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2026-1831

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

**Investigative Activity:** Witness Officer Interview  
**Involves:** Officer Taylor Carver (W)  
**Activity Date:** 06/01/2026  
**Activity Location:** Bucyrus Police Department – 500 S. Sandusky St.,  
Bucyrus, OH 44820  
**Authoring Agent:** SAS Charles Moran #67

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, June 1, 2026, at 1155 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Chuck Moran (SAS Moran) and SA Dave Hammond (SA Hammond) interviewed Bucyrus Police Department (BPD) Officer (Ofc.) Taylor Carver (Carver). The interview took place at the BPD. The interview was audio recorded.

Officer Carver was identified as a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 11, 2026, officer-involved shooting that occurred in the area of 905 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Carver did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information known or observed by this officer.

Officer Carver stated her radio call sign on May 11, 2026, was Unit 4. She has been employed by the BPD for approximately four years. During the incident, Officer Carver wore her standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. She also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. She drove BPD Unit #42; a Dodge Durango marked with BPD emblems and emergency lights. She considered herself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident. She was not under the influence of any substance that would impair her memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI.

Officer Carver indicated that her body-worn camera (BWC) was activated during the incident on May 11, 2026. She stated she was the officer-in-charge during her shift on May 11, 2026.

Officer Carver said the incident started after the BPD received a call for service from Chastity Turner (Chastity), who wanted to report a domestic incident. Officer Carver responded to the call and Chastity told her that her female neighbor, [REDACTED] was at her residence when [REDACTED], Paul Desmarais (Paul), arrived and

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began yelling at [REDACTED] to come home. Chastity witnessed Paul grab [REDACTED] by her hair at the end of her 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] 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] 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

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cruiser to request Paul to come out of the residence and that he was under arrest (for 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 Carver did not hear any responses from Paul to the SWAT teams' attempts to communicate with him. She moved to the command center on Highland Avenue, where she could still see the front of the residence. She heard information via radio transmissions and from other officers at the command center. She was not near the officer (sniper) who fired the shot at Paul and did not have any details about that event. She did not enter the residence after the event.

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SAS Moran asked Officer Carver to explain how the situation escalated in her experience. Officer Carver explained:

*Um, I've never had it to where I've seen somebody wearing a vest and hearing it from the kids, you know what I mean? Like, hey, my dad's wearing a vest. Right. Um, the comments made how the wife was acting... (recording 21:36).*

She confirmed that it was also different because Paul's juvenile son tried to get Paul to give him the pistol and it was more dangerous because the initial responding officers could not see Paul inside the residence. Officer Carver said this incident never conformed with normal/routine domestic violence incidents that she investigated in the past.

SA Hammond asked Officer Carver why she took cover behind the dumpster. Officer Carver said she wanted more distance between herself and the residence (where Paul was located) and in case Paul started to shoot. SA Hammond asked, *"Were you concerned that could happen?"* Officer Carver responded, *"Yes"* (recording 23:34).

SA Hammond asked about any injuries to the [REDACTED]. Officer Carver believed that Officer Cox and Officer Conner might have photographed [REDACTED] injuries.

The interview concluded at approximately 1220 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. It was uploaded to the Axon Justice case file as part of Reference Item G. Please refer to the recording for more details.

**References:**

Reference Item G – Witness Officer Interviews folder > Bucyrus PD subfolder > 2026-06-01 Audio Interview Officer Taylor Carver

**Attachments:**

None