're gonna have to kill me."

Sgt. Ayers was asked if the phone conversation was recorded and he stated yes, however, there were some instances where it was not. Sgt. Ayers stated there were times he'd facetedimed Mary's phone.

Sgt. Ayers indicated he had a total of twenty-nine (29) calls between he and Mary. Including two (2) FaceTime video calls. Those calls began at 2310 hours and the last call was at 2345 hours. Mary's number [REDACTED] Sgt. Ayers stated his number is [REDACTED] Sgt. Ayers stated that last call was where Mary called and said she believed the subject had shot himself.

The interview concluded at approximately 0356 hours.

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

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References:

None

Attachments:

2025.05.20 Sgt Jason Ayers Interview Audio

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