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2026-1831

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

Investigative Activity: Review of Hostage Negotiation Transcript
Involves: Paul Desmarais (S)
Activity Date: 05/29/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On Monday, May 18, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) received documents from Galion Police Department (Galion PD) Lieutenant John Bourne (Lt. Bourne). The records which were requested included any reports pertaining to the May 11, 2026, officer-involved critical incident, except for any statements made by the involved officers. SA Hammond reviewed the documents and noted the following:

The report titled "Hostage Negotiator Transcript" was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment and digital recordings of the calls for further details.

The Hostage Negotiation Transcript highlights telephonic, and text message-based efforts made by the Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT) and Hostage Negotiators to peacefully end the standoff of Paul Desmarais at his home at 905 E. Warren St. in Bucyrus, Ohio. The record of calls and dialogue were provided by Lt. Bourne of the Galion Police Department. Lt. Bourne is a member of ASORT and acted as the Hostage Negotiator in this incident.

There are three hundred and thirty-three lines of verbal dialogue and ten text messages in the transcript prior to calls by Paul Desmarais were forwarded to voice mail. The following summary was created using Microsoft Co-Pilot¹.

On May 11, 2026, 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.

¹ The following summaries were generated using Microsoft Copilot. The summaries were reviewed for accuracy. Refer to the recordings for further information.

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Paul exhibited hostility toward law enforcement and refused to comply with any direction to leave the residence. He repeatedly stated he had committed no crime and believed he was being persecuted by what he referred to as a "tyrannical government."

Throughout the engagement, Paul denied having firearms but did acknowledge possession of a "BB gun and a pocketknife."

Negotiator efforts to engage and build rapport were unsuccessful. Paul ultimately stopped answering all calls.

01:02:31 – Initial Contact

Negotiator "John Bourne" reaches Paul.

Paul immediately displays suspicion and hostility, accusing negotiator of affiliation with a "pedophile gang."

Paul complains of being harassed, asserts he has work in the morning, denies wrongdoing.

01:02-01:05 – Details About Family Stress

Paul provides details regarding:

Having nine children.

A wife allegedly using meth.

Significant financial stress.

A past arrest he felt was false.

His son's upcoming medical infusion.

01:05-01:07 – Negotiation Attempt

Negotiator attempted to focus Paul on children's wellbeing.

Paul refuses to exit, citing distrust of police and government.

01:07-01:11 – Escalation of Paranoia

Paul references extensive conspiracy themes:

Chemtrails

Air Force spraying operations

MK-Ultra

"Top secret information,"

Fear of government targeting.

01:11-01:12 – Self-Defense Statements

Paul asserts he will defend himself if police approach.

States he has a "BB gun and a pocketknife."

Continues refusing to come outside.

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01:12-01:17 – Breakdown of Dialogue

Increasing profanity and personal insults.

Paul states negotiator's "words are dog shit."

Indicates perceived deception by police.

01:20-01:55 – Follow-Up Calls

Paul answers briefly in some calls, generally escalating verbally.

Accuses negotiator of jeopardizing "national security."

Threatens to break his phone.

Makes antisemitic remarks.

Continues to deny wrongdoing and refuses cooperation.

01:55-03:40 – Multiple Unanswered Calls

All attempts go to voicemail

09:53-09:57 – Final Attempts

Paul continues not to answer.

All attempts route to voicemail.

The Hostage Negotiation transcript was reviewed in its entirety. The following items should not be considered a complete listing of the dialogue between Paul Desmarais and Lt. Bourne. The following excerpts were deemed most relevant to the investigation:

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 01:03:58: *You're these two officers these two officers in this goddamn town ruined. Their whole fucking word. I was I was arrested for fucking intimidation. And I never, never said one goddamn word to that fucking cop.*

Paul- 2026-05-11 01:05:06: *I tried and I tried and I tried and again. I've thrown every goddamn I'm a single fucking parent at this point.*

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.*

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Paul - 2026-05-11 01:06:04: Pull the directions on both of us. I'm not gonna be fucking I, I'm done. This is, this is absolute bullshit,

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.

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?

John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:13:10: Right. But your kids are scared. They wanna they wanna see you.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:13:15: Cool. That's good for them. Well, obviously, they're not. You're gonna either kill me or fucking leave.

John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:13:20: We don't wanna do that because Paul needs you.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:13:20: That's the only way this is going.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:13:49: Stop. Stop. Stop your bullshit. Stop your goddamn bullshit. This is going nowhere.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:14:12: Because your lies are dog shit. I didn't commit a crime.

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John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:14:15: Okay.

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.*

John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:20:30: Okay.

Paul - 2026-05-11 01:21:40: Stop fucking calling me. What are you? Jewish?

*Paul - 2026-05-11 01:22:46: This is not the place for time. That you wanna fuck
wanna fuck around. Stand the fuck down. Or it is what it is. Self-defense.*

*Paul - 2026-05-11 01:24:10: I would defend myself. I did not commit a crime.
Don't fuck off. Goodbye.*

*John Bourne - 2026-05-11 01:24:14: Nobody said you did, buddy. But we gotta
get you back with your kids. They*

*Paul - 2026-05-11 01:24:21: Yep. So, so that's what a pedophile fucking big
gang.*

*Paul - 2026-05-11 01:26:18: I'm sorry. The person you are trying to reach has a
voice mailbox that has not been set up yet. Please, try your call again later.*



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The following are text messages sent by the negotiators to attempt to establish contact with Paul:

Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 01:30:01	Paul call me
Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 01:33:22	Paul call me please. We need to talk
Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 01:44:55	Call me
Paul 2nd	15672843611	Sent	2026-05-11 04:23:06	Call us paul
Paul 2nd	15672843611	Sent	2026-05-11 04:24:16	Paul call us
Paul 2nd	15672843611	Sent	2026-05-11 04:39:13	Call us
Paul 2nd	15672843611	Sent	2026-05-11 04:39:38	Are you ok
Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 04:40:35	Are you ok?
Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 09:55:34	Call us paul
Paul	18137787025	Sent	2026-05-11 09:56:02	We need to talk. They will escalate their response

References:

Reference Item M - ASORT Hostage Negotiator Calls stored in Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. Hostage Negotiation Transcript

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