



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



2026-1831

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St.,
Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County

Investigative Activity: Neighborhood Canvass Interviews
Involves: Mark Wyeth (W), Adam Swerlein (W)
Activity Date: 05/11/2024
Activity Location: 905 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Monday, May 11, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Joseph Goudy (SA Goudy) conducted a neighborhood canvass in the area of East Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. The purpose for the canvass was to identify and interview potential witnesses to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred at 905 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio on Monday, May 11, 2026. While standing at the rear of 905 E. Warren Street, Special Agent Goudy was approached by two neighbors, one of which lived behind the residence.

Mark Wyeth – 916 Hull Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio

At 1618 hours, Mark Wyeth (Wyeth) approached SA Goudy and began to speak about the decedent, Paul Desmarais (Desmarais). He provided a brief background on Desmarais. Wyeth stated that Desmarais did plumbing and electrical work and he tried to hire him two years ago for work at his residence but noticed he drank “too much.” He also mentioned that when Desmarais was in his garage working, he would walk over and they would sometimes talk. Wyeth stated that he heard if someone did not agree with him, he would get in their face. Wyeth never experienced that and further stated that Desmarais, “never act like no terrorist guy at all” (2:03). Wyeth also mentioned that Desmarais did not like his female neighbor and that he was going to “get her back.” Wyeth did not know anything further regarding that statement.

Wyeth mentioned that when he woke up, he noticed many law enforcement vehicles and personnel in the area, to which he did not realize what was going on. After he realized it was for Desmarais, he mentioned how he had heard that Desmarais struck his kid with the butt of his gun earlier in the day. Wyeth only heard of this information and did not witness this. Wyeth stated that he heard Desmarais screaming and saying that he was pinned. Wyeth further stated that Desmarais and his girlfriend fought all the time. Wyeth stated that he only heard one gunshot fired and that it was from the

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sniper rifle. Wyeth was not sure whether the additional gunshots he heard were from less lethal rounds or Desmarais firing back.

For further information, please refer to the audio interview with Mark Wyeth.

Adam Swerlein – 915 E. Warren Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio

At 1627 hours, SA Goudy spoke with Adam Swerlein (Swerlein), who resided at 915 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. Swerlein stated that Desmarais was unstable, and he believed it was due from his being in the military. He also believed that Desmarais had a drug problem. Swerlein stated that the Desmarais family was private and kept to themselves. If he interacted with Desmarais it was usually brief. Swerlein also stated he had never heard Desmarais get upset with anyone nor had he ever seen him with a weapon. Swerlein described the first time he met Desmarais:

I know when I first met him, he was talking about something about, uh, the government going south or some shit and being on his side or some shit like that. I wasn't really, I don't really remember. It's not fresh, but I know he was aggressive when it came to that shit. (2:56).

Swerlein stated that he was watching from his front porch, which was two doors down. He stated that he saw many police vehicles and personnel surrounding the house as they were trying to locate Desmarais. Swerlein stated that the responding law enforcement units were giving multiple commands for Desmarais to exit his residence. Swerlein stated that they gave Desmarais plenty of opportunity to surrender. He wasn't sure if he heard Desmarais yelling or not. Swerlein stated that Desmarais was a heavy drinker. Any further information was just hearsay and nothing that he witnessed.

The interviews conducted were audio recorded and could be found in Axon Justice listed as Reference Item A – Neighborhood Canvass Interviews.

References:

Axon Justice – Reference Item A – Neighborhood Canvass Interviews folder

Attachments:

None

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