



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2026-1831

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

Investigative Activity: Interview with [REDACTED]
Involves: [REDACTED] (V), Paul Desmarais (S), Bucyrus Police
Department (O)
Activity Date: 05/15/2026
Activity Location: 885 N. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
Authoring Agent: SA Douglas A. Burke #162

Narrative:

On Monday, May 11, 2026, at approximately 1630 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (SA Burke) and SA Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) interviewed [REDACTED], relative to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which took place on Monday, May 11, 2026. The interview took place at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, 885 N. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about Paul Desmarais (Paul), [REDACTED], prior to the OICI on Monday, May 11, 2026, in Bucyrus, OH.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

SA Burke and SA Lamping introduced themselves to [REDACTED] and told her the reason for wanting to speak to [REDACTED] acknowledged this and said she would talk with investigators.

[REDACTED] said,

"It was simple, he's (Paul) you know was a prepper, a theorist (3:09). Paul had a crap ton of ammo and canned foods in the basement to last twenty years (3:24). And really was not a bad guy (Paul)" (3:40).

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

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█████ started to talk about what had led to the situation that had taken place. It was Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10, 2026) and █████ took the kids for a walk and went to the park. A neighbor kid had also been with █████ and her children. Once done with the walk and being at the park, █████ and her children were at the neighbor's house █████
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"...for a bonfire and hanging out" (4:30). He (Paul) came over and told me to come home, and someone proceeded to call the cops and say that he (Paul) dragged me by my hair" (4:40).

█████ said it was not true that Paul had dragged █████ by her hair back to their house. Furthermore, █████ said, once back home and inside the house, things did become physical between herself and Paul. SA Burke asked █████ what had happened between the two (2). █████ said Paul with an open right hand, **"slapped"** (5:55) █████ in the face, and █████ reiterated that Paul did not punch her.

SA Lamping asked █████ if Paul had a history of physically abusing █████ said, **"Yes"** and last night, █████ said, **"I threw a can at him (Paul) after he (Paul) slapped me in the face"** (6:18). SA Burke asked █████ if Paul had been left or right-handed and █████ said Paul had been right-handed.

SA Burke asked █████ if Bucyrus Police Department (BPD) or any other law enforcement agencies had been at their house for any type of domestic, criminal, or civil matters. █████ said, **"No, never"** (6:40). According to █████, last night, (Sunday, May 10th) would have allegedly been the first time law enforcement had been called to the house. █████ explained that an unknown individual had called law enforcement in the past for Paul dragging a neighbor by the hair but that had been speculation. █████ did not know if that information was truthful.

SA Lamping asked █████ what had taken place after Paul had slapped her. █████ said again that she threw a can at Paul. SA Lamping asked if Paul had pointed a firearm at █████ stated, **"A firearm, that was my son, he (Paul) did have one. I guess he (Paul) pointed it at me"** (7:31).

After Paul had pointed the firearm at her and at her son █████ tried to de-escalate the situation by walking away. Shortly after that time, law enforcement arrived at their house to conduct a welfare check on █████ said they also wanted to do a welfare check on Paul. However, Paul would not come out of the house. Paul said, **"No, I'm good, I'm fine, you can leave"** (8:07). Paul had been upstairs having the conversation with law enforcement and would not come downstairs. █████ was asked if law enforcement went upstairs to try and speak further with Paul. █████ said law enforcement stayed downstairs during communication with

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Paul. [REDACTED] said Paul had his ***"armor on"*** (8:19) and she had learned this through her sons. According to [REDACTED], ***"He (Paul) had pointed a gun at them (boys) upstairs, which was wrong and horrible"*** (8:35). Paul had pointed the gun at [REDACTED] fourteen (14) and seventeen (17) year-old sons.

It was learned that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] seventeen (17) year old son and [REDACTED] was her fourteen (14) year old son.

[REDACTED] stated that when law enforcement had tried to get [REDACTED] off the porch, [REDACTED] wanted to go back into the house. A law enforcement officer must have noticed a firearm in Paul's possession and [REDACTED] was "tackled" for protection by law enforcement. This incident had led to scraps and scratches on [REDACTED]. The children had been removed prior to that incident by law enforcement and [REDACTED].

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] SA Burke asked how many children [REDACTED] Paul had together and [REDACTED]. The oldest child had been from a previous relationship which led to seven (7) total children.

SA Lamping confirmed with [REDACTED] that Paul had only pointed the firearm at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that was true. SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if, when Paul had pointed the firearm at them, had Paul made any verbal threats towards them and [REDACTED] said, ***"He never threatened to shoot the children, no"*** (10:04). [REDACTED] then remembered that as Paul pointed the firearm at the children, Paul did say, ***"This is how it's gonna end"*** (10:14).

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] knew of Paul planning an incident like this. She replied, ***"No, but it's been an incident came to where the cops come knocking, he was prepared"*** (10:43).

[REDACTED] said that during prior casual encounters with law enforcement, Paul had treated officers with respect and would treat them nicely. During the initial investigation, it was learned there might have been an incident involving Paul and law enforcement a couple of weeks before the current incident. SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if she was aware of any of those circumstances.

[REDACTED] said she could explain Paul's version as he had told her. She did not recall the exact date only that it had been the day after her mother had passed away approximately a couple of weeks earlier. Paul had come home from work (HVAC Company) and was sleeping when [REDACTED] called and woke him. [REDACTED] had been riding a dirtbike and crashed, and law enforcement was with [REDACTED]. Paul was preparing to go help [REDACTED], and during the phone call, law enforcement overheard Paul and [REDACTED].

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discussing taking the pistol. [REDACTED] explained that Paul often carried a small revolver, but she told him not to take the pistol when Paul was going to go help [REDACTED] felt law enforcement misinterpreted that information and thought Paul had a firearm on his person.

When Paul arrived at [REDACTED] location in Bucyrus, Paul got out of his car, BPD drew their service weapons on Paul and took Paul to the ground. [REDACTED] said, ***"There was never a weapon on him (Paul), never a weapon inside the vehicle, there was no weapon at all"*** (12:28).

Paul was allegedly arrested and spent two (2) nights in jail. Once released from jail, Paul had a bond condition to not drink.

SA Lamping asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] felt this is what sparked today's incident. [REDACTED] said 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 (Paul) wasn't gonna walk out there alive"*** (13:23).

SA Lamping asked why she felt that way. [REDACTED] said, ***"He (Paul) won't go to jail"*** (13:36). She explained that Paul had never been in jail before until his arrest a couple of weeks earlier. [REDACTED] further stated that when Paul had said, ***"Grab my pistol"*** (13:55), she had taken the pistol from him before he went to help [REDACTED]. In her view, law enforcement misinterpreted the situation and believed Paul had the pistol on his person when he went to help [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] explained to SA Burke and SA Lamping that Paul did have a California record, but she did not know what for. Paul was from California. Paul and [REDACTED] have been in Ohio for approximately eight (8) years. [REDACTED] is originally from Ohio but met Paul in California.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if Paul had been in the military. [REDACTED] said Paul was not, but Paul's father and brother had been in the military.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if she had any information about Paul's phone, phone passwords, or any information about the security cameras associated with their house. [REDACTED] stated she did not have any of that information and Paul had been in control of all those items. SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if the security cameras were active and [REDACTED] stated the cameras were all active up until the power had been cut from the house during today's incident.

SA Burke inquired about Paul's alcohol consumption and whether drinking could have contributed to the circumstances which took place today. [REDACTED] explained Paul drank a

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lot and added, ***"Oh, absolutely, absolutely."*** Furthermore, [REDACTED] stated that when Paul had been arrested approximately a couple of weeks prior by BPD that upon Paul's release from jail the bond conditions were for no alcohol consumption. [REDACTED] and the BPD Officers initially knew Paul had been drinking, and that could have been a contributing factor as to why Paul would not obey orders to come down from upstairs prior to the OICI.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if Paul had been involved in any illegal narcotic usage. [REDACTED] stated Paul had smoked marijuana and some crack before. However, Paul did not smoke anymore because Paul was supposed to be drug tested by his employer through the HVAC business.

According to [REDACTED], Paul had been prescribed Xanax for anxiety when Paul lived in California but did not like the reaction of Xanax so had then been prescribed marijuana. SA Burke learned Paul's parents were Sandra and Robert Desmarais and lived in Nevada.

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if she felt that the domestic altercation between [REDACTED] and Paul, along with Paul consuming alcohol and not wanting to go back to jail is what had led to the events which took place. [REDACTED] replied, ***"Yeah"*** (24:56). [REDACTED] added that with the presence of four (4) officers responding to a welfare check, rather than just one (1) or two (2) officers,

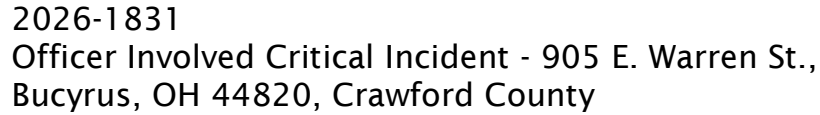
"So, I kind of think the cops were looking for it too." SA Burke asked [REDACTED] "So, the presence of four (4) of them." [REDACTED] responded, "the presence of four (4) of 'em for a welfare check is kind of ridiculous" (25:06).

SA Burke asked [REDACTED] if Paul had a lot of weapons inside their house. [REDACTED] stated Paul did have a lot of weapons inside their house and claimed they were also locked up; however, the weapons were not locked up during the OICI.

[REDACTED] was asked about prior domestics or issues between herself and Paul. [REDACTED] said it was not on a weekly basis, but every now and then, [REDACTED] and Paul would get agitated with each other due to being under the same roof, having seven (7) children, and things would get tense. [REDACTED] said six (6) of the children are with Paul and the oldest child had been from a previous relationship.

SA Lamping explained and filled out the Marsy's Law Packet for [REDACTED] and on behalf of [REDACTED] two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Once the documents were completed by SA Lamping, SA Lamping provided [REDACTED] with a copy of the Marsy's Law Packet. SA Lamping also provided [REDACTED] with information about the process of the investigation.

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The interview was audio recorded and placed into Axon Justice as a part of Reference Item D-Interview with [REDACTED]

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