



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



2022-1472

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2793 Waterpark Drive, Mason,  
OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Thomas Henry Cromwell (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/13/2022  
**Activity Location:** Warren County Sheriff's Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive ,  
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County  
**Author:** SA Richard Ward, #55

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1320 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Steve Seitzman met with Warren County Deputy Sheriff Phillip Green at the Warren County Sheriff's Office, 822 Memorial Drive, Lebanon, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Also present was Green's union representative/attorney, Steve Lazarus. Green has been employed with the Warren County Sheriff's Office for 12-years and is assigned to road patrol, 0800-1600. Green has been a member of the Warren County Regional SWAT team for 8 years and designated an Assistant Team Leader. Green was present at a SWAT call-out on July 11th into July 12th reference Thomas Cromwell and Kelly Rose.

Cromwell had escaped from Hamilton County Corrections the previous day. During the standoff at the Baymont Inn (Mason, Ohio), the SWAT team breached the hotel room door. Once inside the room, Franklin Police Officer Chris Keene shot and killed Cromwell, who had a knife held to the throat of Rose.

Deputy Green stated he was on days off when he received a SWAT call-out in the afternoon hours of July 11, 2022; reference a hostage/barricaded situation at the Baymont Inn, Mason (Warren County), Ohio. Green picked up his patrol cruiser at the sheriff's office and arrived in the staging area located at the nearby Skyline Chili parking lot. When he arrived, Green was assigned to the third floor; room 310 to supplement the "immediate response team", which was already in position. Green stated he was provided additional details; specifically, an escaped inmate from Hamilton County [Cromwell] was inside a third floor hotel room and may be accompanied by a female. Once on the third floor, Green met with Warren County Sheriff's Sergeant Doddy and Sergeant Gray, both of whom are Team Leaders. Green stated a team was stacked at room 310, while additional SWAT members arrived and filtered in.

Deputy Green stated because of the hostage/barricaded situation, explosive breaches were

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to be placed in the rooms [308, 312] on either side of room 310. Green stated he entered the adjoining room "308" to determine if there were any metal barriers between the hotel room walls by carving out a portion of the drywall. Once Green determined no barriers were present, the explosive breachers placed the explosive devices on the wall deep into room 308 and bathroom area of room 312. Green stated he remained on scene and prepared for an emergency entry, but the team was relieved to rest at approximately 2300 hours by the Hamilton County SWAT team. Green stated the explosive breachers remained on scene.

In the early morning hours of July 12, 2022, Deputy Green stated the team was called back to the scene from a nearby firehouse because the decision was made to enter the room. Green was to utilize an "explosion port" from room 308 and sought shelter inside the bathroom while the explosions were initiated. Green stated he possessed the shield to protect from the blast. Green stated the countdown was from 8 and once to 5; a mechanical breach of the room door, at 3; the explosive devices were initiated from rooms 308 and 312. Once the explosives were initiated, Green stated Springboro Police Officer Carl Hoskins deployed a "Flash Bang" through the port that was created, but forgot to pull the pin, which allows the device to activate. Green discarded the shield and moved to the port, which was smaller than he anticipated. Green peered through the port from right to left and observed Cromwell with Rose, both of whom were on the "another bed" inside the room. According to Green, Rose was to the right and Cromwell had both his arms around Rose. Green stated he was unable to fit his rifle's "Eotech" [Red Dot sight] through the hole and attempted to remove additional drywall, but a shot was fired and he (Greene) observed Cromwell drop to the ground "in an instant". Green stated he moved to room 310, removed debris into the bathroom to clear a path for the medics and withdrew once that was medics arrived.

Agent Ward asked Deputy Green if he observed anything in Cromwell's hand and he stated, "no", but believed Cromwell was in possession of a knife. Green stated prior to entry, he and other team members were aware Cromwell had posted video of himself with a knife.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Deputy Phillip Green at 1339 hours. Attached below is the audio recorded interview with Green.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13 / Dep. Phil Green Audio Interview

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# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**