



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



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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Christine 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 0122 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Christine Beane (Christine) regarding an August 1<sup>st</sup> shooting incident involving officers from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and her son, 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 Christine 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 Christine and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Christine resides at 818 Cherryberry Drive with the following people:

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

Christine advised that Wheeler had "mental issues" and that earlier on this date she confronted him about getting help or he would have to leave her residence. Wheeler "blew up"

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and threatened Jerry which caused Jerry to call 911 for help. Christine confirmed nobody was assaulted during the incident and only threats had been made by Wheeler. Present at that time were Christine, Wheeler, Jerry, Sedor, and Derek. Christine didn't know exactly what Wheeler had been diagnosed with but described him as having delusions of prior military service, hearing voices, and receiving morse code signals via the television. SA Scheiderer asked Christine if Wheeler had ever been diagnosed with schizophrenia and she confirmed he had. Christine stated Wheeler was prescribed medications but he refused to take them. Christine denied knowledge of Wheeler self-medicating with alcohol or other narcotics. Christine advised two to three years ago she had Wheeler involuntarily committed to the hospital after he attempted to kill himself via hanging.

When officers arrived on scene, everyone exited the residence except Wheeler who had verbal contact with the officers at the doorway of the residence. According to Christine, Wheeler then "barricaded" himself in the residence. Christine stated Jerry owned firearms and they were stored in the closet in their bedroom. Additional officers arrived on scene and they attempted to talk Wheeler into exiting the residence. Wheeler refused to exit and eventually the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team arrived and officers moved Christine and the other residents away from the area. Once Christine and the others were relocated down the street, she couldn't observe anything else that was occurring at her residence. Christine denied any recent law enforcement activity involving Wheeler. Christine advised Wheeler never made any comments about wanting to die on this date or wanting police to kill him. Christine was aware that Wheeler had an arrest warrant for child support. Christine didn't have any additional information.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Christine Beane Audio Interview 8.02.2024

#### **References:**

No references.