



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



2026-1831

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

Investigative Activity: Interviews with Desmarais Family Members
Involves: Paul A. Desmarais (S)
Activity Date: 05/20/2026
Activity Location: 1575 N. Sandusky Ave. Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 1000 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) and SA Doug Burke (SA Burke) interviewed Aimme Weiler (Weiler), Jennifer Peterson (Peterson) and Sandra Desmarais (S. Desmarais), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Monday, May 11, 2026.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not intend to contain all questions and answers from the interview. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Weiler and Peterson are sisters of Paul A. Desmarais (Paul). Sandra Desmarais is the mother of Paul Desmarais. The interview took place at the Holiday Inn Express, 1575 N. Sandusky Ave. Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio, where the family was staying. All three women had traveled from long distances to assist the family. The purpose of the interview was to obtain background information on Paul Desmarais.

The interview took place in the employee office area and was audio recorded (Axon Justice Reference Item N). The interview lasted approximately ninety minutes and concluded at approximately 1130 hours.

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. [19:09 mark]

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

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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. 'cause Paul never wanted to continue, but we never found out what, what he was troubled about. [19:20 mark]

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 Gutirez, for approximately four years. Family members were uncertain about the spelling and pronunciation of her name. They noted that there 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." [24:22]

The family related that they felt he had problems with alcohol and may have used marijuana. He used marijuana less, due to drug testing at his workplace. They stated that they believed that there were domestic violence issues between Paul and his wife when they resided in California. They were not aware of issues after they moved to Ohio due to limited contact.

S. Desmarais related that on the morning of the incident, she did receive a phone call from a law enforcement agency.

At seven o'clock (West Coast Time Zone) in the morning, someone called me from the police department and said, 'I need to speak to Jennifer or Robert.' And I thought, well, I, they didn't even say what it was about or anything. Right. So, I gave the phone to Robert and that's when we found out there was an incident. [36:24]

Also, the lady called me and said maybe, is there any way you can get, get in touch with Paul? And we tried to call his phone, and it went through answering machine we couldn't get through because, and then another lady called afterwards too that called me and I'm not sure who the lady was. Do you know what? And I said, uh, can, can we

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talk to him? And there was no way to connect to talk to Paul to see if we could talk him down because we were. We're all going to try to see if we can get him to cooperate. Right. [37:49]

Family members advised that Paul's phone number was 567-284-3611. 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. [48:02]

SA Hammond and SA Burke explained the investigative process to the family and advised that the investigation would take months to complete. Contact information was provided to the family members if they had questions or concerns in the future.

References:

Reference Item N – Interview with Desmarais Family stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

None