



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



2024-2255

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 818 Cherryberry Dr.,  
Columbus, OH 43228 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Derek Beane (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 08/02/2024  
**Activity Location:** – 818 Cherry Berry Drive, Columbus, OH  
**Author:** SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

**Narrative:**

On August 02, 2024 at approximately 0201 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Derek Beane (Derek) regarding an August 1<sup>st</sup> shooting incident involving officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Benjamin Wheeler (Wheeler) that occurred at 818 Cherryberry Drive in Columbus, Ohio. Wheeler was shot and killed inside the residence at that location during the encounter with officers. The contact with Derek took place inside SA Scheiderer's BCI vehicle and CPD Detective Lowell Tittus was present to observe the interview. The following is a summation of the contact with Derek and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording:

Derek resides at 818 Cherryberry Drive with the following people:

- Gerald Beane, Derek's grandfather (Gerald or "Jerry")
- Christine Beane, Gerald's wife (Christine)
- Benjamin Wheeler, Christine's son (Wheeler)
- William Beane, Derek's father (William)
- Leah Sedor, William's girlfriend (Sedor)

Derek stated he was in his bedroom when he heard Christine tell Wheeler that if he wanted to keep his bedroom window open, he would have to close his bedroom door. The rule of the

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residence is to have your bedroom door closed if your window is open to prevent the cool air from the air conditioner from escaping. Wheeler “snapped” at Christine when she asked him to close his door and he began yelling at her. William went to aid Christine and that’s when Derek heard Wheeler say “I’m not afraid to whip your old ass” to William. After that, Derek heard Christine say “I’m done, call the cops”, so William called 911 and Wheeler was heard telling William to pass onto the police all of his military background, which Wheeler was never in the military. Derek was told to go to the basement with Leah and eventually then instructed to exit the residence because officers were on scene. Derek believed Wheeler stayed in his bedroom when everyone else exited. Derek stated he believed the police were called because Wheeler was acting “psychotic”.

Derek had observed Wheeler talking about things that aren’t real or true in the past such as there being morse code at the bottom of the television screen. Derek wasn’t aware if Wheeler had ever been diagnosed with any mental health issues. Derek hadn’t observed Wheeler threatening anyone until this date but did once tell Derek that he looked like a serial killer. Derek denied Wheeler making any comments on this date about wanting to die. Derek didn’t witness any of the encounter between Wheeler and officers due to being moved down the street and away from the residence. Derek didn’t provide any additional information.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Derek Beane Audio Interview 8.02.2024

#### **References:**

No references.