



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: First Responder Interview
Involves: CFD Firefighter/Paramedic John Hagan
Activity Date: 05/20/2025
Activity Location: CPD SWAT Headquarters
Authoring Agent: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer

Narrative:

On May 20, 2025 at approximately 0346 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) and Eric Runyan (SA Runyan) obtained a recorded statement from Columbus Division of Fire (CFD) Firefighter/Paramedic John Hagan (Medic Hagan) regarding the May 19, 2025 fatal shooting incident between Columbus Division of Police (CPD) officers and Jerry Smith (Smith) that occurred at 4482 Hampton Woods Court in Columbus, Ohio. The contact with Medic Hagan took place at the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) building. Prior to providing a statement, Medic Hagan 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 Medic Hagan and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

On May 19, 2025, Medic Hagan (ID # H137) was working as a Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) medic in Medic 890 and assigned to support CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). Initially, Medic Hagan became aware of a "hostage situation" at the incident location and that a subject, later identified as Smith, was shooting at patrol officers and SWAT was being requested. A few minutes later, SWAT requested the TEMS medics respond to that location. Upon arrival, Medic 890 was staged and Medic Hagan deployed to Armored Rescue Vehicle 2 (ARV-2) and his partner deployed to ARV-1. Medic Hagan explained that ARV-2 was equipped with a ram and positioned in front of the residence. While officers were positioning the ARV's, Medic Hagan observed Smith discharge a pistol towards the ARV's. Medic Hagan understood that CPD Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT) members were in direct communications with Smith and he had made threats to kill the female that was inside the residence with him, killing himself, and "engaging" police. Medic Hagan believed Smith "shot" at officers and the ARV's multiple times during the encounter. Medic Hagan confirmed he visually observed Smith firing at officers and he was armed with a Glock style pistol.

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Medic Hagan did not observe any police officers discharge firearms during the incident. However, Medic Hagan did observe Smith exit the residence (into the doorway) armed with a pistol and it appeared Smith was "racking" the slide of the pistol when a gunshot was heard and Smith fell back towards the residence. Medic Hagan did not know who the contributor to that gunshot was at that time. The female subject then exited the residence and was directed towards the medics who observed blood on her legs. The female was then directed towards another awaiting medic.

Once the residence was deemed safe and secure, the TEMS medics approached Smith and determined that he was deceased. Medic Hagan checked Smith and observed a large entry wound on Smith's midaxillary section of his left thorax and a large "bulge" on Smith's back that Medic Hagan believed to be a penetrating projectile (bullet) that was lodged under Smith's skin. Medic Hagan clarified that his examination of Smith was a preliminary check because it was obvious Smith was deceased and there was no reason to check for injuries that needed treated. Another medic did mention there was an injury to Smith's left bicep, but Medic Hagan had not seen that injury during his assessment.

Medic Hagan confirmed CPD requested TEMS medics evaluate Smith as soon as the scene was reasonably safe. Medic Hagan didn't have any additional information.

References:

None

Attachments:

CFD Firefighter-Paramedic John Hagan Audio 5.20.2025