



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2025-3317

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1444 N. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Adam Saleem
Activity Date: 10/12/2025
Activity Location: 8th St. and High St, Columbus
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 0743 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) and Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Det. Chris Journey (Det Journey) interviewed Adam Saleem (Saleem), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Sunday, October 12, 2025. The interview took place in the area of 8th St. and High St., Columbus, OH. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

During the course of the interview, Saleem describes two Black male subjects. In order to aid the reader in clarity of who was doing what, the individuals will be referred to as Male A and Male B; based on Saleem's description/s, Male A was wearing a gray or light colored hooded sweatshirt, big curly hair, light-skinned Black male, almost Hispanic, chubby (Male A is believed to be later identified as Ta'shawn Davis). Male B was a Black male, wearing a white shirt and black sweatpants.

Saleem stated he was sitting inside his business (Pharaoh's Hookah Café) with his back towards the front door. Saleem stated he heard some yelling going on behind him. Saleem said he saw his cousin, Ehab Nasr (Nasr), arguing with a male at the front door. Saleem stated he told Male A to leave. Saleem stated he told the males this was his (Saleem's) place of business and he did not want them there. Saleem described them continuing to exchange words. Saleem stated they walked outside but continued yelling. Saleem said he told Male A, "to get the fuck out of here." Saleem stated Male A pulled a gun out and pointed it at him and Nasr and said, "I gotta kill you guys." Saleem stated it was a black gun. Saleem stated he, too, had a gun on him (in his back waist) but did not pull it out at any time. Saleem said after Male A pulled the gun and threatened them, Saleem told Male A that he (Saleem) had a gun too. He was asked if he felt his life was being threatened and Saleem responded, "Of course." Saleem was asked what Male B was doing during this interaction. Saleem stated Male B appeared to

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be trying to calm Male A down. Saleem was asked about Male A's demeanor. Saleem described Male A's demeanor as aggressive.

Saleem said a patron stated for someone to call 911. Saleem stated both Male A and Male B then left towards the library (south). Saleem looked to the east and saw a police cruiser traveling towards them on 8th St. Saleem said he flagged the officer down and told him about Male A pulling a gun on him. Saleem said, "I told him, be careful, he's got a gun."

In his description earlier, Saleem made it a point to tell investigators that Male A and Male B had both fled the area. However, Saleem pointed out that Male A had come back. Saleem said, "But when we came back—when the cop came up, he was coming back towards our way. So, of course he was, tried to come back to do something, you know what I mean." This was inferred as Male A had come back "to do something."

Saleem stated he did not see Male A again, but he heard individuals saying, "there he is." Saleem stated he did not see anything else and only heard the gunshots. Saleem stated he'd only seen Male A running with the gun just before the officer arrived.

Saleem stated his video surveillance was not operational and did not have a hard drive. He further stated his wife could see it on her phone but it was a live view only.

The interview concluded at approximately 0757 hours.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

01-2025.10.12_Adam Saleem Interview_Audio