

Investigative Activity:

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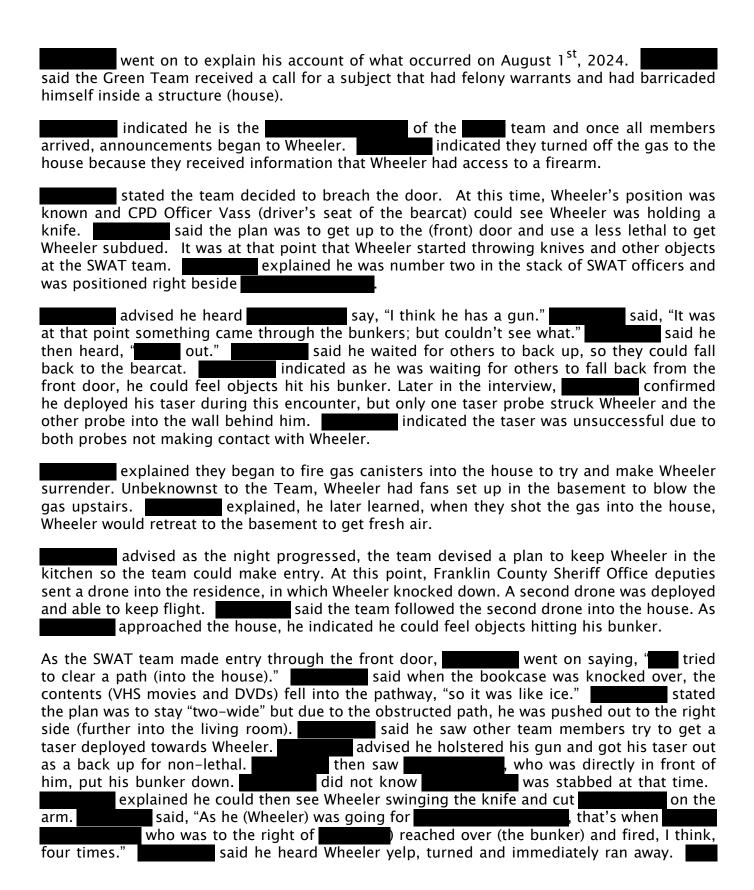


2024-2255 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 818 Cherryberry Dr., Columbus, OH 43228 (L)

Interview with Officer

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Involves:	(W)
Date of Activity:	08/26/2024
Activity Location:	- 2609 McKinley Ave,, Columbus, OH 43204
Author:	SA Aja Chung, #86
Narrative:	
Special Agents James Poole of the Colum Ohio. was in (SWAT) that re 1 st , 2024. The barricade Wheeler (Wheeler), who is	2024, at 1117 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) e (SA Poole) and Aja Chung (SA Chung) interviewed but the Division of Police (CPD) at 2609 McKinley Avenue, Columbus, dentified as a member of the CPD Special Weapons and Tactics sponded to a barricade situation that occurred on Thursday, August e situation stemmed from a domestic dispute involving Benjamin now deceased. Also present during the interview was innemacher. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant to known or observed by
criminal investigation sepa was told that th	interview, SA Poole advised that BCI was conducting a arate from any internal investigation that CPD may be conducting. is interview was voluntary, and he could stop answering questions at Ily agreed to continue with the interview.
	ecorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within o the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of
works call sign is . His bod camera was worn but not p to the call out. He wears green SWAT uniform, heav	he was assigned to the

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explained that once that happened, he pushed aside to get into the kitchen to get Wheeler contained into the basement.
advised he knew Wheeler was hit (by gunfire) due to the blood on the floor and walls leading into the basement. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to administer first aid. Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and to wheeler that he could see Wheeler was down and a knife to the right of him. Indicated he grabbed Wheeler's left arm so another team member covered him. Indicated he grabbed Wheeler's left arm so another team member could apply handcuffs. It was at this time, Indicated he gave commands to Wheeler to come to the steps and the steps an
SA Poole asked if he thought any of the actions by him (or the other officers around him were criminal. replied, he did not think the teams' actions were criminal because they (SWAT) did everything they could to end it peacefully. confirmed the plan was to taser Wheeler and to get him the help he needed.
SA Poole asked how many different non-lethal uses of force were used? said he wasn't positive on the total number, but he knows he deployed his taser on the first encounter with Wheeler at the doorway. Then while Wheeler was barricaded inside stated he deployed 5 tri-chambers of gas throughout the incident.
Lastly, SA Poole asked if or any of the other officers around him, at the time of the incident, violated any department policies set forth by CPD. answered, "Absolutely not."
The interview concluded at approximately 1141 hours.
References:
No references.
Attachments:
Attachment # 01: 2024-08-26 Interview

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