



**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:** Uninvolved Officer Interview  
**Involves:** Officer Robert Cutshall  
**Activity Date:** 05/20/2025  
**Activity Location:** CPD SWAT Headquarters  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Brady Curry

**Narrative:**

On May 20, 2025, at approximately 0504 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Brady Curry (SA Curry) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) SWAT Officer Robert Cutshall (Officer Cutshall) regarding the May 19, 2025, fatal shooting incident between CPD officers and Jerry Smith (Smith) that occurred at 4482 Hampton Woods Court in Columbus, Ohio. The contact with Officer Cutshall took place at the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) building. Prior to providing a statement, Officer Cutshall was notified that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation into the shooting incident, and he confirmed he would provide a voluntary statement. The following is a summation of the statement of Officer Cutshall and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Officer Cutshall (#1930) was home at the time of the call out. Officer Cutshall responded to the command post location. Once on scene, Officer Cutshall went to the front left corner. Officer Cutshall had a shield and provided additional cover to other Officers already positioned. Officer Cutshall assisted in developing an emergency entry plan.

Officer Cutshall was then tasked with observing Smiths front door with binoculars and trying to see further into the apartment. Officer Cutshall said there was a screen door where the top part could easily be seen through. The bottom half had a screen, due to the style of the screen and possibly the specific illumination, was obstructed.

Officer Cutshall stated that multiple times Smith came to the door and had the gun in his hand. There were times that he came to the door and Smith did not have the gun in his hand. Smith slammed the door and fired a shot, but Officer Cutshall could not tell in what direction. Officer Cutshall could see multiple bullet holes in the exterior of the structure.

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Another instance, Officer Cutshall observed Smith pointing the gun out the top of the screen door. The gun was pointed at Officers and the armored vehicles. Officers did not fire at this point.

Another instance, Officer Cutshall observed Smith to have the gun in the air. Officer Cutshall yelled at Smith to drop the gun multiple times. Smith went back inside and shut the door.

████████████████████ fired a shot. Officer Cutshall was taking a position of cover, because Officer Cutshall thought Smith was about to start shooting again. Officer Cutshall observed Smith coming to the door but could not see anything else at the time ██████████ shot.

Once ██████████ fired, Mary was given verbal commands to which she complied.

The drone team deployed and relayed information. Other SWAT Officers cleared the residence.

Officer Cutshall had his Body Worn Camera (BWC) and helmet camera activated. The cameras were turned into the command post.

The interview concluded at approximately 0533 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

**References:**

**Attachments:**

SWAT Officer Robert Cutshall Interview

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