



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
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2026-1831

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

Investigative Activity: Bucyrus PD BWC/Dashcam Review
Involves: Bucyrus Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 05/20/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

Narrative:

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) reviewed the Body Worn Camera (BWC) and dashcam video footage from the Monday, May 11, 2026, Officer-Involved Critical Incident in Bucyrus, Ohio. The footage was received from the Bucyrus Police Department and uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item E - Body Worn Camera Video > Bucyrus BWC Video.

Title	File Type	Size	Duration	Summary
AGC_1827_051126052454_14.mp4 ¹ (Ofc. Austen Conner)	video	1.4 GB	1h 0m	BWC of Ofc. Conner, 2026/05/10 beginning at 22:29:46. Initial complaint.
AGC_1827_051126052457_15.mp4 ²	video	1.3 GB	57m 56s	BWC of Ofc. Conner, 2026/05/10 beginning at 23:29:46. Continuation of first recording. Ofcs. observed maintaining perimeter and attempting to negotiate with Desmarais.
BPD_40_BackSeat_1852_05102026222958.mp4 ³	video	925.0 MB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_40_BackSeat_1852_05102026233000.mp4	video	923.9 MB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_40_BackSeat_1852_05112026003001.mp4	video	362.9 MB	23m 34s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_40_Front_1852_05102026222958.mp4 ⁴	video	1.7 GB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_40_Front_1852_05102026233000.mp4	video	1.7 GB	1h 0m	At the 00:40:14 mark, the front porch light came on, the front door opened and then closed. At the 00:42:25 mark, the Crawford Co SO SWAT team arrived on scene.
BPD_40_Front_1852_05112026003001.mp4	video	672.9 MB	23m 34s	At the 00:06:16 mark, the front door of the residence opened and closed. The recording showed members of the Crawford Co SO SWAT team in position in front of the residence.
BPD_42_BackSeat_1862_05112026060743.mp4	video	801.8 MB	52m 5s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_42_Front_1862_05112026060743.mp4	video	1.5 GB	52m 31s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_50_BackSeat_1861_05102026223309.mp4	video	924.9 MB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.

¹ See summary below

² See summary below

³ No date/time stamps were observed on the dashcam recordings.

⁴ No audio was captured on the front facing dashcam recordings.

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BPD_50_BackSeat_1861_05102026233311.mp4	video	923.7 MB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
BPD_50_Front_1861_05102026223309.mp4	video	1.7 GB	1h 0m	Initial positioning of BPD patrol vehicle. Recording showed BPD officers meeting with individuals on the front porch. At the 29:57 mark, officers and individuals left the front porch. At the 35:08 mark, a spotlight was observed on the front bedroom window of the subject residence. At the 40:22 mark the SWAT team arrived on scene. At the 48:33 mark, the patrol vehicle was repositioned, and the front of the subject residence was no longer in view.
BPD_50_Front_1861_05102026233310.mp4	video	1.7 GB	1h 0m	BPD patrol vehicle positioned in front of the SWAT vehicle. At the 00:50 mark, the patrol vehicle was moved and was observed facing the front of the subject residence.
BPD_50_Front_1861_05112026003311.mp4	video	1.7 GB	1h 0m	BPD patrol vehicle positioned in front of the SWAT vehicle facing the subject residence.
CLD_1828_051126115220_2.mp4 (Ofc. Cody Dalton)	video	1.2 GB	1h 0m	Similar to the BWC of Ofc. Conner. Different perspective. Audio is consistent with BWC of Ofc. Conner.
CLD_1828_051126115222_3.mp4	video	1.6 GB	1h 0m	Similar to the BWC of Ofc. Conner. Different perspective. Audio is consistent with BWC of Ofc. Conner. Positioned near the rear of the subject residence.
CLD_1828_051126115225_4.mp4	video	1.2 GB	54m 19s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
CLD_1828_051126115227_5.mp4	video	260.8 MB	13m 16s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
CLD_1828_051126115229_6.mp4	video	53.6 MB	2m 17s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
CMC_1827_051126055912_10.mp4 (Ofc. Colten Cox)	video	1.3 GB	1h 0m	Similar to the BWC of Ofc. Conner. Different perspective. Audio is consistent with the BWC of Ofc. Conner.
CMC_1827_051126055915_11.mp4	video	1.4 GB	58m 18s	Similar to the BWC of Ofc. Connor. Different perspective. Audio is consistent with the BWC of Ofc. Conner.
CMC_1827_051126055917_12.mp4	video	412.3 MB	17m 34s	Ofc. Cox speaking with ██████████. Confirmed that Desmarais had access to a handgun, shotgun, and rifles. Also confirmed that Desmarais was wearing body armor.
CMC_1827_051126055919_13.mp4	video	355.1 MB	15m 8s	Audio/video recording of negotiator attempting to speak with Desmarais. Consistent with transcript/recordings provided by negotiators.
CMC_1827_051126055922_14.mp4	video	985.3 MB	41m 59s	Ofcs. speaking with ██████████ explained that Desmarais threatened to shoot him and hit him with a rifle (00:49-02:40 marks). ██████████ also stated that Desmarais hit ██████████ and pointed a handgun at her (05:15 mark). Ofcs. obtained general statements from the Desmarais ██████████ children.
Import_Video_2026514131844372194728.mp4 ⁵	video	198.1 MB	20m 49s	Interview of Adam Swerlein by Bucyrus PD.
Import_Video_20265141326237202194853.mp4	video	345.3 MB	36m 16s	Interview of Ryan Greene and Chasity Turner by Bucyrus PD.
Import_Video_20265141333418092194413.mp4	video	344.9 MB	36m 15s	Interview of Ryan Greene and Chasity Turner by Bucyrus PD (Duplicate).
Import_Video_2026514135655748219430.mp4	video	345.4 MB	36m 16s	Interview of Ryan Greene and Chasity Turner by Bucyrus PD (Duplicate).
Import_Video_202651411163112194736.mp4	video	198.3 MB	20m 49s	Interview of Adam Swerlein by Bucyrus PD (Duplicate).
Import_Video_2026514144539152194351.mp4	video	198.3 MB	20m 49s	Interview of Adam Swerlein by Bucyrus PD (Duplicate).
TNC_1828_051126130705_1.mp4 (Ofc. Taylor Carver)	video	1.3 GB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed. Ofcs. discussing the incident. Ofcs. positioned near/behind a green dumpster.
TNC_1828_051126130707_2.mp4	video	1.3 GB	1h 0m	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed. Ofcs. discussing the incident. Ofcs. positioned near/behind a green dumpster.
TNC_1828_051126130709_3.mp4	video	137.3 MB	4m 44s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.
TNC_1828_051126130711_4.mp4	video	472.2 MB	20m 7s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed. Ofc. Carver speaking with ██████████ about the handling of the incident.
TNC_1828_051126130716_6.mp4	video	83.7 MB	3m 33s	No recordings relevant to the investigation were observed.

⁵ The interviews are summarized below.

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- At the 00:00 mark, the recording began with both audio and video activated.
- At the 00:06 mark, Ofc. Conner met with the complainant (Ryan Greene). Greene stated, "So we're over here just having fire. Okay. Tonight, whatever. We had our neighbors, uh, well her, she came over with her kids. We was having laughing, enjoying life, whatever. Her husband came over yelling cussing."
- At the 02:28 mark, Ofc. Conner and another officer make contact with [REDACTED] at the subject's residence.
- Beginning at the 02:28 mark, officers obtained additional information relevant to the initial complaint. [REDACTED] stated that Desmarais was upset because she did not have permission to leave the residence and did not let him know where she was with the kids. [REDACTED] denied that Desmarais physically harmed her. Officers attempted multiple times to get Desmarais to come downstairs and speak with them. Desmarais failed to comply.
- At the 22:22 mark, officers assisted in removing the juvenile children from the residence and off the porch.
- At the 23:18 mark, a male can be heard yelling "Get off my property."
- At the 27:53 mark, an officer stated "Alright. Well, he just threatened to end us."
- At the 29:00 mark, Ofc. Conner spoke with Chasity Turner (Turner) who stated that she saw him (Desmarais) grab her [REDACTED] by the hair.
- At the 31:44 mark, radio traffic stated, "He's got a gun in a holster. He's also wearing body armor and a helmet".
- At the 32:21 mark, an officer stated "He pushed [REDACTED] he came out of the door with, pushed him. He's got a whole plate carrier and he's, [REDACTED] said he has got a firearm in the holster."
- At the 32:44 mark, officers gave commands for everyone to move away from the front of the residence.
- At the 33:44 mark, an officer stated, "He just came down and shut the door."
- At the 35:22 mark, an officer stated, "We're going to have the house surrounded at gun point."
- At approximately the 36:00 mark, deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrived on scene.
- At the 37:14 mark, Ofc. Conner confirms with a CCSO deputy that charges are pending and that Desmarais has body armor on.
- At the 39:55 mark, an officer requested that the SWAT team be called out.

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- At the 46:36 mark, Ofc. Conner gave multiple commands advising Desmarais that he was under arrest and to come out of the residence.
- At the 51:49 mark, an officer radioed, "He keeps yelling for us to call him on the phone."
- At the 53:56 mark, Ofc. Conner attempted to contact Desmarais at 567.284.3611. No contact was made.
- At the 55:37 mark, Ofc. Conner instructed Desmarais to call 911 and that he would be transferred to one of the on-scene officers.
- At the 01:00 mark, the recording ended.

AGC_1827_051126052457_15.mp4 (Ofc. Austen Conner BWC)

- At the 00:00 mark, the recording began with both audio and video activated.
- Officers/deputies form a perimeter and continue attempts to negotiate with Desmarais.
- At the 09:26 mark, the recording captured Desmarais stating, "I'm not a threat. Turn the lights off."
- At the 14:47 mark, dispatch radioed that they might be on 911 with Desmarais. Officers spoke with [REDACTED] in an attempt to make contact with Desmarais.
- At the 16:31 mark, Greene told Ofc. Conner that Desmarais had access to a "gas mask, guns and dynamite."
- At the 18:25 mark, dispatch advised that they were just on 911 with Desmarais and that "He's advising he's going to have to defend himself."
- At the 19:41 mark, officers spoke with [REDACTED] who stated that Desmarais had level four and/or level three protection on his vest. [REDACTED] confirmed that Desmarais pushed him and struck him with a handgun before leaving the residence.
- At the 30:58 mark, Ofc. Conner made additional attempts to contact Desmarais using his patrol vehicle's public address (PA) system.
- At the 42:57 mark, the CCSO SWAT team arrived on scene.
- At the 45:31 mark, Ofc. Conner met with members of the CCSO SWAT team and provided a briefing of the incident.
- At the 57:56 mark, the recording ended.

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at approximately 1341hrs, Bucyrus PD Interview with Adam Swerlein⁶:

Adam Swerlein (Swerlein) reported that he has known the involved neighbor (Paul Desmarais (Desmarais)) for approximately two to three years solely as a nearby resident. Their interactions were limited, consisting mainly of minor yard work performed by Swerlein in exchange for small payments or items.

Swerlein admitted that on three to four occasions, he obtained small quantities of methamphetamine for Desmarais. Desmarais initiated the contact via phone or text and provided money. Exchanges occurred outside the neighbor's fenced yard. Swerlein estimated the last occurrence to be approximately six months ago but could not provide exact dates.

Within the last one to two weeks, Swerlein received unsolicited and inappropriate text messages from Desmarais. Swerlein denied engaging in the messages and ultimately instructed Desmarais to delete his number. Swerlein indicated some older messages may have been stored on a previous phone that has been factory reset.

Swerlein stated that Desmarais previously claimed military service, though he was uncertain of the accuracy. Swerlein expressed willingness to fully cooperate and provide consent for examination of his current device and accounts.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at approximately 1500hrs, Bucyrus PD Interview with Ryan Greene:

Ryan Greene (Greene) reported that he did not know Paul Desmarais (Desmarais) and [REDACTED] well, but stated that their young children visit his home almost daily.

On the night of the incident, Desmarais approached Greene's property yelling at [REDACTED] and the children. Greene stated that he did not witness an assault. After [REDACTED] and the kids went inside, Greene heard more yelling across the street and called the police. When officers arrived, [REDACTED] yelled for Greene's (Chasity Turner) partner to take her kids, and all the children went to Greene's house. [REDACTED] later came over intoxicated, causing further disruption while Greene tried to calm the children. Greene stated he livestreamed parts of the event on Facebook but didn't intentionally record video. Greene stated that he heard officers on a loudspeaker repeatedly and heard the

⁶ The following summaries were generated using Microsoft Copilot. The summaries were reviewed for accuracy. Refer to the recordings for further.

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Desmarais yelling profanities. Greene stated that he was not certain whether he heard gunshots.

Greene described three interactions with Desmarais: a past dispute involving their daughters, a recent drunken visit where Desmarais boasted about guns and anti-government beliefs, and the night of the incident when Desmaris yelled at [REDACTED] and the kids.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at approximately 1519hrs, Bucyrus PD Interview with Chasity Turner:

Chasity Turner (Turner) described being in the backyard with Ryan Greene (Greene) when [REDACTED] arrived stating that she had been fighting with Desmarais. Turner stated that she drove [REDACTED] to Kroger after [REDACTED] stated that she needed groceries. While driving to/from the store, [REDACTED] told Turner about troubling behavior exhibited by Desmarais. After returning from the store, [REDACTED] joined them at a backyard fire until Desmarais suddenly appeared, yelling at her to come home. Turner stated that she saw what appeared to be Desmarais grabbing [REDACTED] by the hair before they went around the corner.

A few minutes later, Turner heard yelling coming from their house. Turner and Greene called the police out of concern for the children. When officers arrived, [REDACTED] contacted Turner stating that she was scared. Turner stated that [REDACTED] and Desmarais' children came to her residence. The children told Turner and the police that Desmarais had threatened them with a gun, hit [REDACTED], and had been abusive. Turner stated that she had limited prior interaction with Desmarais but always felt uneasy around him. Turner stated that she interacted more with [REDACTED], usually when [REDACTED] had been drinking. Turner agreed to send investigators the Facebook Live video from the night of the incident.

The BWC and dashcam recordings were uploaded to Axon Justice as Reference Item E - Body Worn Camera Video > Bucyrus BWC Video. Please see the recordings for further information.

References:

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Attachments:

None

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