



**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:** Witness Officer Interview  
**Involves:** BPD Officer Cody Dalton (W)  
**Activity Date:** 06/01/2026  
**Activity Location:** Bucyrus Police Department – 500 S. Sandusky St.,  
Bucyrus, OH 44820  
**Authoring Agent:** SAS Charles Moran #67

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, June 1, 2026, at 1224 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SAS) Chuck Moran (SAS Moran) and SA Dave Hammond (SA Hammond) interviewed Bucyrus Police Department (BPD) Officer (Ofc.) Cody Dalton (Dalton). The interview took place at the BPD. The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Dalton was identified as a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 11, 2026, officer-involved shooting that occurred in the area of 905 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Dalton did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information known or observed by this officer.

Officer Dalton stated his radio call sign on May 11, 2026, was Unit 8. He has been employed by the BPD for about three years. He has been a police officer for a total of three years. During the incident, Officer Dalton wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove BPD unit #50, a Ford Explorer, marked with BPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. He was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Officer Dalton indicated that his body-worn camera (BWC) was activated during the incident on May 11, 2026. He believed his in-car camera (ICC) inside cruiser #50 was activated as well.

Agents asked Officer Dalton to provide details of the incident that occurred on May 11, 2026.

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Officer Dalton said Officer Carver responded to the call for service with Chastity Turner (Chastity). Officer Cox and Officer Conner responded to the call too. Officer Dalton was not aware of many of the initial details because he was at the BPD completing paperwork. Officer Dalton eventually responded to the call to assist because he was aware of the male subject's, Paul Desmarais (Paul), previous interactions with law enforcement.

SAS Moran asked Officer Dalton to explain what he knew about Paul's previous interactions with law enforcement. Officer Dalton said he watched the body-worn camera (BWC) video recording of a prior incident involving Paul. Officer Dalton said Officer Micah Graves (Graves) stopped Paul's son who was riding a dirt bike illegally on the roadway. Officer Graves indicated he was going to tow the dirt bike and the son called Paul about the matter. During the phone call, it was clearly heard that Paul was going to *"bring a gun."* Paul came to scene and there was an interaction between him and Officer Graves. Paul was arrested and possibly charged with an intimidation offense.

Officer Dalton's knowledge of that prior incident led him to respond to the incident on May 11, 2026, and because of Paul's *"attitude towards law enforcement"* and recently being charged with a felony. Officer Dalton was somewhat aware of the layout of Paul's residence because he was there a few weeks prior because Paul had an arrest warrant.

Officer Carver and Officer Conner spoke with [REDACTED] and she denied anything happened, but Officer Dalton could tell she was *"scared."* [REDACTED] had noticeable injuries around her neck area. [REDACTED] informed officers she had been drinking and was possibly intoxicated.

Officer Carver opened the front door of the residence (without entering) and requested Paul to come downstairs and speak with officers. Paul refused to come downstairs. Officer Dalton explained that an officer previously asked one of Paul's children to wake him up and that is when Paul started yelling at the officers. Officer Carver informed Paul that he could also be charged with obstruction.

Officer Dalton said, *"Um, he wasn't really budging at all. Um, at that point, uh, one of the children notified us that there were firearms in the house and that he did have body armor on and a holster"* (recording 08:17). Officers moved the children across the street to Chastity's house. Officers backed away from Paul's residence and took cover behind their vehicles parked on the street.

Paul walked downstairs and slammed the front door shut. Officer Dalton could not see Paul but heard him yelling and the door slamming. Officer Dalton retrieved his rifle and remained behind cover. He then moved to the rear of the residence to establish a

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perimeter while SWAT was activated. He spoke with Lieutenant Amos and provided him with details about the incident. Additional law enforcement officers arrived, and the ASORT SWAT team responded.

Officer Dalton said SWAT began deploying gas inside Paul's residence, moved closer to the residence, and Paul fired his first set of gunshots. He heard the gunshots but could not see them because he was in a neighboring backyard. He could hear the bullets *"skipping"* off the ground. He was not certain where the fired shots were striking the ground, but it was on the rear side of the residence. He estimated *"three to four shots"* in *"very rapid succession"* (recording 12:33). He believed this occurred around 3:00 AM or 4:00 AM.

Officer Dalton moved back to his cruiser and returned to the BPD to complete paperwork.

Agents asked Officer Dalton why he moved to cover after he retrieved his rifle from his cruiser and moved farther away from Paul's residence. Officer Dalton said he chose to take cover behind a tree because it provided good cover. Officer Dalton recalled that Officer Cox said he heard Paul say that he was not going to come out of the residence, *"didn't trust law enforcement anymore"*, and *"making threats"* (recording 15:47) toward the officers. Officer Dalton added that he did not want to be shot by Paul during the incident.

Agents asked Officer Dalton if he saw Paul at any point during the encounter. Officer Dalton replied, *"No."* Officer Dalton said he saw Paul's flashlight as he moved through the house turning off other interior lights after ASORT SWAT arrived. Officer Dalton recalled that Paul periodically moved to the front door, opened it, yelled, and slammed it shut multiple times during the incident. Officer Dalton was positioned on the rear side of the residence so he could not hear what Paul said.

Agents asked Officer Dalton about his experience of responding to domestic violence incidents. He confirmed that he has responded to domestic violence incidents and provided information about a typical police response. With the injuries to [REDACTED], Officer Dalton said officers wanted to speak with Paul about the incident. Officer Dalton believed that there was probable cause to arrest Paul for domestic violence and obstruction.

The interview concluded at approximately 1246 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was uploaded to Axon Justice as part of Reference Item G. Please refer to the recording for more details.

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**References:**

Reference Item G - Witness Officer Interviews folder > Bucyrus PD subfolder >  
2026-06-01 Audio Interview Officer Cody Dalton

**Attachments:**

None

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