



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:** Review of Records  
**Involves:** Benjamin Wheeler (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 11/13/2024  
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**Narrative:**

On Monday, August 1, 2024, The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) for assistance in investigating an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at 818 Cherryberry Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The incident stemmed from a domestic dispute involving Benjamin Wheeler (Wheeler), who had an active felony warrant for child support. Wheeler barricaded himself inside his residence and CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (CPD SWAT) responded to the barricade situation. After hours of unsuccessful negotiation and multiple non-lethal tactics attempts, CPD SWAT entered the residence to arrest Wheeler. An incident between Wheeler and SWAT officers ensued resulting in Wheeler's death.

On September 25, 2024, a copy of the Postmortem Autopsy, Coroner and Toxicology reports were received from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. Copies of the reports were saved electronically within the case file and are attached at the end of this report. Please refer to those reports for specific details.

On November 13, 2024, BCI Special Agent Aja Chung (SA Chung) reviewed those aforementioned reports. The following is a brief summary of Wheeler's autopsy and toxicology findings.

Pathologist Antoine Wrice, M.D. (Dr. Wrice) performed the post-mortem examination. The report authored by Dr. Wrice reported that Wheeler's cause of death was [REDACTED]

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**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: AutopsyReport\_Original\_2024-08-13

Attachment # 02: Coroner's Report\_2024-08-16

Attachment # 03: LAB-24-3233-0001\_240802-181

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