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

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Case Title: Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 E. Warren St., Bucyrus, OH 44820, Crawford County
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Investigative Request

On Monday, May 11, 2026, Chief Jon. A. Dorsey of the Bucyrus Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on May 11, 2026 in the area of 905 E. Warren St., Bucyrus, Ohio and resulted in the death of Paul Desmarais.

Preface:

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the May 11, 2026 officer-involved critical incident in Crawford County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.

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Investigative Team

BCI Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) was assigned as the lead FIU case agent. SA Hammond received assistance in the investigation from SA Dan Boerner (SA Boerner), Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran (SAS Moran), SA Doug Burke, SA Joseph Lamping, SA Jesse Bynum and SA Joseph Goudy (SA Goudy). BCI Special Agents Megan Roberts (SA Roberts) and Emily Miller (SA Miller) of the Crime Scene Unit processed the scene of the incident, documenting, preserving, and collecting possible evidence. BCI Computer Forensic Specialist (CFS) Jarrod Scott of the Cyber Crimes Unit conducted an extraction and analysis of a cell phone recovered from the scene. The investigation was supervised by Special Agent Supervisor Charles Moran. Additionally, various personnel from the BCI crime laboratory performed scientific analyses on submitted items of potential physical evidence.

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Summary of Process

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Investigators attempted to interview the single officer [REDACTED] who discharged his weapon and the Tactical Team Commander (Sergeant Jered Kingsborough) who authorized the shot. Both interview requests were declined through FOP Union Representation.
- Investigators conducted interviews with fourteen officers who were involved in the incident, at the scene, or were otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information.
- Written statements were obtained and reviewed from [REDACTED] and Sgt. Kingsborough in addition to eight other officers who were involved in the incident.
- Written police reports generated by responding officers were reviewed.
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene.
- Interviews of ten civilian witnesses to the incident.
- Interviews of family members or associates of the decedent
- Special Agent attendance of the post-mortem examination (autopsy) of the deceased.
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports.
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject.
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, including criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.
- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history).
- Review of all available dash cameras involved in the incident.
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident.
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident.
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting).

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- 3D scans / model of incident area.
- Bloodstain pattern analysis.
- Shooting reconstruction and trajectory analysis.
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident.
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident.
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident.
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident.
- Issued preservation letters for phone records of the numbers believed to have some relevance to the incident.
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement.
- Obtained search warrants for the subject's phone and performed an analysis of the data present.
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
 - 1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
 - 2. Firearm operability testing
- Obtained search warrant to analyze electronic evidence, to include:
 - 1. Cellular phone
- Reviewed data obtained from aforementioned items of electronic evidence.
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any).
- Reviewed firearm qualification and training records for involved officers.
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons.
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review.

Incident Summary/Overview

On Sunday, May 10th at approximately 2255 hours, Bucyrus Police Officers responded to the area of 905 E. Warren St. for a report of domestic violence. Neighbors reported that Paul Desmarais (Desmarais) and his [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], were involved in a physical altercation. Desmarais was angry with [REDACTED] for visiting the neighbors' bonfire and having their children out late on a school night. Desmarais came over to the neighbors' home and grabbed [REDACTED] by the hair, walking her across the street, back into their home.

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When responding officers arrived at the scene, they interviewed the 911 caller and a witness at the scene. They then responded to 905 E. Warren St. to speak with Desmarais and [REDACTED]. Officers spoke to [REDACTED] and the children. Officers were unable to get Desmarais to come out of the home to be interviewed. While at the home, officers observed Desmarais assault one of his children. During this incident, they observed Desmarais wearing a bulletproof vest and gun belt. Desmarais had an active warrant for his arrest but refused to be taken into custody. A stand-off ensued. Officers continued to speak with the household members. They indicated that Desmarais had several firearms and explosives inside the home. [REDACTED] indicated that Desmarais had been planning an event like this for some time.

Due to the seriousness of the incident, a joint SWAT team comprised of officers and deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office were called to assist with the scene. A hostage negotiator was brought to the scene to attempt to de-escalate the situation. Chief Dorsey and Officer Wireman advised that because of the elevated threat posed, Tactical Teams from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and ASORT (Mansfield PD / Richland County Joint Team) were called into assist. Members of the Ashland County Bomb Squad also responded. The standoff lasted for approximately twelve (12) hours.

During the standoff, Tactical Team Members attempted to get Desmarais to exit the home by introducing CS gas into the home. A hostage negotiator was utilized to attempt to reason with Desmarais and gain his compliance in surrendering.

Desmarais fired several rounds out of a second-floor bedroom, in the direction of officers on at least three separate occasions. As the standoff went on, Desmarais told Tactical Team Members that he was unable to surrender because he was sitting on a live grenade.

At approximately 1055 hours on May 11, 2026, Sgt. Kingsborough (ASORT Tactical Team Commander) gave [REDACTED] (ASORT Tactical Team [REDACTED]) the command to shoot. [REDACTED] fired one round, striking Desmarais.

The Ashland County Bomb Squad entered the home to determine if Desmarais had placed covert explosives inside the home that would have injured investigators. They recovered an inert hand grenade and explosive materials.

Desmarais died at the scene.

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Decedent



Name: Paul Anthony Desmarais

DOB: 06/07/1984

SS: [REDACTED]

Height/Weight: 6'00" / 175 lbs

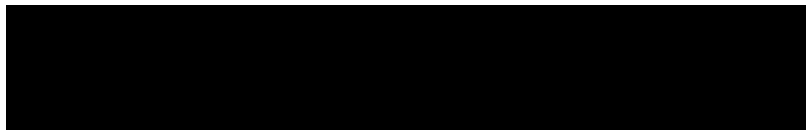
Address: 905 E. Warren St. Bucyrus, Ohio

Paul A. Desmarais died as a result of his injuries at the scene. Due to the threat of explosives, tactical team members had to evaluate his injuries by utilizing a drone with onboard camera. His injuries were deemed incompatible with life. Desmarais would be transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office for autopsy.

Background

Paul Desmarais

- Forty-two year-old male
- Desmarais had an active arrest warrant at the time of the officer involved critical incident: Felony Intimidation - Crawford County Sheriff's Office.
- A review of the CCH records and court records for Desmarais disclosed [REDACTED]. The arresting agencies included:



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The following table will document the arrest records:

[REDACTED]	
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Autopsy

The autopsy report for the decedent (Paul Anthony Desmarais) was obtained from the Lucas County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

The cause of death for Paul Anthony Desmarais was determined to be "[REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] The manner of death was ruled [REDACTED]

The comment section contained the following information:

[REDACTED]

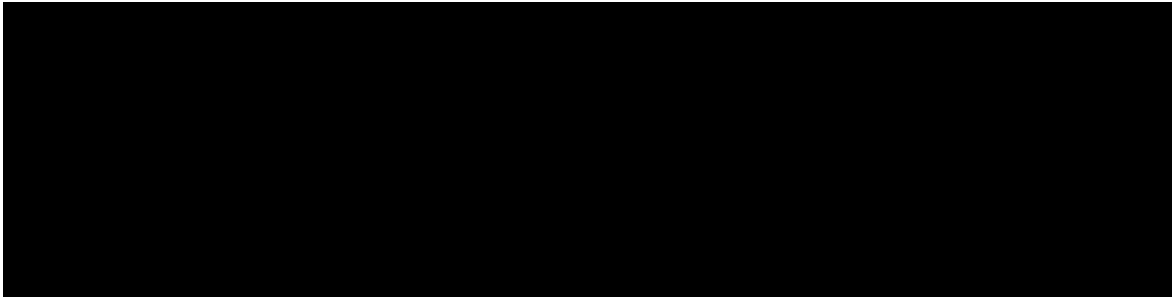
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Toxicology reports indicate that Paul Anthony Desmarais was under the influence of [REDACTED] at the time of the incident.

Result Summary



Physical Evidence

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the scene of the shooting in order to document and preserve any items of potential evidence. Multiple agents responded and processed the scene, to include photographing and mapping the area, as well as the search for, documentation, and collection of items of possible evidence. Detailed crime scene reports were completed with the below information only summarizing some of the more significant findings.

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Image #1 - Front and Rear of Home

Crime Scene Investigators documented the area where [REDACTED] fired one round into the home, near the rear alley. The rifle and cartridge casing were collected as evidence.

Located to the south of the white truck was a tripod containing a firearm pointed in the northern direction. Directly below the firearm was one (1) fired cartridge casing. The firearm was a Tikka T3x rifle with Viper Cortex mounted scope. The firearm contained a seated magazine with seven (7) HORNADY 308 WIN cartridges and one (1) HORNADY 308 WIN cartridge in the chamber.

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Image #2 – Location of Sniper Rifle and Tripod

Crime Scene Investigators located a ballistic impact in the fence near the rear alley. The area of damage was consistent with a bullet hole, created by a round traveling from the north (area of the home), towards the south (alleyway). They noted damage to the fence and a nearby vehicle. A fired bullet was located in this area.



Image #3 – Damage to Fence Near Alley & Fired Bullet

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Crime Scene Investigators searched and documented the interior portions of the home, collecting numerous items of potential evidence. Crime Scene reports indicate that nineteen fired cartridge casings and four fired bullets were recovered at the scene.

BCI Item #	Description	Location Found
4	Tablet	Kitchen Counter*
5	Gas Mask	Living Room - Couch
6	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Stairs (leading to second floor)
7	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 23"*	Upstairs Bathroom - Floor
8	Cell Phone (iPhone-found powered off)	Upstairs Bathroom - Floor
9	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Southwest Bedroom - Dresser
10	Fired Bullet	Southwest Bedroom - Floor
11	Fired Bullet	Southwest Bedroom - Floor
12	Cell Phone (Samsung-found powered off)	Southwest Bedroom - Drawer
13	Fired Bullet	Upstairs Hallway
14	Cell Phone (iPhone-found powered off)	North Bedroom - Bed
15	Cell Phone (iPhone-found plugged in)	North Bedroom - Nightstand
16	HP Laptop Computer	North Bedroom - Floor
41	Cell Phone (Samsung-found powered off)	North Bedroom - Wooden Shelf

*Annotates that these items were incorrectly described in location or description on evidence sheet.

Paul Desmarais was located in the area of the second floor – southeast bedroom.

The southeast bedroom was in complete disarray. A substantial portion of the exterior wall was missing and a significant amount of wood and siding debris was observed on the floor in the small hallway that gave access to the room. A dresser was present in the corner of the bedroom. A bunkbed was present and oriented in a northwest to southeast direction. Multiple items including ammunition, firearms, tactical gear, and bone fragments were present. Apparent blood was on the floor, mattress, ceiling and walls. Multiple areas of damage were present in the drywall.

The deceased, Paul Desmarais, was found in the southeast bedroom. He was clothed in blue jeans, black tennis shoes, black t shirt, and tactical lead plated vest. A magazine containing twenty-nine (29) "LC 24" cartridges was present in the decedent's front left pocket (BCI Item #50). Attached to the decedents right hip was a holster that contained a Ruger P94 handgun.

Multiple firearms were present in the immediate area of Desmarais, with one firearm attached to the deceased by a strap (BCI Item #35). A gas mask, tactical

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equipment, cartridge casings, cartridges, and magazines containing cartridges were found in abundance.

BCI Item #	Description	Location
17	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Floor of bedroom
18	AM 15 MultiCal Firearm with scope - (1) magazine cont. (25) cartridges mixture of - "LC 19" & "FC 18 223 REM" - (1) cartridge from chamber - "LC 19"	Corner near dresser
19	Magazine cont. 29 cartridges - "ADI 20"	Bottom mattress of bunkbed
20	Camo Magazine Holder	Bottom mattress of bunkbed

21	Gas Mask	Bottom mattress of bunkbed
22	Ballistic shield	Bottom mattress of bunkbed
23	Bullet Proof Vest	Floor near bunkbed
24	Green Magazine Holder cont.: - (1) magazine cont. (30) cartridges - "ADI 20" - (1) magazine cont. (30) cartridges - "LC 23" - (1) magazine cont. total of (31) cartridges - (29) - "ADI 20" - (2) - "PSD 17" - (1) magazine cont. total of (29) cartridges - (9) - "ADI 20" - (20) - LC 23" - (1) magazine cont. total of (29) cartridges - (19) - "LC 19" - (10) - "LC 09" - (1) magazine cont. (30) cartridges - "LC 24"	Bottom mattress of bunkbed
25	Black Belt cont. ammunition/shotgun shells	Railing of bunkbed
26	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Top mattress of bunkbed
27	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Top mattress of bunkbed
28	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Top mattress of bunkbed
29	Fired Shotgun Shell - "12 *"	Near decedent's right hand
30	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Floor of bedroom
31	Springfield Armory .30 Firearm - (1) speed loader cont. (5) cartridges - "SL 43" - (1) cartridge from chamber - "77"	Floor of bedroom
32	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Floor of bedroom
33	Magazine cont. (7) cartridges - "LC 24"	Near decedent's left foot
34	AKDAL Arms LLC Firearm - (3) Shot Shells - "12 GA FEDERAL" - (3) Shot Shells - "12 *"	Under decedent
35	Smith & Wesson Firearm with attached scope - (1) magazine cont. (28) cartridges - "LC 24" - (1) cartridge from chamber - "LC 24"	Under decedent's right arm
36	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 23"	Near decedent's left foot
37	Speed Loader cont. (8) cartridges - "TW 43"	Near decedent's left foot
38	Grenade - empty (confirmed by bomb squad)	North of decedent's body
39	Helmet	North of decedent's body
40	Magazine with cartridges	North of decedent's body
42	Cartridge - "ADI 20"	Floor of Bedroom
43	Cartridge - "LC 23"	Floor of Bedroom

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BCI Item #	Description	Location
45	Cartridge - "LC 23"	Floor
46	Fired Cartridge Casing - "LC 24"	Floor
47	Cartridge - "LC 23"	Floor
48	Fired Cartridge Casings - (5) "LC 23" - (1) "LC 24"	Floor
49	Cartridge - "LC 23"	Floor
51	Magazine cont. 30 cartridges - "LC 23"	Floor
52	Speed Loader cont. 8 cartridges - "SL 54"	Floor
53	Shot Shell - "12 GA FEDERAL"	Floor
54	Fired Bullet	Floor

*Annotates that these items were incorrectly described in location or description on evidence sheet.

Evidence Photographs



Image #4 - Inert Grenade - CS #38

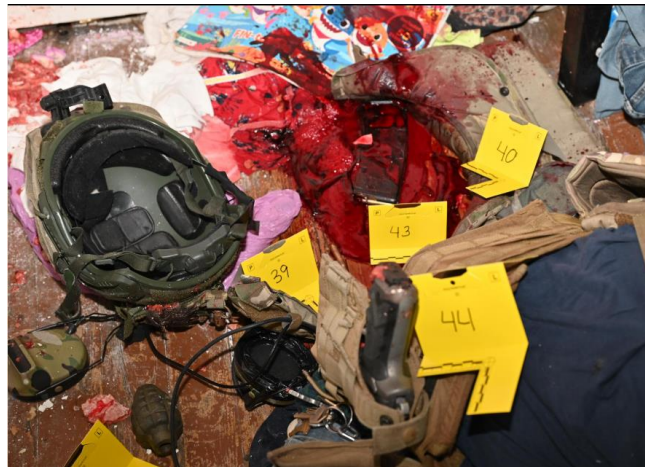


Image #5 -Tactical Helmet - CS #39



Image #6 -Springfield Armory .30 Firearm - CS# 31

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Image #7 - AM -15 Multi-Cal Firearm with Scope - CS #18 - Corner Near Dresser



Image #8 - AKDAL Arms LLC 12 Gauge Shotgun - CS #34 - Located Beneath Desmarais



Image #9 - Smith & Wesson Firearm with Attached Scope CS#35 - Under Desmarais Arm

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Image #10 - Bullet Proof Vest – Worn by Desmarais



Image #11 - Ruger Handgun – CS# 44 – Holster on Desmarais

Lab Analysis

Various items of potential evidence were submitted to the BCI Laboratory for analysis. The actual reports should be consulted as the following synopsis does not include many of the details from the full reports.

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Firearms Analysis

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 2 Tikka Rifle	N/A	Operable
	Item 4	Source Identification
	(1) 308 Winchester fired cartridge case	
	Items 29EB1 & 29EB2 (2) fired bullet jacket fragments	Source Exclusion

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 21 Smith & Wesson firearm	N/A	Operable (See Remarks)
	Item 27	Support for Same Source†
	(1) fired bullet jacket fragment	
	Items 29EB1 & 29EB2 (2) fired bullet jacket fragments	Inconclusive*
	Items 3 & 10 (2) 22 caliber fired bullets (223 Remington/5.56x45mm)	Inconclusive*
	Items 7, 11, 13-15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 25EC1-25EC6, & 28EC1-28EC4 (19) 223 Remington/5.56x45mm fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

†Similar class characteristics and some corresponding individual characteristics, but insufficient for a Source Identification.

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Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 12 Anderson Manufacturing rifle	N/A	Operable (See Remarks)
	Items 29EB1 & 29EB2 (2) fired bullet jacket fragments	Inconclusive*
	Items 3 & 10 (2) 22 caliber fired bullets (223 Remington/5.56x45mm)	Inconclusive*

*Similar class characteristics but insufficient corresponding individual characteristics to identify or exclude.

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 18 Springfield Armory rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items 29EB1 & 29EB2 (2) fired bullet jacket fragments	Source Exclusion

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 23 Ruger pistol	N/A	Operable
	Items 29EB1 & 29EB2 (2) fired bullet jacket fragments	Source Exclusion

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 20 Akda Arms shotgun	N/A	Operable
	Item 16 (1) 12 Gauge fired shotshell	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 1 (2) apparent copper jacket fragments and several apparent lead fragments	N/A	Unsuitable^

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

For additional information, please refer to the report titled, "2026-21559-1 (BCI Laboratory Firearms Report)."

Involved Officer Written Statement

An invitation to an in-person interview with investigators was declined through his attorney in a June 18, 2026, email from Atty. Franken.

On June 30, 2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The

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email contained a written statement as an attachment from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Lexington Police Department. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was deployed as a [REDACTED] during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Prior to the Police Academy, I spent [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As a law enforcement officer, I have never received any discipline related to use of force. I have never been the subject of any Internal Affairs investigations related to the use of force. In my law enforcement career, I have never before used lethal force prior to this incident. The most recent ASORT-related training I attended was for Sniper Training on April 30, 2026.

I used a Tikka T3x Tac A1 .308 rifle issued to me by the Lexington Police Department. I last qualified with this weapon at the Sniper Training on April 30, 2026.

When we arrived on scene.....I was told by team leader Rod Roose to get my sniper rifle and position myself in the turret of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was in this position for approximately three hours.

During that time, numerous attempts of verbal de-escalation were hailed via the speaker on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I overheard on the radio that the suspect would not answer phone calls from the hostage negotiators. Also, during that time, the ASORT team in the rear attempted to deploy gas into the house via 40mm grenade launcher. As they did, I heard gunfire coming from the residence, approximately one round. A short time later it was confirmed that the barricaded subject, later identified as Paul Desmarais, had shot at the rear team through the wall of the residence.

I asked my commander, Jered Kingsborough, what my rules of engagement were. He stated, "He's already shot at us once, if you see him with a weapon, don't let him do it again."

While the Rook was trying to deploy gas into the second-story window of the residence. I watched the rounds come out of the exterior all of the residence via drone live feed. There were approximately five rounds fired. This was the second time the suspect had fired at law enforcement.

I was directed by my team commander, Jered Kingsborough, to try and establish a sniper vantage point in a residence on the front side of 905 Warren but got no

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response from any of them. Jered (sp) directed me to hold on the residence from bearcat 182's position at the rear of the residence.

While at the rear of the residence, I observed the Rook pour more gas into the rear of the residence and the front of the residence. ASORT operators were sent drone footage via text message from Commander Kingsborough of Mr. Desmarais sitting on the floor behind the bunk bed. Mr. Desmarais was observed to have a gas mask around his neck. On the bed in front of him were several magazines of rifle ammunition, a shield, and what looked to be a bandolier of more ammunition.

At this time, my commander, Jered Kingsborough, pulled me aside and stated that he and the other commanders had made the decision to give Mr. Desmarais one final opportunity to surrender. Given the longevity of the operation (10+ hours), the immediate and imminent threat of bodily harm to officers and the public, the ineffectiveness of less than lethal options, and the hours of unsuccessful hailing asking Mr. Desmarais to surrender, the commanders decided one final set of hails and if he did not surrender, I was to relieve Deputy Neyer at the rear of the residence and take the shot to end the situation.

I went to the rear of the residence with Deputies Ivy and Davis, Sergeant Stantz, and hostage negotiator Swisher. I told Deputy Neyer that I was there to relieve him and asked if he had a distance to Mr. Desmarais. He stated, "29 yards". I adjusted the elevation on my rifle's optic to the appropriate distance and placed it in the tripod that Deputy Neyer was using.

As I looked through my optic, I could see Mr. Desmarais' face through the torn out wall in the second floor of the residence. I could see and hear Mr. Desmarais responding to the hails. As I was watching him through the rifle, Hostage Negotiator Swisher, who was hailing him from the Bearcat, asked him numerous times to come out and resolve things peacefully. He stated, "I can't get up, I'm sitting on a live grenade, what don't you get you fucking dumb bitch?" Command asked her if she could ask him to put the pin back in the grenade. She did and he responded that the pin was all the way across the room.

All I could see from my vantage point was from the bottom of the suspect's chin upwards. Mr. Desmarais seemed frantic and angry; arguing with the hostage negotiator. He kept moving his hand around erratically. Jered (Kingsborough) asked Hostage Negotiator Swisher to keep trying to give as many opportunities as possible for him to come out peacefully.

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After what seemed like five or ten minutes of hailing Mr. Desmarais, Jered hailed me on the radio. He asked me if I had eyes on Mr. Desmarais. I stated that I did. He stated that due to the lack of Mr. Desmarais' surrender, I was to take the shot at my convenience. Visibility was clear at all times. I fired one round into Mr. Desmarais' head. I was his head disappear and blood spatter on the wall behind him. Jered asked over the radio if the shot was out. I advised affirm. He asked for status. I stated, "He is down and he's not getting back up."

I used lethal force because I do not believe that there was any less than lethal force that I could have used that would be effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to myself and others by his actions in firing his gun at law enforcement several times throughout the incident and the threat of a live grenade with the pin pulled inside the residence.

Law Enforcement attempted several times to use less than lethal force by deploying gas, use of a hostage negotiator, use of the rook and drones, all with no success. My action in firing my firearm, as described above, was consistent with my training and experience as a law enforcement officer.

Involved Tactical Team Commander Written Statement

An invitation to an in-person interview with investigators was declined through his attorney in a June 18, 2026 email from Atty. Franken.

On July 02, 2026, Special Agent David Hammond (SA Hammond) received an email from Fraternal Order of Police Union Attorney Jessica Franken (Atty. Franken). The email contained a written statement as an attachment from Sergeant Jered Kingsborough (Sgt. Kingsborough) of the Mansfield Police Department (MPD). Sgt. Kingsborough was the Team Commander of the ASORT Tactical Team during the May 11, 2026, Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Statement of Sergeant Jered Kingsborough, Mansfield Police Department and ASORT Commander Regarding Incident on May 11, 2026.

One (written one in statement) the day in question, I would report to the incident commander which was Craig Moser. My ASORT team is governed by Richland

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County Chiefs of Police Association, and I report to the board that is made up of the Chiefs of Police Departments in Richland County.

My current assignment with the Mansfield Police Department is the Sergeant of Major Crimes in the Detective Bureau.

As a law enforcement officer, I have never received any discipline related to use of force. I have never been the subject of any internal affairs investigation related to use of force. In my law enforcement career, I have had one prior incident where lethal force was applied in [REDACTED]. The incident was investigated by BCI and cleared through the Grand Jury process in Richland County Court of Common Pleas.

The last ASORT training I completed was April 15-16, 2026, over live fire sniper-initiated entries.

I arrived on scene in my work vehicle, an unmarked 2023, silver Chevy Malibu. I was not wearing BWC (body worn camera) nor any recording device.

At approximately 0115 hours, I was contacted via phone by the Mansfield Police Dispatch Center who advised me that Crawford SRT was requesting the activation of ASORT to assist with the incident in their jurisdiction. I requested that UAS, HNT and MOC respond as well. I was provided Lt. Craig Moser's contact information as the requestor of ASORT.

At 0128 hours, an Everbridge activation was broadcasted to operators and supplemental team members regarding the call-out. Seventeen operators and two tactical medics were available for this call-out.

I spoke with Lt. Moser via public service while enroute to the incident location. Lt. Moser advised regarding the domestic violence and that their negotiators had been in contact with the suspect, Paul Desmarais, over the phone. Lt. Moser stated that Paul was giving radical thoughts, possessed high powered rifles/munitions, and possible explosives. Lt. Moser stated that Paul was believed to have a gas mask and bulletproof vest in his possession. Paul was believed to suffer from schizophrenia and possibly self-medicated with alcohol and methamphetamine per Lt. Moser.

ASORT departed for 905 E. Warren Rd. at approximately 0210 hours and arrived at 0238 hours. A command post was established to control information and personnel flow. Upon speaking with Lt. Moser, he informed me that he



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would resume role of Incident Command through the event and requested ASORT take over tactical operations.

After reviewing all the information related to the case, the following tactical plan was established. Bearcats 182 and [REDACTED] would relieve Crawford County SRT of their containment positions. Bearcat 182 would take a containment position on the 3-side, and [REDACTED] would hold containment on the 1-side. Once both teams are set, HNT will continue to attempt contact with Paul via cell phone and PA system. Both containment teams will assess the structure and construct a gas munition plan.

At 0314 hours, ASORT relieved containment. HNT was unable to make contact and prepared for gas options to include launchables to the second story 1-4 sides. Gas was deployed with no response from suspect. I made the decision to deploy gas, in an effort to get the suspect to surrender and exit the house safely.

At approximately 0325 hours, Sgt. Williams advised of a camera affixed to the garage on the 3-side. Sgt. Williams requests permission to disable the camera. I gave Sgt. Williams permission to disable the camera. At approximately 0330 hours, I issue the second order to launch gas to all areas of the residence. Gas was deployed, and again there was no response from the suspect.

At approximately 0356 hours, shots were fired from inside the residence out of the 3 side. Operators reported that the firearm sounded like a rifle with a three-round burst. At approximately 0412 hours, 182 Containment Team requested to break the light on the exterior building illuminating their area of operation for concealment. I granted the request.

At approximately 0427 hours, the interior drone located a room in the upstairs portion of the residence that had a ballistic vest, rifle parts are observed on the bed in the room, and a rifle was observed in a closet.

At approximately 0446 hours, I contacted Erik Lofland with OSP SRT. I requested information on their Rook and requested they send a team to assist with Rook. Having been fired at once already, our main objective was to get visual and confirmed communication with the suspect.

At approximately 0559 (hours), ASORT pulled the electrical meter. The decision to pull the gas meter was a tactic used for anxiety manipulation to the suspect and make the structure safer if the need to dismantle the house became



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necessary. I requested an arrest warrant be filed for the suspect. Bucyrus obtained an arrest warrant for Domestic Violence.

At approximately 0630 (hours) SRT (Ohio State Highway Patrol – OSHP) arrives on the scene with the Rook. Then, at 0708 (hours), the third deployment of gas was introduced through the 3-side with the Rook and its gas insertion tool. This was again in attempt to get the suspect to surrender and exit the house. HNT was continuing attempts to make contact with the suspect. The suspect seemed unaffected by the deployment of gas and did not surrender.

At approximately 0808 (hours), the fourth deployment of gas was introduced into the residence via the Rook gas insertion tool on the 3-side. Flashbangs and sirens were also used on the 1-side as diversion in attempt to distract the suspect away from the area officers would be deploying the gas. These tactics had no apparent effects on suspect, as he still did not surrender.

At approximately 0840 (hours) – fifth deployment of gas – Rook – 1-side. No apparent effects on suspect. He still did not surrender.

At approximately 0900 (hours) – Crawford SRT – shut gas off to the residence at the curb. The decision to shut off gas is a standard practice/tactic to make the house safer when dismantling.

At approximately 0950 (hours), the Rook began dismantling 3-side, second story. The objective was to get a visual on the suspect after deployment of gas on five separate occasions and shots fired from the residence. Additionally, we were still seeking confirmed communication with the suspect. Operators on 3-side communicate to the command post that they can hear yelling from the suspect. They are unable to determine what suspect is saying.

At approximately 0958 (hours) information is given to CP stating the male is willing to exit but he is seated on a grenade and states he does not have his phone with him. Ashland County Bomb Squad was contacted.

At approximately 1027 (hours) the interior drone was requested to fly into the structure to determine location of suspect within the structure. Lt. Rhinehart was operating. The suspect was located and video was forwarded to CP. In reviewing the footage, I observed the suspect in what appeared to be an ambush position in a 3-side, upstairs room. The suspect was in a room-corner with what appeared to be a bunk bed frame on the other side of him. He was wearing a gas mask around his neck with a long rifle by his side. I then ordered additional



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gas deployment directed at the room. The suspect puts on his gas mask and gas is ineffective.

At approximately 1030 (hours), Lofland, Moser, Chief Bammann and I conference in a secure, sound-controlled area of the command post. All leaders agree that the suspect is not coming out. At this point, gas had been deployed on six separate occasions, and the suspect had shot at law enforcement twice. We used the rook, and drones that showed us the suspect was wearing a gas mask rendering any gas deployment ineffective. Our hostage negotiators had been attempting to contact the suspect approximately every five minutes via phone, or audible hail. There were 80 separate attempts by ASORT negotiators to contact Paul.

Due to the totality of circumstances including Paul's defensive position with armor, ballistics and rifle capabilities, as well as his repeated shots at officers, a sniper-initiated action was deemed the safest course of resolution to officers and civilians. Due to Paul's placement in the structure, location of shots that came from the house, and officer's positioning to control the public, all officers on scene on the 3-side were in imminent risk of serious harm or death if Paul began shooting again.

We were making every attempt to use less than lethal force to resolve the incident but prepared to move forward if the suspect did not surrender.

HNT Swisher attempted to get the suspect to surrender and exit the residence. The suspect told HNT Swisher that he was sitting on a live grenade with the pin pulled and was not leaving. At this point, it became clear there was a real and continued threat to the lives of all law enforcement officers and the public. It was also clear that despite countless attempts to get the suspect to surrender with less than lethal force, he was not going to surrender.

I ordered the use of lethal force because I do not believe that there was any less lethal force that could have been used that would have been effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to others by his actions in firing his weapon multiple times at law enforcement, and the threat of a live grenade. My actions in deploying the sniper were consistent with my training and expertise as a law enforcement officer.

At this time the suspect still will not exit and continued to state that he is seated on a grenade and cannot exit. At approximately 1111 (hours), I give [REDACTED] command to shoot suspect on his ready. One round was fired. Ashland County Bomb Squad was then used to clear residence.

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Witnesses

██████ (V) – ██████ of Paul Desmarais

On Monday, May 11, 2026, at approximately 1630 hours, BCI SA Burke and SA Lamping interviewed ██████. The interview took place at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, 885 N. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

During the interview, ██████ stated the following:

"It was simple, he's (Desmarais) you know was a prepper, a (conspiracy) theorist. (Desmarais) had a crap ton of ammo and canned foods in the basement to last twenty years. And really was not a bad guy (Paul)".

According to ██████, Desmarais was undiagnosed with schizophrenia. Desmarais had been on medications when he was younger, but ██████ did not know what medication Desmarais had been on at that time.

██████ told investigators that she took her kids for a walk and later went to the bonfire at the neighbors. She denied that Desmarais had ever pulled her hair but stated that things did happen after returning home. ██████ said Desmarais slapped her in the face with an open right hand.

SA Lamping asked ██████ what had taken place after Desmarais had slapped her. ██████ said that she threw a can at Desmarais. SA Lamping asked if Paul had pointed a firearm at ██████. She stated:

"A firearm, that was my son, he (Desmarais) did have one. I guess he pointed it at me".

After Desmarais had pointed the firearm at her and at her son ██████ (Desmarais), ██████ tried to de-escalate the situation by walking away. Shortly after that time, law enforcement arrived at their house to conduct a welfare check. Desmarais would not come out of the house. Desmarais said:

"No, I'm good, I'm fine, you can leave".

Desmarais had been upstairs having the conversation with law enforcement and would not come downstairs. ██████ said Desmarais had his armor on and she had learned this through her sons. According to ██████:

"He (Desmarais) had pointed a gun at them (boys) upstairs, which was wrong and horrible".

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SA Lamping confirmed with [REDACTED] that Desmarais had only pointed the firearm at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that was true. SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if, when Desmarais had pointed the firearm at them, had Desmarais made any verbal threats towards them and [REDACTED] said:

"He never threatened to shoot the children, no".

[REDACTED] then remembered that as Desmarais pointed the firearm at the children, Desmarais did say:

"This is how it's gonna end".

[REDACTED] discussed an incident involving Desmarais and law enforcement officials, a couple of weeks prior to this incident. The couple's son, [REDACTED], was involved in a dirtbike crash, and the Bucyrus Police Department had been called. Police phoned the Desmarais home, requesting a parent come to the scene. During the phone conversation, Police overheard Desmarais and [REDACTED] discussing whether or not he should bring a handgun with him.

When Desmarais arrived at [REDACTED]'s location in Bucyrus, he got out of his car, BPD drew their service weapons on Desmarais and took him to the ground. [REDACTED] said:

"There was never a weapon on him, never a weapon inside the vehicle, there was no weapon at all".

When asked if this incident could have contributed to stand-off on May 10th, [REDACTED] indicated she felt that could have been part of the reason. However, she had no idea, this was how everything was going to end today. As the situation progressed, [REDACTED] said:

"I knew he (Desmarais) wasn't gonna walk out there alive".

Chasity Turner

Chasity Turner (Turner) informed the agents that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], along with her children, had come to her residence for a bonfire on Sunday May 10, 2026. At some point, Paul Desmarais (Desmarais), came across the street, grabbed [REDACTED]'s hair, and demanded that she return home. Turner stated that she felt as though Desmarais had been drinking at his residence prior to confronting [REDACTED]. After the confrontation at Turner's residence, Desmarais, [REDACTED], and the children returned to their home.

Following the initiation of the standoff, Turner allowed the children from the Desmarais residence to stay in her house. The officers on scene asked the children an assortment of questions. Some of the children's responses had to do with Desmarais

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being schizophrenic, having homemade grenades, and other weapons in the house. As the incident continued Turner learned that Desmarais had pointed a gun at [REDACTED] and three of the children, and that Desmarais also hit [REDACTED] in the face.

Corless Lawhun – 902 E. Warren St.

Lawhun told the agents that he was awakened around 2300 hours on Sunday, May 10, 2026, by yelling on the street. Shortly after he noticed flashing lights on the street, followed by announcements from a megaphone instructing Desmarais to exit his residence. Lawhun believes that someone, possibly Desmarais, exited the house, yelled at the police in reference to his children, and then went back into the house. Lawhun stated that the announcements lasted all night. On Monday, May 11, 2026, Lawhun recalled hearing the deployment of flashbangs and observing the deployment of smoke/gas.

Natasha Green – 829 E. Warren St.

Green noted that the incident was rather prolonged, and that it had to do with an incident between Desmarais and his wife. She stated the following regarding her perception of the incident:

“And it just escalated out throughout the night. And then everybody showed up and they give that man so many opportunities to come outta that house. And he just absolutely refused, would not firing at him and everything. And he just would not, I mean, they were patient with him. They, they tried everything they could to get him out of there.” (00:27:21)

Green went on to state that she heard gunshots which she believed came from Desmarais, and not the officers on scene. She described the cadence of Desmarais' gunshots as “deliberate”. Green also believed that Desmarais was abusive to his wife. She also noted that Desmarais was yelling and screaming during the incident. She thought that Desmarais claimed that he would not be taken alive at some point during the incident.

Glenda Clayton – 903 E. Warren St.

Clayton recalled waking up to a commotion outside around 2245 hours. She opened her door and was instructed to get back into her residence by a police officer. Once she went back into her house, she heard several gunshots. Clayton recalled hearing gunshots throughout the night, but she did not know who was firing or what they were firing.

She recalled that Desmarais frequently attempted to intimidate her by threatening legal action against her. She also noted that Desmarais was controlling of, and possibly

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abusive to, his wife. She said that Desmarais had yelled at [REDACTED] in the past and appeared to be controlling her movements. Clayton also stated that the children were typically confined to the porch and were not allowed to have friends.

Jesse Fulton – 909 E. Warren St.

Fulton stated that he felt that Desmarais mistreated his wife and alluded to an incident in which Desmarais may have slapped his wife. He explained that [REDACTED] has had marks on her face in the past and typically wears long sleeve shirts. Fulton explained that he felt [REDACTED] wore long sleeves to avoid showing “grab” marks caused by Desmarais.

He also recalled Desmarais stating that he had Tannerite¹ stored in his residence. Fulton also recalled Desmarais telling him about an incident in which he had an altercation/argument with an officer. Desmarais also told Fulton that he served in the military and was in the battle of Fallujah, Iraq.

He recalled that around 1730 hours Desmarais pulled up to the residence and appeared to be in a bad mood when he exited his vehicle. He noted that when [REDACTED] saw that Desmarais was in a bad mood she made all the children get back into the residence.

Later, around 2245 hours, Fulton was awakened by officers who were advising him to leave his residence. Fulton declined the offer to be escorted from his residence. Some time after, Fulton heard orders being issued for Desmarais to go to his door, unarmed, with his hands up. Fulton recalled hearing gunfire throughout the night, and he also observed officers shoot out/breakout a window on Desmarais’ residence. Fulton recalled hearing the officers ordering Desmarais to come to the front door and surrender. He advised that he did not hear Desmarais respond to any of the commands.

Bailee Labombard – 921 E. Warren St.

Labombard stated she was inside of her home during the Officer Involved Critical Incident but was unable to see what was occurring and only heard the incident. While Desmarais was surrounded by police she stated she could hear loud percussive noises. She also heard Desmarais tell the police he was unable to exit his home. Labombard also heard Desmarais say, “How am I supposed to leave when my house is destroyed?” Labombard was uncertain of the time she heard Desmarais statements directed towards the officers or the loud percussive noises.

Adam Swerlein – 915 E. Warren Ave.

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

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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.

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.

Interview with Extended Family Members

Aimme Weiler, Jennifer Patterson, Sandra Desmarais

On 05/20/2026, family members of Paul Desmarais requested to speak with investigators about the incident. SA Hammond and SA Burke spoke with Desmarais' sisters, Aimme Weiler (Weiler) and Jennifer Patterson (Patterson) in addition to his mother, Sandra Desmarais (S. Desmarais).

During the interview, family members were asked to say something about Paul. His mother (S. Desmarais) remarked:

"He was a very sweet person, but it was inside of him. The sweetness, not the outside. Mm-hmm. He was troubled. He was troubled for a long time. I don't know if something happened to him when he was younger. I, I don't know."

S. Desmarais was asked when she first noticed that he was troubled.

"Well, when he was eight or nine, we took him to a psychiatrist, but he didn't like going there and he wouldn't take pills. And then the one he finally was able to talk to of course, died two weeks later. And we never went back, because Paul never wanted to continue, but we never found out what, what he was troubled about."

The family related that they lived in California during Paul's childhood. They expressed he had a propensity to lie and exaggerate to family members, possibly because he felt he was inferior to other family members.

They related that Paul moved to Ohio approximately 9 years ago (possibly 2016). He worked in the heating and air-conditioning industry. He was previously married to a woman named Julliane Gutierrez, for approximately four years. Family members were uncertain about the spelling and pronunciation of her name. They noted that there

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were issues of domestic violence in this previous relationship. The family stated that these incidents may have taken place in Big Bear, San Bernadino County, California.

S. Desmarais recalled:

"I never understood why he, he beat the wives up. I, I don't understand. He wanted to be belittled them and stuff."

S. Desmarais described her son as a prepper:

"Well see, he always wanted to protect, protect. He was very, uh, downstairs in the basement. He's got all kinds of food and stuff. If anything happens in the world, he'll be able to protect his family. That's why he had the guns, that's why he had bullets. That's why he had all this stuff to be able to protect the family because he said the world. Yeah. So that's why all that stuff was down there."

Witness Officer Interviews

Forty-one (41) law enforcement officials were identified as taking part during this incident in some capacity; with one additional law enforcement official arriving after the incident concluded, bringing total law enforcement presence to forty-two (42). Of the forty-one, fourteen in-person interviews were conducted. Additionally, ten officers provided written statements regarding their actions and what they witnessed. Three written police reports were provided by the Ashland County Bomb Squad, and an additional three reports were provided by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Agencies involved included the Bucyrus Police Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Office, ASORT Tactical Team (Richland County Sheriff's Office - Mansfield Police Department Combined Unit), Ohio State Highway Patrol, Galion Police Department, Lexington Police Department and the Ashland County Bomb Squad.

The following paragraphs represent a sample of the statements deemed noteworthy by the author and are overviews of each officer's accounts of his/her actions pertaining to this incident. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview.

Officer Taylor Carver – Bucyrus Police Department

Officer (Ofc.) Taylor Carver (Ofc. Carver) was dispatched to 916 E. Warren St. to speak with Chastity Turner about a domestic violence incident. Officer Carver responded to the call and Chastity told her that her female neighbor, [REDACTED] (REDACTED), was at her residence when [REDACTED]'s boyfriend, Paul Desmarais (Paul), arrived and began yelling at [REDACTED] to come home. Chastity witnessed Paul grab [REDACTED] by her hair at the end of her

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driveway to make her go home. Chastity told Officer Carver that there were prior domestic incidents between [REDACTED] and Paul.

Officer Carver went to [REDACTED] and Paul's residence. She spoke with [REDACTED] and noted that [REDACTED] was bleeding from her arm, had a scuff mark on her arm, and a red mark on her chest. [REDACTED] told Officer Carver she "fell" while walking home and denied that Paul grabbed her by her hair. [REDACTED] said she did not have "permission" to be at Chastity's house. As Officer Carver spoke with [REDACTED], she could hear Paul "screaming" upstairs, stating he was not coming downstairs and was not going to speak with officers. She recalled Paul saying, "Get the fuck off my porch" and calling the police "tyrants" (recording 08:05).

Officer Carver asked Paul to come downstairs and speak with officers and she wanted to see if he had any injuries to continue a preliminary investigation. Other officers (Officer Cox and Officer Conner) at the scene were able to partially see Paul at the top of the stairs from their position on the front porch near the front door.

Officer Carver said Officer Cox told the other officers that Paul was wearing a "vest" similar to an "outer carrier vest" and a "helmet" (recording 11:21) when he saw him at the top of the stairs. Officer Carver confirmed the vest Paul was wearing was similar to a law enforcement or military ballistic vest. The officers began to believe the incident was escalating, that the residence was unsafe, and that they needed to remove Paul and [REDACTED]'s children from the home.

Officers began requesting the children to exit the residence. Officer Carver said one of the male children (16-year-old) told officers that Paul "*had a gun in his holster and he wouldn't, he wouldn't take it out.*" She recalled the juvenile male saying, "*I was trying to get the gun away from my dad, but he won't, he won't put the gun down*" (recording 12:10).

The officers sent [REDACTED] and the children to Chastity's residence across the street. Officer Cox saw Paul coming down the stairs and the officers decided to retreat and take cover behind their vehicles in the street and other objects. Paul called the officers "*tyrant pigs*" and slammed the front door shut. Officers opened the door multiple times and Paul continued to slam it shut. Officer Carver could not see Paul because she took cover behind a dumpster across the street from Paul's residence. She heard Paul saying, "*I'll defend myself if I have to*" (recording 14:19). Officer Carver requested dispatch to contact her lieutenant, and it was decided to contact SWAT.

Officer Carver said Paul went up and down the stairs multiple times, opened and closed the door multiple times, and was yelling. Officer Conner used the loudspeaker in his cruiser to request Paul to come out of the residence and that he was under arrest (for

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domestic violence and obstruction). Officer Carver said there was no indication from Paul at any time during the incident that he was going to comply with directions.

Officer Carver stated:

"So later on, um, I believe it was after SWAT showed up, somebody had come up to me saying [REDACTED] was having a mental breakdown in Chastity's house. I went to talk to her. Um, when I went in there, she mentioned to me that Paul wanted suicide by cop. Okay. And he's been planning this for a while, since I think 2020, she said. Um, and then the kids actually did say that he did put the gun in all of their faces that night before we showed up. And she did say like five minutes before we showed up, um, he did put the gun in her face and then he started to calm down a little bit and that's when we showed up and it started everything back up" (recording 15:53-16:32).

Agents asked Officer Carver if [REDACTED] mentioned if Paul had any mental health diagnoses. Officer Carver said [REDACTED] told her that Paul had "schizophrenia" and was "off his meds" (recording 16:53).

Officer Carver remained at the scene after SWAT arrived. She moved between the front and rear of the residence to hold a perimeter. Officer Carver added:

"The only other thing was in the back, um, around when Mansfield showed up, when he shot out of the window the first time me and Officer Dalton were back with Deputy Rowland, Detillion and Thomas when he shot out the back window" (recording 17:29).

Officer Carver said she was in a neighboring backyard when Paul shot out of the second-story rear window. She said it appeared Paul was shooting at a SWAT BearCat vehicle (possibly from Mansfield Police Department). She was not completely certain but believed Paul fired a "burst" of about three gunshots. This occurred later in the incident and after dark.

Officer Austen Conner – Bucyrus Police Department

Officer Austen Conner (Ofc. Conner) was dispatched as an initial responder to the area of 916 E. Warren St. with his trainee Ofc. Colton Cox (Ofc. Cox), to assist Officer Taylor Carver (Ofc. Carver) with a possible domestic violence call.

Ofc. Conner described Ofc. Carver speaking with the complainant. Preliminary information indicated that Paul Desmarais had come to 916 E. Warren St. to get his [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and bring her home. Desmarais and [REDACTED] had a verbal altercation, and

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he allegedly grabbed [REDACTED] by the hair. As part of the investigation, Ofc. Conner, Ofc. Cox and Ofc. Carver went to 905 E. Warren Street to interview Desmarais and [REDACTED].

Ofc. Conner described yelling upstairs, with the other officers, for Desmarais to come down:

"Paul started, you know. I believe Paul was intoxicated. [REDACTED] was kind of beating around the bush, if I can remember correctly, about how much he has been drinking and how intoxicated he is. Yeah, um, but he just kept escalating from there."

"At this point, you know, Paul kept getting more and more irate and, uh, you know, we're, we're starting to get all the kids out of the house because of the comments he's making. And, um, then that's when Officer Cox advises us that he seen Paul push one of the, the male juveniles."

Ofc. Conner related that Ofc. Cox told him:

"He seen something unusual. It looked like a bulletproof vest. And, and to confirm, uh, his, his suspicion, I think he, he asked the juvenile, hey, what was he wearing? You know, and that's when the juvenile told Officer Cox that he was wearing a bulletproof vest and, and I think a helmet and, and he might've had a gun as well."

Ofc. Conner described the process of moving the children out of the home as officers continued to try to gather information and establish dialogue with Desmarais. They then took up defensive positions around the home and called for a Special Response Team.

Ofc. Conner stated that he continued to assist at the scene, by gathering information about the incident. He had an opportunity to speak with [REDACTED], the couple's teenage son.

"One of the boys told me yes. He, he pushed me. He had a bulletproof vest on. He had a gun, and he actually hit me with the gun, and he showed me a little [cut] on his ring finger. I can't remember which hand it was, but there was a kind of like a cut."

Ofc. Conner stated that [REDACTED] provided additional information about the events leading up to the incident.

"[REDACTED] had said that her and Paul got into a verbal argument where, um, Paul had slapped her across the face. Um, that is when [REDACTED] said that she threw like

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a beer can or something at him. Um, and that's when he had a firearm and he pointed it at [REDACTED] and a few of the kids. Um, so that happened prior to our arrival while we were at the house, um, at 905 E. Warren. Okay. So, [REDACTED]'s filling us in on that, and I'm, I'm kind of like, are you kidding me?"

Ofc. Conner reported that discussions with [REDACTED] and the hostage negotiator provided further insight into the motivations of the event.

"She had told, she had told the negotiator and, and myself that Paul had been planning this since about 2020. And I was like, well, you know, like, what do you mean like, planning this? She, he, she said that, you know, he's pretty much, he's crazy. He's a big conspiracy theorist. Uh, he thinks the government's out to get him, and he's been planning, planning a barricaded situation for quite a while.

You know, like getting, um, you know, say, you know, a lot of ammunition, guns, helmet, bulletproof vests, gas mask. She even stated that he had a shield, a bulletproof shield that no bullets are gonna be able to pass through at least anything that we have."

Ofc. Conner related that he and Ofc. Cox remained at the scene, in a perimeter security role. He described sitting in his patrol car, when he heard gunfire.

"We parked down the road probably on the 800, maybe 700 block of East Warren. Um, and, you know, we blacked out and parked in the driveway. Um, I had my windows rolled down. I, I, I had heard, um, I don't know what team it was, um, but I had seen a team approach the house. I think they were, you know, trying to gas the house to use less lethal.

Um, at that point, that's when I heard a series of shots. Okay. And, and when I heard, I mean, I tell you, I, it, it sounded like a fully automatic rifle. It sounded about four shots or so. It was like bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, like really quick. Okay. I mean, unless this guy had a crazy trigger finger or something. That's what I, I thought I heard a full logging machine gun."

Officer Colten Cox – Bucyrus Police Department

Officer Colten Cox (Ofc. Cox) advised that he was working with Officer Conner (Ofc. Conner) at the time of the incident. Ofc. Cox was in the field training process as new employee. He related that he was on patrol when he and Ofc. Conner were dispatched to the area of 916 E. Warren St. as an initial responder for a request for back up.

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Ofc. Cox went to 905 E. Warren St. with Ofc. Conner and Ofc. Carver to investigate the incident. He related that he had been at the Desmarais residence before to assist with a warrant service for Paul Desmarais. The arrest warrant stemmed from a traffic stop incident, a few weeks before the Officer Involved Critical Incident. A warrant had been issued for Paul Desmarais for the charge of intimidation. Ofc. Cox stated that Desmarais had:

"Threatened to show up on that traffic stop with a firearm. So, at that point, I, I took a little precaution to approaching this residence."

Ofc. Cox stated that he took a position near the front door while Ofc. Carver interviewed [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] leaving the front door open so, Ofc. Cox described maintaining security at the door. The Desmarais' children attempted to get their father to come downstairs early in the investigation. Desmarais was described as yelling down to officers from somewhere on the second floor. Ofc. Carver stated that the content of Desmarais' statements made him think of things that Sovereign Citizens would say.

"He was, um, speaking upon, like the Constitution, wanting to uphold it. You know, anybody that came against the constitution or him, um, he had a right to uphold it. He was refusing to come down and speak."

Ofc. Cox described [REDACTED], Desmarais' son, going up the stairs to attempt to get his father to come down:

"I remember him, you know, walking up the stairs. Well, after he had walked up the stairs, I could see him standing at the top of the staircase speaking with his dad. And while speaking with his dad, he was like, dad, please just go down there and talk to him. Um, so that way they can leave. They just want to, they just wanna ask you a couple questions. I could hear Paul continuing to yell, you know, I'm not talking to him. You know, he continued to say some, say some things about our police department, some opinions, opinions he had of us from prior involvement."

When I was looking up the stairs, I could see probably just their waist and down. Well, a little bit of like, you know, some like [REDACTED]'s height. It, I think he was around the same height as his dad. Maybe a little bit shorter, but I could see like most of their, you know, bodies, well, they were standing at the top of the stairs, and Paul had pushed [REDACTED] well, when he pushed [REDACTED] out of the bathroom doorway, um, a little bit of his front, you know, of his persons came out of the doorway. But when that happened, um, I noticed that Paul had some

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sort of vest. I don't know if it was a plate carrier, if it was just a standard, you know, body armor like I'm wearing right now."

Officer Cox further related:

"Prior to our arrival, Paul had supposedly pointed a firearm, uh, at [REDACTED], the kids and also himself, um, that had, that happened prior to our arrival, according to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] didn't want to tell us that, um, that information didn't come out until [REDACTED] brought it up." At the 29:07 mark, "I had asked him, I said, you know, where was this information earlier, like on the porch when we got you outta the house? And he had told me that he was just, he felt like he was letting his dad down and he was selling him out almost."

Officer Cox also reported hearing gunshots while being parked away from the scene with Ofc. Conner.

"While we were doing our reports, we heard like a quick, like three shots, um, when we were in our cruiser, and that's when me and Officer Conner had looked at each other and we were like, that sounded like gunfire. And, uh, that's when Officer Carver had came over the radio and said shots fired."

Deputy Caleb Ivy – Richland County Sheriff's Office - (ASORT Tactical Team Member)

Deputy Caleb Ivy (Dep. Ivy) stated that he received a call about 0130 hours on May 11, 2026, regarding this incident. He was asked to respond to the Mansfield Police Department to assemble equipment before responding to the area as part of the tactical team response.

"We were told that he [Desmarais] had possible two firearms that he was seen carrying. Um, so then that's the information we were given and that's when Kingsborough kind of went into our plan of operation of what we were going to do.

Our plan of operation was our smaller bearcat, which is in this photo, was gonna pull to the back. Um, small team is gonna go there, uh, deploy smoke and uh, gas. And then our bigger bearcat was to pull up in front of Crawford County SO Bearcat and, uh, do the same."

Dep. Ivy indicated that he was driving the larger BearCat, which parked in front of the home on the street. He defined his early role in the incident as the driver of the BearCat, mostly staying in the vehicle due to safety concerns.

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After deploying gas into the home, Dep. Ivy reported that he heard a loud bang. He further described the sound:

"Sounded specifically, sounded like a fully automatic rifle was going off."

"It was coming from the back."

"I saw several of the guys that were under this kind of like shack right here. Running back towards the Bearcat."

Dep. Ivy spoke about the operational shift, after hearing the gunshots:

"After those two suspected gunshots, our operational plan changes. We're no longer dealing with someone who's possibly just barricading themselves. We're now dealing with an active threat who is physically trying, offensively trying to cause harm to us and the other guys around us. Um, that's when Kingsborough said, 'We're not, we're going to kind of take a step back.'"

Dep. Ivy eventually redeployed to the command post. He described the scene commanders contacting the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) for additional equipment and armored vehicles. Dep. Ivy would eventually move to the smaller BearCat located at the back of the home to relieve Tactical Team Members. Dep. Ivy stated that a period of time passed and he eventually cycled back to the command post for a break. He described OSHP vehicles arriving at the scene, including a Rook. While Dep. Ivy was at the command post, the Rook deployed to the back of the home and additional shots were heard. Dep. Ivy stated that he watched this on the display screens broadcasting a feed from the drones being used.

Dep. Ivy was then tasked with escorting a hostage negotiator to the BearCat at the rear of the home. Dep. Ivy stated that he had taken a break at the back of the home when he heard the command over the radio for the sniper to take the shot. He stated:

"I had actually sat down to fix my, uh, my vest because it was digging into me. Travis was to my right and then Davis was to his right. And when I went to fix it, that's when I heard the go ahead for our sniper to take the shot if you had the shot."

He further clarified whether it was the sniper or anyone:

"Just him. It was just the person that Kingsborough advised to take the shot. It was [REDACTED]."

"Kingsboro tried to ask for confirmation from [REDACTED]. If the shot had been fired, [REDACTED] confirmed and said that the suspect was down."

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Dep. Ivy advised that if the ASORT team had been tasked with entering the home, the individual team members faced significant danger:

"I feel, if we were, if we had no other option to have to go into that house and yeah, there was most likely someone was getting hurt from our side."

"From the drone footage, when we were in the command posts, they had shown us the drone footage of what they saw going in. There were several rooms in the upstairs that had several bullet proof vests in it and magazines, ammo, as well as firearm parts as well. And then from what we were advised, he had several ballistic vests with him from the drone footage that we saw when this was all torn down and they were able to get a drone to see where he was at. He had a shield, uh, homemade ballistic shield sitting beside him. He had several firearms sitting beside him as well with gas masks in front of him as well as he was wearing ballistic vest."

Dep. Ivy was asked about the efforts of the multiple agencies to peacefully resolve the matter:

"I do feel like there was multiple attempts made from all agencies to end this peacefully."

Deputy Nolan Neyer – Richland County Sheriff's Office - (ASORT Tactical Team Member)

Deputy Nolan Neyer (Dep. Neyer) stated that he received a call about 0129 hours on May 11, 2026, regarding this incident. He was asked to respond to the Mansfield Police Department to assemble equipment before responding to the area as part of the tactical team response.

Dep. Neyer described taking up a position at the rear of the house, inside the armored vehicle when he arrived:

"I was assigned to the sniper position, uh, with that 308 rifle, and I was placed in the turret, uh, looking at the rear of the residence providing cover."

Dep. Neyer advised that team leaders decided to introduce CS gas into the home. During this process, Dep. Neyer observed damage to the home's siding, consistent with someone firing out of the home, in the direction of the rear yard.

"I was watching the house, I saw two holes show up in the siding on that three-two window on the second story."

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"So those holes, I believe came from inside the house and he (Desmarais) was firing at us at that time."

"He never presented himself, but the room lit up and I saw, I could actually physically see the rounds exiting the house. So, if you're looking at, when I was looking at the window on the bottom right-hand corner of that window, I could see the sparks flying out where the rounds were hitting the siding and over that. And then there were about five or six holes that just showed up on the bottom. And then we caught out that he was fired shots at us at that point."

"I could see the muzzle flash."

Dep. Neyer related that this series of events caused the tactical team members to back away from the home. Neyer stated that he felt that the gunfire placed the tactical members in danger.

"I was very concerned at that point, from my position that this team here had taken rounds."

Dep. Neyer recalled being swapped out from this position to get a break. Dep. Neyer described watching the Ohio State Patrol Troopers deploying the Rook and tactical vehicles to the area of the home. He stated that he watched the events on the drone feed inside the command post. During this period of time, additional gunfire could be heard.

Dep. Neyer reported that the tactical team started to remove portions of the wall with the Rook and BearCat. At that time the sniper units closer in the alley reported to Dep. Neyer that they could see the subject. He stated that he then moved from the location inside the unknown home, to the area of the white Ford truck in the rear alley. Dep. Neyer utilized a tripod during this period of the incident. He stated that his rifle was set up beneath the carport with a narrow window of view into the home. He ranged the distance at 29 yards.

Dep. Neyer talked about how the elevation and angle prevented him from seeing anything other than Desmarais' head:

"I believe just the angle, uh, that we were at, because he was elevated. Um, and then right at the bottom of that opening, basically his head and, and the angle that I was at, it was just above the, the edge of that opening. So, I was looking just over that too, and there was debris and whatever it was inside of the house. And that's, yeah, that's all I could see was just his head."

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While monitoring the subject, members of the tactical unit continued to deploy gas into the home. Dep. Neyer stated that he could see that Desmarais was wearing a gas mask.

"Over the radio, I alerted them that, um, the gas was not going to be effective at that point because he was wearing a gas mask."

Dep. Neyer reported that during this period, hostage negotiators were continuing to try and get Desmarais to surrender peacefully.

"They were attempting to hail him with the PA, and the hostage negotiators that are attached to SWAT or a sort, um, were attempting to, you know, get him to comply."

Dep. Neyer advised that after a period of time, [REDACTED] switched positions with him, placing his rifle on Dep. Neyer's tripod. Dep. Neyer took a break at that location. He then described hearing the SWAT Commander give the command to fire over the radio.

"I stepped back and stood behind, um, the other [REDACTED] um, until I heard on the radio the SWAT commander going through our process of, um, giving him the command to fire."

Dep. Neyer was asked who gave the command to fire.

"Jared Kingsborough."

"So, from my vantage point of what I heard, um, I don't know if they had had a conversation and understanding prior to this, but over the radio there would've just been, it was Jared Kingsborough, but [REDACTED] was the other [REDACTED] in that position. Um, [REDACTED] would've acknowledged [REDACTED] to Jared Kingsborough, and Jared Kingsborough would've said, Jared Kingsborough, [REDACTED] copy command to fire. [REDACTED] would've said copy command to fire. And then at his, once he felt, you know, stable enough to take that position, he would've taken the shot."

Dep. Neyer provided additional details and clarification about the incident.

"While I actually could see him and was looking at him through my scope, uh, he was, he was saying that he was sitting on a live grenade and that the pin had been pulled."

"He was incredibly agitated. Um, almost annoyed that it was not, uh, it was, it was angry, agitated, annoyed that every time the, the negotiator, whoever was

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on the PA system was attempting to talk to him, it was just, it was becoming increasingly more agitated as this was going on."

Dep. Neyer was asked what level of danger the tactical members faced if they had been forced to enter the home to confront Desmarais. He was also asked what posed the most significant risk.

"Extremely high."

"The presence of the explosives. Um, and then also, you know, he's, he's already fired at us multiple times. He's not complying with the negotiators. He still has various amounts of weapons directly next to him. Um, you know, I, I believe that his intention was to try to draw us in closer, um, with the intention of harming officers."

Trooper Stephen Gillum – Ohio State Highway Patrol – (Tactical Team)

Trooper Gillum (Trp. Gillum) stated that he was dispatched to the scene at approximately 0500 hours. He responded to Ashland where he picked up the Rook. He advised that he arrived at the scene at approximately 0600 hours. Trp. Gillum stated that he was a member of OSHP's Tactical Team and operated the Rook, an armored skid steer used to deploy gas and other tactical functions.

Trp. Gillum deployed the Rook to the rear of the house. He removed a portion of the fence along the alley to gain access to the rear yard. He then moved into the rear yard and pulled a Ford truck from the back yard, positioning it along the alley, close to the car port. This was completed to gain access to the rear of the house so that gas could be introduced into the home, via the Rook's gas inducing attachment.

Trp. Gillum stated that he began to introduce gas into the second-floor window at the rear of the home. When he did this, he heard gunfire coming from the home. At the time, he described being five to six feet from the back of the home.

"As the gas canister popped off and started inducing gas, uh, I can't tell you how many shots were fired, but the suspect started shooting out of the house. Um, I could see, uh, from my position, uh, new holes in the siding, um, but I wasn't sure directly where the rounds were going, whether they were being directed straight at me or just back into the yard. Um, but there were holes coming through the side of the house. New holes that weren't there before."

Trp. Gillum described the risks that existed at the time of the shooting.

"I was told, prior to arriving on scene, that they, uh, thought the suspect had an M1 grand 30-06. Um, and a lot of our armor, uh, there is a round for a 30-06,

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uh, black tipped armor piercing round, not that common, but it does exist. So that's a very, very lethal round. So, when he was shooting, I'm not sure what he was shooting at us with, um, because he was shooting inside the house. So, all you hear kind of is a pop. And, uh, obviously any rounds, like I said, on armor, it's supposed to stop it, but there are no guarantees that it will."

Trp. Gillum advised that two additional Troopers, Trp. Shearer and Trp. Robinson, were acting as overwatch as he worked in the Rook. When the shots occurred, Trp. Gillum stated that he thought:

"You know, hopefully, uh, nobody behind me is getting hit. Um, because, uh, they did say he had fired in that out of that direction earlier, and there was a, uh, car parked at the back of the residence that took, that was hit. So, the fence that I tore down the gate and then a vehicle back there had already been hit by rounds. So obviously, uh, those rounds were somewhat in the direction of officers. And so, my first thought was, you know, I obviously, I hope those rounds aren't hitting anybody behind me."

After the canister was emptied, the Rook was backed out to the alley way, and a new canister was loaded. Trp. Gillum advised that the Rook was reintroduced to that same area and he began to induce a second round of gas to the area of the rear, second floor window. He reported that he heard a second round of gunshots at that time.

"I backed out and we went back, uh, behind, um, the neighbor's garage. We reloaded the canister, and then I went back up and deployed a second, uh, can in that same window. Uh, with the same result of multiple rounds, uh, being fired. At that time, again, I'm not sure how many rounds, but there were multiple rounds shot again."

"I'd say three to four. Three to four, possibly four. Yes. Not, not like a hole 30 round mag or anything, but a, a couple."

Trp. Gillum described the efforts to establish communication and negotiate with Desmarais.

"They, uh, began to, uh, attempt to establish a line of communication with him. Um, I know that Richland County had a negotiator on scene. Uh, he began setting up, um, a phone, uh, a tethered phone to have a direct line of communication with, with the suspect. Um, and then at that point, he was saying something about not wanting to comply."

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He stated that he was sitting inside the Rook, when he heard a member of the ASORT team fire a shot from a position in front of the Rook. He was advised that the subject was no longer a threat.

During the incident, Desmarais advised that he was unable to surrender because he was sitting on a live grenade. For this reason, the Ashland Bomb Squad would enter the home and attach a lanyard and rope to the subject so that he could be moved off his position, allowing the grenade to detonate with the Tactical Team a safe distance away. Trp. Gillum utilized the Rook to move the Ashland Bomb Squad and Tactical Team Member into the home. After the rope was attached, he utilized the Rook to assist with pulling the subject off his position via rope. Trp. Gillum then assisted with assisting Bomb Squad and Tactical Team Members with entering and exiting the home

Trooper Brett Hannum – Ohio State Highway Patrol - (Tactical Team)

Trooper Brett Hannum (Trp. Hannum) related that his workday started at 0600 hours on May 11, 2026. He stated that he was aware of the Tactical Team call out, so he responded to Allum Creek in Columbus to retrieve more gas and equipment for the armored vehicle. Trp. Hannum described his response to the scene as self-initiated. Trp. Hannum was a member of the OSHP Tactical Team and operated a gas launcher.

When he arrived, he contacted Sergeant (Sgt.) Lofland and was directed to the back of the home to assist with launching into the home from the back or side three.

"They had carved a, a hole in the wall, uh, with the Rook and that's where the suspect was. I could not visibly see the suspect from where I stood. Uh, both times then pretty much Sgt. Lofland notified me via radio that they were set, and I was set in the go ahead and introduce gas. I fired four gas rounds into the structure; the room I believe the room the suspect was in."

"We launched gas. Um, they had some observers and SWAT operators out that had eyes on the suspect. Um, when the gas was launched into the house, he put a gas mask on."

"Pretty much from what we could see is he was like in a well-prepared position. So, uh, he put a gas mask on right away. Um, he had what appeared to be like a homemade shield, handheld shield in front of him, and he would just yell at us. Okay. Um, when he would take the gas mask off, he would yell at us that he was sitting on a grenade."

Trp. Hannum described the interaction between Paul Desmarais (Desmarais) and the negotiator.

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"As the negotiator talked to him, he continuously said he was sitting on a grenade. He couldn't move. He couldn't put the pin back in it. Um, we also got reports that the family said there are, there was explosives in the house."

After the shot by [REDACTED], Trp. Hannum described deploying into the home with the Ashland County Bomb Squad:

"EOD guys found a bunch of powder or powder in a, in a room and didn't feel comfortable us continuously continuing to clear until they tested that powder. So, they eventually, so they made the decision to move all of us, but two SWAT members out of the structure, and pretty much I then went to the Bearcat and held there until the structure was clear."

Trp. Hannum was asked about the potential risks that Tactical Team members would have faced if they had to enter the home to apprehend the subject.

"I would say extremely high that several SWAT members would be injured if we had to assault that structure."

"The only option really was to move up with the rook. And that's only rated to, I believe 306. So even moving up and with the rook put us at an even more kind, of in a serious kind of danger position of a SWAT operator getting hurt or injured."

Trp. Hannum described the risks that Tactical Team members took to determine if the hand grenade was functional.

"So, to mitigate even that risk, we moved into the structure. We had to attach a lanyard. He was wearing a, like bulletproof vest. The EOD attached a lanyard to him. We got in the Rook and backed up, um, halfway between the house and the garage to at least get us some distance. Even with the armor, we didn't know if it was live. That was a better standoff distance for us. And then we, we pulled the suspect off the bucket and what was determined to be the inert grenade."

Trp. Hannum stated that he observed Desmarais while he was inside the home. He described what he was wearing and the items nearby.

"He had a, like a bulletproof vest on. He had an AR rifle in his lap. On the bed next to him was a, like homemade, it looked like a steel shield. Um, he had an AR rifle propped up against the wall and then a, like M1 grand rifle on the floor. Um, so he was, and he was sitting back in the corner kind of, in like a well-prepared like, fighting position. Like, it was my impression that he was not

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going to give up. He was trying to bait us to come in so he could shoot it out with us.

Trp. Hannum stated that he feared for his safety and the safety of others during the incident.



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Sergeant Erik Lofland – Ohio State Highway Patrol – (Tactical Team)

Sergeant Erik Lofland (Sgt. Lofland) was a member of the OSHP Tactical Team and acted as the unit commander during this incident. He advised that he was contacted directly by the Commander of the ASORT Tactical Team, Sgt. Kingsborough. He stated that he arrived on scene around 0600hrs. When he arrived, he stated that he went to the command post for a briefing.

“Uh, that they had been there since, I think it was like 10 or 11, uh, the night before. Um, the PD was called, uh, when they got there. I, I believe the guy had a vest on and a rifle on him. Uh, police called Crawford County SWAT. And then I believe Crawford County must have called ASORT. And then ASORT was asking for assistance with some of our equipment.”

Sgt. Lofland stated that after gas was introduced into the residence:

“Shots were being fired. Fired from inside the house. He was, he was shooting. And what, what I did know is that he had, the weapon he had is at close to our capabilities of protection with the Rook.”

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"Uh, Steve moves back, retreats back, um, and kind of gets a place of cover. No shots were fired, um, from our end. Um, I asked our guys and they said they didn't see the flash. They didn't, they could see it coming through the walls, but they weren't real sure where it was coming from. So, no shots were returned."

Sgt. Lofland related what was happening at the command post:

"Just, they're just working on working on the options of what we can, uh, what we can do to get that guy to surrender. Um, so then it came time for the ram attachment and we're going to start opening up the house, see if we could locate him, uh, get him to get him to give up."

"Uh, the drone was flown up just to get an eye on him. Because he did say at some point he said he had a grenade. Um, we were never able to get communications with the telephone. Uh, well they did talk to him earlier in the day from what they told us, but his cell phone, he wasn't answering anymore. Um, so they were trying to talk to him. Actually, one of our guys was over here trying to listen to see what he was saying, but he was just yelling. So, when the drone got up there, he could see that he was behind, uh, bed. He said he was pinned, so he wanted to see if he was, we in fact pushed something sure. On top of him. And he, he couldn't move. Uh, but the drone showed that he was just sitting there."

Sgt. Lofland described what the subject was wearing at the time:

"He was set up behind a, what was it? I think it was a bunk bed. And he had his weapons. He had a shield; he had magazines laid out in front of him on the bed. Yeah. It looked like military type gear. Like, uh, it was in a t-shirt. He didn't have a gas mask on at the time with the drone footage. Um, yeah, it's just, it's like a military type gear with a black T-shirt. It looks like that's all you can see. You can only see from his chest up."

Sgt. Lofland described the conversations with the other SWAT team commanders about bringing an end to this event.

"Well, after, after seeing the, the video, um, because their drone pilot brought it back into command post, uh, put it on, on the big screen to watch and looking at how the individual was sitting. There he is like; he was prepared for somebody to come walking in. Now he's like pointing towards and talking about somebody out there said grenade. You can't hear any, any verbiage through the right through the drone. But he is like pointing and, you know, moving his hands a lot. Um, but what they said is he's sitting on a grenade and he told him that. He

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was like, well, what are you gonna do? I mean, you have to take his word that he is on a grenade. It's not the first time we heard that. But you never know. Um, but he wasn't trapped. That was a big thing. We thought, well, maybe debris was laying on top of him. He wasn't trapped and it looked like he was just kind of sitting and wait, uh, waiting to see for somebody to come up there."

"So, when he is yelling and screaming, I recommended that, well let's shoot some 40-millimeter gas in there. Because if he's, if he's yelling and screaming, he obviously doesn't have a gas mask. Maybe we can get him to where he takes a breath of that and says, okay, I've had enough. Um, but somebody said that he had put the gas mask back on after shooting a 40 er, so it was ineffective. Um, but other options we had was they talked about using like impact munitions, which we could utilize the Rook with the shield. However, with the weapon system he had and being right at the cusp of what our armor can hold, that's putting our guys in a very, very bad position. Um, and if the shield's up there and the distance that we would have to get, um, it would just have our guys sitting in a bad position to do that. So, their commander decided that wasn't a good option to do. So, they, we got the hostage negotiator back to the back of the Bearcat, try to get some kind of communication going with them. Um, there was some talking back and forth, but then a lot of yelling and screaming again from what I understand. Uh, I didn't hear it, but that's what they were communicating back to us."

Sgt. Lofland was asked if there was one scene commander during the incident and he stated that it was Kingsborough. Sgt. Lofland stated that the Sheriff of Crawford County was there, but that he communicated with Kingsborough the most.

Sgt. Lofland confirmed that at some point there was a decision made to use lethal force. Sgt. Lofland was asked if anyone disagreed with the use of lethal force and he stated:

"No. No. It was a unanimous decision. Um, on, because he wasn't, he wasn't giving up and then the threat of him. Because we didn't know where those rounds were going either. Because there's all houses back behind and they could be going through all the houses behind us and he had already said he wasn't, uh, so many words wasn't coming out."

"Kingsboro stepped, a, stepped away and said yeah, we're, because they, after trying to negotiate once again from the backside, he stepped away. I don't know what he used for a command. Um, but then I heard the shot rang out."

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Hostage Negotiation Transcript – Report Review

Lieutenant John Bourne (Lt. Bourne) was a member of the ASORT Tactical Team and served as the Hostage Negotiator during the incident. Lt. Bourne works for the Galion Police Department.

Law enforcement initiated repeated telephonic contact with an individual identified as Paul after reports of a domestic disturbance involving his wife. Over the course of several hours, crisis negotiators attempted to assess Paul's mental and emotional state, ensure the safety of multiple children associated with the residence, and persuade Paul to exit the home peacefully.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:03:26: *That quicker bitch that was freaking with the bitch across the street? And I walked over there and told her to get home at 10:00 and my kid should be in bed. She's over there smoking mess with some crackhead.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:05:26: *You're embarrassing me. Know. Level I was degraded and put in handcuffs for a crime I never committed. That's the whole department's going to fucking go down. They me \$1,500,000.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:05:48: *This is the wrong place, wrong time. This is my fate, supposedly. I don't know. I, I like, my life has been fucked. I must have done something wrong in the past life, and I'm paying for it now. But my kids matter.*

John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:07:30: *Here's the deal. So, these guys are not gonna go away, but I in order for me is to put this to end so we can move forward, I need you to come outside with no weapons, buddy, so we can talk.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:07:39: *It's not happening, bro. I'm not I didn't commit a crime.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:07:50: *So, before you go this route, think twice.* Paul - 2026-05-11 01:08:19: *Before you go down this route, I'm not coming out. I'm going to bed. I got a job to support my fucking children.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:10:35: *You try to fuck with me, I'm going to defend myself.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:10:37: *You come at me and, and try to hurt me.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:10:38: *I'm gonna stop it.*

John Bourne- 2026-05-11 01:12:20: *I know, but we can't leave, Paul.*

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Paul - 2026-05-11 01:12:22: *Cool. I think some get me. I'll be sitting up here waiting for a tyrannical government.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:12:35: *I got no guns. I don't own any weapons. Come get me. What are you gonna do?*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:14:17: *And I will defend myself.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:14:30: *Fuck you. Fuck yourself. Fuck your mom.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:14:53: *I'm just gonna end this context. Bro.*

John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:14:55: *Listen.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:14:57: *I'm on a federal level you don't even understand.*

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:20:28: *It is what it is. You jeopardize national security. Fuck you. Fuck off.*

Ashland County Bomb Squad Report Review:

Reports detailing the Ashland County Bomb Squad (AC-BS) response to the incident were provided to BCI by Lieutenant Joshua Early (Lt. Early). The report indicated that Sheriff Schneider, Lt. Early, Deputy Joseph Titus and Richland County Lieutenant Nicholson responded to the scene. They examined the scene for potential dangers and collected explosive materials.

While en route, we were notified that SWAT personnel had shot the suspect, effectively neutralizing the threat and ending the standoff. Units on scene remained turned away from the immediate area, standing by for our arrival to clear the residence of potential booby traps and render the hand grenade safe.

Upon arrival, we made contact with members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) SRT. They advised that the suspect's body appeared to be resting on top of the suspected hand grenade. Meanwhile, Sheriff Schneider and Lieutenant Nicholson interviewed neighbors and family members at the perimeter. The intelligence gathered from these interviews corroborated the presence of a hand grenade as well as various explosive compounds inside the residence.

Once we determined that the immediate entry point and surrounding floor space were clear of hazards, we climbed through the breached second story wall into the room.



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I attached a D-ring to the right shoulder strap of the suspect's plate carrier and secured our rigging rope. Lieutenant Early and I exited the room and took cover back on the Rook's platform. The driver of the Rook was instructed to reverse. Once the rope was taut, it was secured between the vehicle's armored doors. The driver reversed again, pulling the rope and displacing the suspect's body approximately two feet forward from its original resting position.

Lieutenant Early and I re-entered the room and located a grenade body. Notably, the fuse was missing. Lieutenant Early utilized a mirror and flashlight to visually inspect the interior of the grenade body and confirmed it contained no powders or explosive matrix.

I discovered a pile of white and gray prills on the floor, surrounded by broken glass from a shattered mason jar (later identified as Tannerite), two (2) Green Star parachute flares, and several ammunition cans filled with various calibers of small arms ammunition.

We moved into the bedroom directly off the bathroom. In this room, we located a large cache of Tannerite-branded retail containers containing a substance consistent with bulk Tannerite, additional ammo cans containing small arms ammunition, and additional homemade fireworks.



Image # 13 & 14 - Ashland County Bomb Squad Photos: DSC_0003 & 20260511-135212

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Dispatch-Related Information

Dispatch related materials from the Bucyrus Police Department:

Bucyrus Police Department Radio Traffic.wav

Time	Entry / Narrative
03:06	Paul grabbed [REDACTED] by the hair. Paul's refusing to come down the stairs.
03:52	He 10 10. And his holster, he is also wearing body armor and a helmet.
04:38	Maintain cover over there by a car.
05:43	We're going to have the house surrounded at gunpoint.
09:59	Wanna try to give some commands on PA.
13:16	99. Do we have a public service on file for this individual?
15:16	I was just on 911. He's advising that he's going to have to defend himself.
18:59	So, can you give him another public announcement? I haven't heard anything from him in a while.
23:41	Shots, shots fired.

Richland SRT [REDACTED] radio traffic.wav:

Time	Entry / Narrative
00:00:28	Start scope out a to deploy gas to the top windows. We're going to work on something out front. I'll let you know when to execute.
00:01:07	All right. Our team for now is going to be the gas element. Crawford County will handle anybody exiting from the one side on Warren. Right? Okay, go ahead. If he comes out the back, uh, 237, your team's going to have to accept that and take him. Right. 237, copy. Alright, go ahead and initiate gas on, uh, your guys' option.
00:02:33	Gas, gas, gas
00:03:47	All right, let's, uh, pump another valley of gas in there. Let's make sure we're hitting it good.
00:04:03	Gas, gas, gas
00:04:16	He's got a mattress laid up against this window on the one-four corner so all of our gas is bouncing off. I'm going to put a couple more in the

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	bottom of the window to see if we can get to just kind of drop inside the room.
00:04:46	104, you're going to have a negotiator joining you here shortly. Okay? Have him bring some CS on when he comes up. Uh, he's already up there. If we need that, we're going to have to come back and get it ourselves. It's okay. We'll just use OC.
00:12:39	Was that gunfire? Affirm. Affirmative. Alright, we got shots fired. Is that at us or is that inside at us? At us. 2-3 window.
00:13:02	I copy shots fired from the 2-3 window at us. 3-2 window. Alright. 3-2 window. I copy that. Uh, 237 your team's okay, we're okay. Standby for signal 10. Did the round hit the truck? Negative? Not that we know of.
00:17:11	104 to 252. Go ahead. [REDACTED] says he has movement in the stop left door, does he have a green light?
00:18:24	[REDACTED] He shot at us once. He, don't let him do it again. If he presents himself in that window, I want you to take that shot. [REDACTED] You copy? Yes sir loud and clear. I clear. 104. 237. Everybody copy. [REDACTED] Copy 237. Copy
00:19:54	Just so we're all tracking, everybody has a green light on the suspect, not just [REDACTED] If he presents himself with-in the threat. Four copy is Crawford County aware of this? Affirm they are.
00:27:03	104. Go ahead. 237 is putting a team together. They're going to approach and uh, pull the electric and gas.
00:30:20	SRT to ASORT, 237 Go. Are you ready for us to move up? Start working on that pickup truck. Affirmative. Okay, it'll be coming down the alley.
00:30:47	We're going make some announcements here shortly at the one side of the house just as kind of as a distraction. Make sure you guys are trained on those windows there. When that roof pulls that vehicle out, make sure we're covering down on them windows.
00:32:44	Drone is set. I copy. Thank you. Alright, we're going to start inserting gas. Step five. Got shots fired. Copy shots fired.

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00:39:52	Go ahead. Alright, we're going try one more, um, evolution of gas on the three side. Just have your front team ready for them. Diversions on my go. If we're able to place a bang on that covered porch, we could try that too. We'll do our best right from the cover though. 237. Did you copy that traffic? We're going to reinsert on the three-side. Affirmative.
00:40:44	Let your guys know. He's going to try to take some of that wall with it when he pulls it out and, in the event, he presents himself. Make sure they're ready to take a shot. We ready? We're set.
00:49:29	252. We're standing by. We think we hear someone yelling.
00:49:55	252. Be advised that we're hailing him. He is yelling.
00:50:17	104 252. Have him start trying to call him again. We can't make out what he is saying. We're calling
00:51:21	252. Sounds like he's saying that he doesn't have a phone.
00:52:47	Do you have eyes on him on the second floor. Affirmative. Can we go through the house and see. We're trying to look at the feasibility of sending a team through the house to grab him, but
	I'm not confident that he's not staging an ambush or something.
00:53:58	Standby for right now, he's saying that he's laying on a grenade.
00:56:13	Alright, we've got launchables coming around to you. Stay on and we're going to plan to initiate some more gas. Both the one and three side. Give another opportunity to surrender.

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00:57:13	104 252. We put six in this room. We got enough for another volley if you want it. You got six in the second floor? Affirm. We got six more. Just hold with that for now.
00:58:01	Be advised he's masking up. Gas is out. He's masking up. Okay. Just sent you guys a video of that interior drone footage of where he's at.
	██████ Go for ██████ Do you have a good picture? Affirm. Alright, copy. 237. Do we have everybody set? Affirmative. Alright, let HNT start hailing or trying to raise him. Copy beginning. All units. Hold your positions. Let me know if we get any reply. Copy. Affirm
1:00:38	We got any reply? Just yelling. Affirm. He's yelling back at us. Affirmative. He is. Can we make out what he is saying? He keeps repeating that he's sitting on a grenade and he can't move.
01:01:38	Does he plan to disarm it or can he disarm it? We can ask.
01:01:59	237. Go ahead. Just FYI, 49 feet is our good radius on that.
01:02:39	Kingsborough to ██████ Go for 404. Kingsborough to ██████ You have the command to shoot, on your go. All units stand by. Copy all. Round out. Affirm. All units, standby. Copy. ██████ status? He is down and not getting up. Copy. Suspect down everybody. Standby.
01:04:16	Post containment. Hold that house. We're going let Ashland Bomb Squad when they get here, clear that, determine if he's on a grenade.

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Ohio State Highway Patrol – CAD Entries:

Time	Entry/Narrative
05:19:41	BARRICADED SUBJECT CALL OUT
06:36:34	HAVE THEM PULL UP THE ARMOR
06:45:50	DOMESTIC TURNED BARRICADE / SHOTS FIRED TO PD / SUBJECT WAS GASSED AND STILL WILL
06:49:41	THE PICKUP TRUCK HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM SIDE 3 / GOING TO HOOK UP A GAS INDUCER
07:10:54	SHOTS FIRED
07:11:08	ONE ROUND - UNK FROM WHERE
07:11:43	SOUNDED LIKE FROM UPSTAIRS THERE, SAME SPOT
07:18:28	UNK IF STEVE TOOK A HIT
07:20:30	SAYS HES FINE
07:20:52	SHOOTING OUT 5 1 / WAS THE BANG
7:20:58	CHK TOP WINDOW
7:23:29	SMOKE COMING OUT OF CHIMNEY- UNK IF NEW
7:40:18	STILL HAVE SOME GAS COMING FROM WINDOWS
8:08:59	MOVING TO SIDE 1 TO RELEASE GAS ON SIDE 1
9:51:26	MIGHT HEAR HIM YELLING
9:52:24	HE'S TALKING
9:53:28	SAYING HE CANT COME OUT, IT'S TOO HIGH
9:53:34	SAYING HE CANT MOVE
9:58:10	SAYING HE DOESNT HAVE A PHONE TO CALL
9:58:39	HAVE EYES ON HIM
10:00:43	CONFIRMED HES ON 2 ND FLOOR
10:00:46	HANDS ON HEAD
10:02:51	JUST LAYING ON FLOOR BEHIND BED
10:08:42	HAS A WEAPON CLOSE, HOMEMADE SHIELD, A BUNCH OF MAGS AND IS SAYING HE HAS A GRENADE
10:12:08	ASHLAND BOMB IS BEING CONTACTED
10:26:09	PUTTING HIS GAS MASK BACK ON
10:26:22	LAYING DOWN
10:55:37	SHIELD IS MOVING UP
11:00:56	SON OF S6 ADV HE DOES HAVE ACCESS TO EXPLOSIVES AND DID BELIEVE HE DOES HAVE A GRENADE SO THE THREAT IS PROBABLY REAL
11:02:30	COMMANDS GIVEN VIA LOUDSPEAKER
11:02:48	NEGOTIATIONS DOING THEIR THING
11:04:02	DID RESPOND TO COMMANDS GIVEN
11:04:17	NO CHANGE IN MESSAGE-HE HAS A GRENADE AND CANT GET UP

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11:05:53	STILL YELLING HE HAS A GRENADE AND CURSE WORDS, GETTING AMPED UP
11:08:42	SCREAMING HE IS SITTING ON A GRENADE HOW DO WE EXPECT HIM TO MOVE
11:16:17	THEY ARE SAYING SUSPECT IS DOWN
11:17:33	MEDIC IS LOOKING AT HIM THROUGH DRONE NOW
11:18:19	LOCAL SNIPER TOOK SHOT ON S6
12:17:16	Last Entry - LET BODY STAY-JUST WANT STRUCTURE CLEARED AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE FOR ANY EXPLOSIVES

911 Calls

Title	File Type	Size	Duration
BPD Phone Calls	Audio	60.8MB	33:11

This recorded phone call was answered by the Bucyrus Police Department.

"Yes ma'am. Um, I live at 916 East Warren. Um, we we're out here having a little fire here. Um, is it possible to have an officer come in the alley and talk to us about a domestic. From our neighbors. Please make sure, like, we're not trying to cause a scene or anything and I don't want them to know it's us or anything, but there's an alley behind our house and like I said, we have a little fire out back right now, so they'll see us."

Title	File Type	Size	Duration
1 st 911 Call Ref. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].wav	Audio	5.9MB	03:13

The date of the call was listed as Sunday, May 10th, 2026, at 23:41:58 hours. 911 dispatch requests the location of the emergency. The male caller advised the following:

"It's at my home. I got some tyrannical terrorist fucks with weapons at my house. Got, some tyrannical terrorist fucks from my tyrannical government agency, uh, known as the Bucyrus Police Department with weapons. I, I feel so insecure. My name is Paul. We'll just leave it at that. They're, known as tyrants. It sucks. Can I get like the FBI? Gimme the CIA, uh, actually transfer me to Trump. I know him personally."

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"At this point in time, the Constitution service stays when they come constructive against people that supposedly do the, I, it's my right to fight or alter and that shit. And, uh, I didn't do nothing wrong. Supposedly, knock on my door and I did nothing wrong. And, uh, at my door threatening me with weapons. So, I'm in like, uh, rock and a hard place. I need some fucking, can he get Dorsey on the phone?"

"I got a bunch of tyrants on my fucking door threatening me with weapons."

"Can you transfer me to the FBI agent Andrews or can you transfer me to the CIA Andrew, Nick, uh, or if not, transfer me to Trump perfectly please."

"There's a bunch of tyrannical fucks on my porch threatening me with weapons and they put me in a defense to where I defend myself. I don't want to do that. I don't want, I, I got seven fucking kids."

"They're in wrong place the wrong time, and I need help. So, Trump, I can give you a cell phone number directly. Fuck."

Title	File Type	Size	Duration
2 nd 911 Call Ref. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].wav	Audio	3.8MB	02:03

The date of the call was listed as Sunday, May 11th, 2026, at 00:45:27 hours. 911 dispatch requested the location of the emergency. The male caller advised the following:

"On my property. I got some paid gang member fucks. I'm a federal agent undercover and these fuckers won't stand the fuck down. They're putting me in a situation where I had to stand by cover. Okay. I don't know what the fucking do. My phone is in the car outside. I'm on a company, supposedly paid phone, and I, they're putting me in a situation. I need you to contact Director Andrews and have them stand the fuck down. FBI, Pennsylvania, the division."

"905 East Warren Street. I'm an undercover fucking federal agent and I got some tyrant fucks on my porch. Harass me and they're about to blow my cover. Okay. I need them to stand down contact address in the Pennsylvania division. I need them to get the fuck off by. They're about to blow a seven-year long investigation."

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Video Recordings

The following information contains abbreviated information from each report that contained a video review. The following was taken from ASORT drone videos and OSHP body worn camera videos.

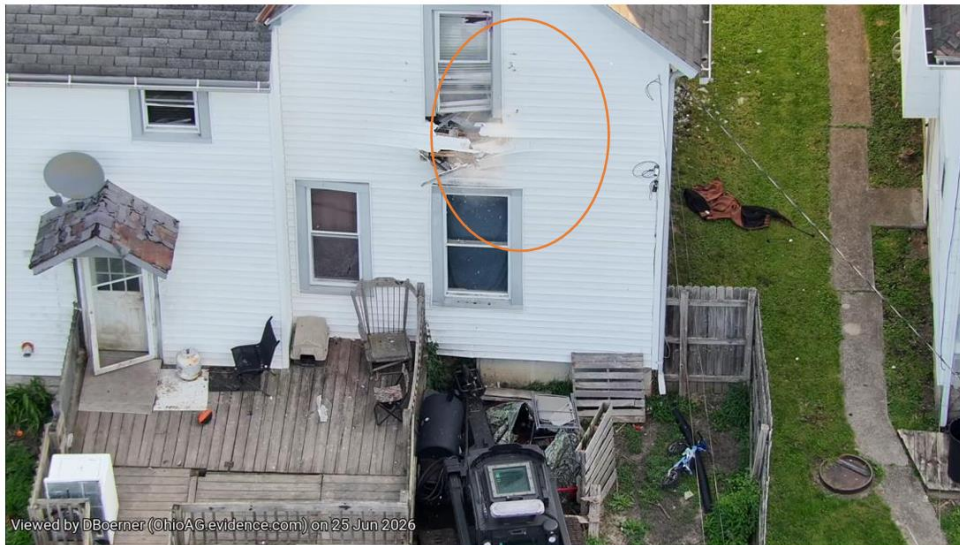


Image # 15 - ASORT Drone Video – Suspected gunshot exiting residence



Image # 16 - OSHP Trp. Gillum BWC – Location of Rook at Time of Possible Gunshot

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Image # 17 - OSHP Trp. Gillum BWC - Position of Rook at Second Gunshot



Image # 18 - ASORT Drone Video - Subject behind bunk bed

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Image #19 - ASORT Drone Video - General layout of items on bed

Timeline

Date - Time	Involved Party	Event Description	Reference
05/10/2026 - 22:19	Bucyrus PD	911 Call from neighbor.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 22:23	Ofc. Carver Bucyrus PD	BPD arrives at scene.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 22:33	Bucyrus PD	BPD officers at 905 E. Warren St. speaking with Paul Desmarais & [REDACTED]	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 23:02	Bucyrus PD	BPD Officers radio that Desmarais has a gun in his holster and wearing body armor and a helmet.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 23:06	Bucyrus PD	We have the house surrounded at gunpoint.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 23:12	Bucyrus PD	Crawford County SRT Call Out	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 23:11	Crawford Co. SO	Crawford County SRT call out.	Crawford County SRT - After Action - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 - 23:57	Bucyrus PD 911	Desmarais calls 911. Reports tyrants on his porch.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 23:58:04	Bucyrus PD 911	Desmarais requests to speak with President Trump, Andrew from the special forces or someone from the CIA.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/10/2026 23:59:33	Bucyrus PD 911	Desmarais states that if he cannot be transferred to one of those people he	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report

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		will be forced to defend himself and he does not want to do that.	
05/11/2026 00:01	Bucyrus PD 911	Desmarais advised he is in the military in a classified unit and needs to speak with those people so that he can get the tyrants off his porch.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 00:01	Bucyrus PD 911	Desmarais was advised that dispatch did not have access to the number. He stated he understood and that he may have to defend himself.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 00:02	Bucyrus PD Dispatch	10 min ETA on the SRT Team.	Bucyrus PD Reports - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 00:05	Crawford Co. SO	Request for Bucyrus Fire Dept. to stand by as medic.	Crawford County SRT - After Action - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 01:02	Hostage Neg. Team	Contact was made with Desmarais by phone.	HNT Transcript
05/11/2026 01:10	Crawford CO. SO	Request Mansfield - ASORT Swat Team.	Crawford County SRT - After Action - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 01:24	Hostage Neg. Team	Last Phone Contact with Desmarais.	HNT Transcript
05/11/2026 - 01:36	ASORT	Call for assistance.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 02:38	ASORT	Arrived at location (Bucyrus).	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 03:14	ASORT	All on scene per Kingsborough.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 03:14	ASORT	ASORT relieves containment officers. HNT unable to contact. Prepared for gas insertion.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 - 03:30	ASORT	ASORT launches 2 nd round of gas. No reaction from Desmarais.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 - 03:56	ASORT	SHOTS FIRED at 3-2 window at us.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 04:07	ASORT	Note. Shot at us once. No one hit.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2025 - 04:12	ASORT	Taking out the garage lights that are on us.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 04:46	ASORT	ASORT contacts OSHP to request Rook.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 - 05:59	ASORT	Power out.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 06:30	ASORT	Gas shut off at road.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 06:30	OSHP	OSHP Tactical Team Arrives.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 -	ASORT	Going to start making announcements at	ASORT - MPD Drone

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06:40		the one side of the house.	Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 07:08	ASORT	Going to start deploying gas. <i>3rd Round.</i>	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report - <i>Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement</i>
05/11/2026 07:10	ASORT	<u>SHOTS FIRED.</u>	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 - 08:08	ASORT - OSHP	4 th round of gas introduced via Rook.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 - 08:08-08:40	ASORT - OSHP	<u>SHOTS FIRED</u> at 3-2 Side. Reported by Trp. Gillum.	Trp. Gillum Interview
05/11/2026 - 08:40	ASORT - OSHP	5 th round of gas was introduced via Rook.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 08:45	ASORT - Drone	Rifle from bedroom is missing.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 09:50	ASORT - OSHP	Rook starts to dismantle side 3.	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 09:53	ASORT	We hear him. He is yelling.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 09:53	Hostage Neg. Team	Still trying to call him.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 10:09	ASORT	Male is laying on the floor with his hands up. He said he is laying on a grenade.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 10:27	ASORT	Gas it out and he is masked up.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 10:27	ASORT - Drone	<u>Drone contact with Desmarais. Appears to be in an ambush position. Gas mask, rifle.</u>	Sgt. Kingsborough Written Statement
05/11/2026 11:03	ASORT	All units hold position. HNT beginning to call.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 11:07	ASORT	Male still advising he is sitting on a grenade.	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report
05/11/2026 11:11	ASORT	Suspect is down	ASORT - MPD Drone Command Log - Supplemental Report

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Conclusion

- On Monday, May 11, 2026, Chief Jon. A. Dorsey of the Bucyrus Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident. The incident reportedly occurred on May 11, 2026 in the area of 905 E. Warren St., Bucyrus, Ohio and resulted in the death of Paul Desmarais.
- On May 10, 2026 at 2219 hours, Officers from the Bucyrus Police Department were dispatched to 916 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus to speak with the neighbor of Paul Desmarais and [REDACTED]. They reported seeing a domestic violence incident between the couple. Bucyrus Officers Carver, Cox, Conner and Dalton responded to 905 E. Warren to interview Desmarais and [REDACTED].
- While at the home, Bucyrus Police Officers witnessed a domestic violence incident between Desmarais and his son, [REDACTED]. Desmarais also had a warrant for his arrest. Desmarais was observed inside the home wearing a bulletproof vest. Officers learned that Desmarais was armed and had explosives inside the home. Desmarais refused to leave the home to be taken into custody. A standoff began. Additional resources were requested from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office in the form of their Special Response Team.
- Paul Desmarais called 911 and told dispatchers that he was an undercover Federal Agent. He reported that the police officers are about to blow a seven-year investigation. He requested to speak with President Trump.
- Lt. Bourne (ASORT Tactical Team) served as a hostage negotiator during the incident. He initiated repeated telephonic contact with an individual identified as Paul. Over the course of several hours, crisis negotiators used a telephone and public announcement speaker to attempt to assess Paul's mental and emotional state and persuade Paul to exit the home peacefully.
- Additional assistance was requested from the ASORT tactical team. Upon arrival, two rounds of chemical irritants (gas) were deployed into the home to encourage Desmarais to exit. At 0356 hours, shots fired were reported at the back of the home. Law enforcement officials believed that Desmarais had fired out of the home into the area of the rear yard.

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- Additional assistance from the Ohio State Highway Patrol was requested. Trp. Gillum utilized the Rook to insert gas into the rear of the house on two occasions. Trp. Gillum reported two volleys of shots being fired from the back of the home, during or shortly after both gas insertions. Law enforcement officials noted additional damage at the rear of the home, indicating shots being fired from inside the home, to the area of the rear yard.
- Tactical team members continued to utilize additional less than lethal options to encourage Desmarais to exit the home. These options included knee-knockers and additional rounds of chemical irritants (gas). They continued to monitor and assess the situation with drones and attempted to establish contact with Desmarais with the assistance of hostage negotiators.
- Utilizing a drone with video recording, Paul Desmarais was observed in a second-floor bedroom, seat on the floor, behind a bunk bed. Desmarais was wearing a bulletproof vest, armed with multiple weapons and in possession of a shield and gas mask. During the stand-off, Desmarais stated that he was unarmed and encouraged officers to come and get him.
- Desmarais began to communicate with tactical team members and hostage negotiators, telling them that he could not exit the home because he was seated on a live grenade.
- Sgt. J. Kingsborough ASORT Tactical Team Commander's statement:
 - *Due to the totality of circumstances including Paul's defensive position with armor, ballistics and rifle capabilities, as well as his repeated shots at officers, a sniper-initiated action was deemed the safest course of resolution to officers and civilians. Due to Paul's placement in the structure, location of shots that came from the house, and officer's positioning to control the public, all officers on scene on the 3-side were in imminent risk of serious harm or death if Paul began shooting again. We were making every attempt to use less than lethal force to resolve the incident but prepared to move forward if the suspect did not surrender.*
 - *HNT Swisher attempted to get the suspect to surrender and exit the residence. The suspect told HNT Swisher that he was sitting on a live grenade with the pin pulled and was not leaving. At this point, it became*

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clear there was a real and continued threat to the lives of all law enforcement officers and the public. It was also clear that despite countless attempts to get the suspect to surrender with less than lethal force, he was not going to surrender.

- *I ordered the use of lethal force because I do not believe that there was any less lethal force that could have been used that would have been effective in stopping the immediate and direct threat that the suspect posed to others by his actions in firing his weapon multiple times at law enforcement, and the threat of a live grenade. My actions in deploying the sniper were consistent with my training and expertise as a law enforcement officer.*
- *At this time the suspect still will not exit and continued to state that he is seated on a grenade and cannot exit. At approximately 1111 (hours), I give [REDACTED] command to shoot suspect on his ready. One round was fired. Ashland County Bomb Squad was then used to clear residence.*
- [REDACTED] was deployed to the rear of the home to an area near the car port with a clear view of the area where Desmarais was positioned in the house.
- Sgt. Jered Kingsborough radioed [REDACTED] to take the shot. [REDACTED] fired one round from his sniper rifle, impacting Desmarais.
- Because of the danger posed by the grenade and other explosive materials, Paul Desmarais' condition was checked utilizing a drone with video feed. His injuries were deemed to be incompatible with life.
- The Ashland County Bomb Squad responded to the scene. They evaluated the home for potential dangers and facilitated the movement of Desmarais to check for the grenade. They located an inert grenade beneath him. They searched the home and collected explosive materials.

Contact Information

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved critical incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained

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