



**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: Review of Ashland County Bomb Squad Report
Involves: Paul Desmarais (S)
Activity Date: 05/29/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Bowling Green
Authoring Agent: SA David Hammond

Narrative:

On Friday, May 15, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) David Hammond (SA Hammond) received documents from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad (ACSO Bomb Squad) Lieutenant Joshua Early (Lt. Early). 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:

On May 11, 2026, at approximately 10:30 hours, I was contacted by Lieutenant Joshua Early regarding a request for Bomb Squad assistance in the City of Bucyrus. Lieutenant Early advised that the Crawford County Special Response Team (SRT) was engaged in an active barricade/standoff situation with a male subject. The standoff had been ongoing since 23:00 hours the previous day. Intelligence indicated that the suspect had booby-trapped the residence and was in possession of a live hand grenade.

The report indicated that Sheriff Schneider, Lt. Early, Deputy Joseph Titus and Richland County Lieutenant Nicholson responded to the scene.

While en route, we were notified that SWAT personnel had shot the suspect, effectively neutralizing the threat and ending the standoff. Units on scene remained turned away from the immediate area, standing by for our arrival to clear the residence of potential booby traps and render the hand grenade safe.

Upon arrival, we made contact with members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) SRT. They advised that the suspect's body appeared to be resting on top of the suspected hand grenade. Meanwhile, Sheriff Schneider and Lieutenant Nicholson interviewed neighbors and family members at the perimeter. The intelligence

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gathered from these interviews corroborated the presence of a hand grenade as well as various explosive compounds inside the residence.

We utilized the Rook's armored shield as cover to safely assess the interior of the room and its contents from outside the structure. Once we determined that the immediate entry point and surrounding floor space were clear of hazards, we climbed through the breached second-story wall into the room.

Inside the room, I observed a rifle with a magazine inserted lying on the bed. The muzzle was oriented directly toward the Rook. I conducted a visual and physical inspection of the rifle and the immediate area to ensure no tripwires or secondary traps were attached. Once deemed safe, I moved the rifle, positioned it leaning against a nearby dresser, and oriented the muzzle in a safe direction.

Lieutenant Early and I conducted a close-quarters visual inspection of the suspect's immediate vicinity but could not visually locate a grenade or grenade components. We then cleared a nearby bunk bed of potential traps and ensured no part of the suspect's body or clothing was snagged on it. We moved the bed to create a safe working clearance. Using a mirror and a flashlight, we attempted to inspect underneath and behind the suspect's body. While the initial visual check did not reveal any wires, we could not confirm what the suspect might be sitting on. For safety, we elected to use remote rigging equipment to displace the body.

I attached a D-ring to the right shoulder strap of the suspect's plate carrier and secured our rigging rope. Lieutenant Early and I exited the room and took cover back on the Rook's platform. The driver of the Rook was instructed to reverse. Once the rope was taut, it was secured between the vehicle's armored doors. The driver reversed again, pulling the rope and displacing the suspect's body approximately two feet forward from its original resting position.

Lieutenant Early and I re-entered the room and located a grenade body. Notably, the fuse was missing. Lieutenant Early utilized a mirror and flashlight to visually inspect the interior of the grenade body and confirmed it contained no powders or explosive matrix. We left the



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inert grenade body in place and proceeded to clear the remainder of the residence.

The ACSO Bomb Squad documented the location of potential hazardous explosives in an upstairs bathroom closet:

I discovered a pile of white and gray prills on the floor, surrounded by broken glass from a shattered mason jar (later identified as Tannerite), two (2) Green Star parachute flares, and several ammunition cans filled with various calibers of small arms ammunition.

Additional items of explosives were located in a nearby bedroom:

We moved into the bedroom directly off the bathroom. In this room, we located a large cache of Tannerite-branded retail containers containing a substance consistent with bulk Tannerite, additional ammo cans containing small arms ammunition, and additional homemade fireworks. All Tannerite and fireworks were documented and collected. Prior to collecting the bulk explosive materials, we maintained a holding pattern until the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) successfully obtained a search warrant for the residence and granted us formal authorization to seize the materials. Except for the volatile testing sample, all seized explosive materials were slated for destruction via explosive means.

Explosive items of evidence were destroyed by the ACSO Bomb Squad:

We transported all seized explosive materials and homemade fireworks to the Crawford County Landfill. Utilizing counter-charges, we safely disposed of the items via explosive demolition. No injuries to secondary personnel or property damage outside the tactical footprint were reported.

The items disposed of are listed below.- 4 suspected fireworks- 2 Signal, Ground Green, Star Parachute M19A1 (Found and collected by Deputy Titus)- 4 Clear containers marked "Tannerite" containing what appeared to be white prills- 3 Sealed orange unmarked containers (When opened was identified as "Sonic Boom")- 1 unmarked orange container with black powder residue and cigarette butts- 2 opened white packets with a black substance inside, and black powder

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substance on the outside. 1 unopened white packet with black powder residue on the outside- Plastic and paper bag of white and gray substance from broken jar in closet.- Degraded tube with letters "expl" on it.

The following information was documented by Kurt Schneider as follow-up investigation into the matter:

I made contact with Mr. Marc Wyeth who resides at 916 Hall Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio. Mr. Wyeth stated he knew Mr. Desmarais, but described him as very unsocial and known to frequently consume alcoholic beverages. He stated Mr. Desmarais would not allow him to enter into the residence and has never been any further onto the property than the front porch. He stated Mr. Desmarais is commonly known throughout the neighborhood as "Fallujah Pau". He believes Mr. Desmarais was in the military but did not know what branch. He stated Mr. Desmarais commonly spoke about his employment and his fondness of firearms.

I made contact with Miss Chasity Turner at 916 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. Her contact phone number is [REDACTED]. She stated on the night of the incident, [REDACTED] (approximately 15 y/o son of Paul Desmarais) was at her house. According to Miss Turner, [REDACTED] told her and other individuals standing around, that his dad has a grenade in the home as well as multiple guns and other "homemade grenades".

Photographs attached to report:



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Figure 1: Ashland County Bomb Squad Photograph

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Figure 2: Ashland County Bomb Squad Photograph



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Figure 3: Ashland County Bomb Squad Photograph

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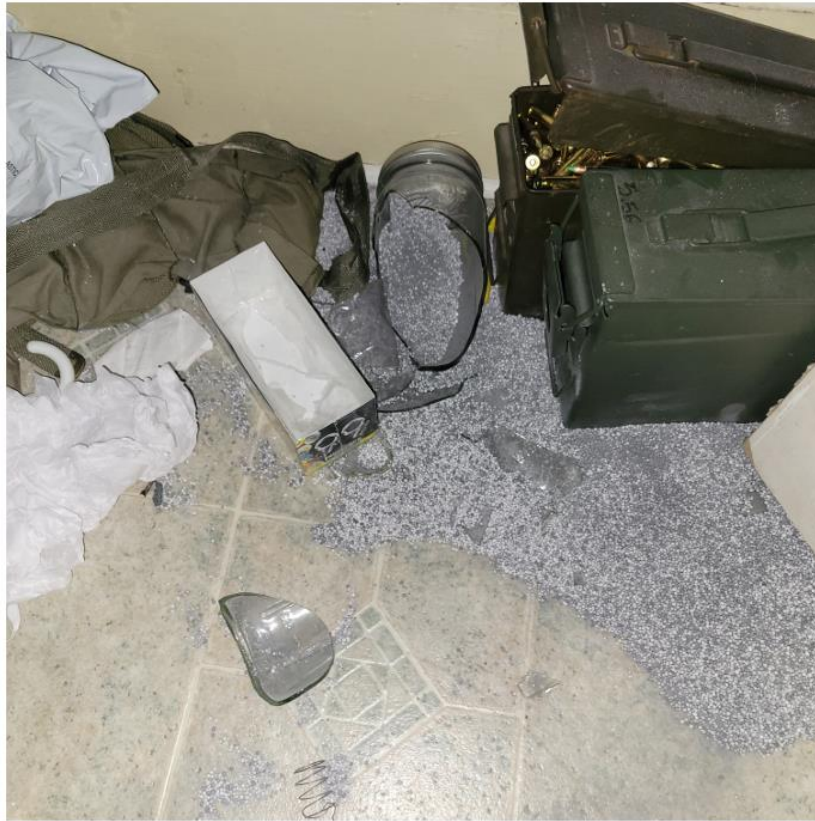


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Figure 4: Ashland County Bomb Squad Photograph

References:

Reference Item P – Photographs Included in Reports – Ashland County Bomb Squad Report Photographs (Figures) Axon Justice

Attachments:

1. Ashland Bomb Team Bucyrus Deputy Titus Report – Incident Report
2. Ashland County Bomb Squad Report – Bucyrus EOD Call Case – Investigative Report.

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Supporting Report By Joseph Titus, 05/18/26 01:03

Case # [REDACTED]
Typed By Joseph Titus

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Sheriff Schneider, Lieutenant Early, Richland County Lieutenant Nicholson, and I responded to the scene. While en route, we were notified that SWAT personnel had shot the suspect, effectively neutralizing the threat and ending the standoff. Units on scene remained turned away from the immediate area, standing by for our arrival to clear the residence of potential booby traps and render the hand grenade safe.

Upon arrival, we made contact with members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) SRT. They advised that the suspect's body appeared to be resting on top of the suspected hand grenade. Meanwhile, Sheriff Schneider and Lieutenant Nicholson interviewed neighbors and family members at the perimeter. The intelligence gathered from these interviews corroborated the presence of a hand grenade as well as various explosive compounds inside the residence.

Lieutenant Early and I requested entry into the second story of the residence utilizing the OSHP "Rook". We utilized the Rook's armored shield as cover to safely assess the interior of the room and its contents from outside the structure. Once we determined that the immediate entry point and surrounding floor space were clear of hazards, we climbed through the breached second-story wall into the room.

Inside the room, I observed a rifle with a magazine inserted lying on the bed. The muzzle was oriented directly toward the Rook. I conducted a visual and physical inspection of the rifle and the immediate area to ensure no tripwires or secondary traps were attached. Once deemed safe, I moved the rifle, positioned it leaning against a nearby dresser, and oriented the muzzle in a safe direction.

Lieutenant Early and I conducted a close-quarters visual inspection of the suspect's immediate vicinity but could not visually locate a grenade or grenade components. We then cleared a nearby bunk bed of potential traps and ensured no part of the suspect's body or clothing was snagged on it. We moved the bed to create a safe working clearance. Using a mirror and a flashlight, we attempted to inspect underneath and behind the suspect's body. While the initial visual check did not reveal any wires, we could not confirm what the suspect might be sitting on. For safety, we elected to use remote rigging equipment to displace the body.

- I attached a D-ring to the right shoulder strap of the suspect's plate carrier and secured our rigging rope.
- Lieutenant Early and I exited the room and took cover back on the Rook's platform.
- The driver of the Rook was instructed to reverse. Once the rope was taut, it was secured between the vehicle's armored doors.
- The driver reversed again, pulling the rope and displacing the suspect's body approximately two feet forward from its original resting position.

Lieutenant Early and I re-entered the room and located a grenade body. Notably, the fuse was missing. Lieutenant Early utilized a mirror and flashlight to visually inspect the interior of the grenade body and confirmed it contained no powders or explosive matrix. We left the inert grenade body in place and proceeded to clear the remainder of the residence.

The second floor consisted of four rooms, including the initial standoff room, and a bathroom with an attached closet. I conducted a physical search of the bathroom, which yielded negative results. I then transitioned into the attached closet, where I discovered a pile of white and gray pills on the floor, surrounded by broken glass from a shattered mason jar (later identified as Tannerite), two (2) Green Star parachute flares, and several ammunition cans filled with various calibers of small arms ammunition.

Lieutenant Early returned to the bomb truck to retrieve our evidence collection kit. We collected two samples of the prill mixture: one for formal evidence storage and one for an on-scene volatility test. I escorted the testing sample outside to a secure area and exposed the substance to an open flame. There was no reaction to the flame, and the substance was deemed stable and safe for handling. We returned upstairs, collected the remaining prill mixture, and secured it in a paper evidence bag. We verified the contents of the ammo cans, noting the ammunition and what appeared to be homemade fireworks. The fireworks were deemed safe for transport and were collected.

We moved into the bedroom directly off the bathroom. In this room, we located a large cache of Tannerite-branded retail containers containing a substance consistent with bulk Tannerite, additional ammo cans containing small arms ammunition, and additional homemade fireworks. All Tannerite and fireworks were documented and collected.

Prior to collecting the bulk explosive materials, we maintained a holding pattern until the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) successfully obtained a search warrant for the residence and granted us formal authorization to seize the materials. Except for the volatile testing sample, all seized explosive materials were slated for destruction via explosive means.

While Lieutenant Early finalized evidence collection in the second bedroom, I searched the final bedroom on the second floor. This search yielded negative results.

I transitioned downstairs to clear the lower level of the residence. I conducted systematic searches of the first-floor room off the living room, the main living room, and the kitchen area. All of these areas yielded negative results for hazards or explosive materials.

I attempted to descend the basement stairs but encountered environmental irritants (consistent with chemical munitions or tear gas deployed during the standoff) and paused to don a gas mask. Upon entering the basement, I observed Lieutenant Early already conducting a search. He located a locked safe directly beneath the stairs and asked if I had located any keys during my upper-level search. I recalled seeing a keyring protruding from a gun cabinet in the second-floor bathroom closet. I returned upstairs, retrieved the keys, and successfully unlocked the basement safe. A physical search of the safe revealed only standard firearms. I completed a thorough sweep of the remainder of the basement with negative results for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or booby traps.

Once the residence was completely cleared of structural traps and hazardous explosive materials, we briefed BCI agents on our findings and turned the scene over to them, advising that the residence was safe for their processing teams to enter.

We transported all seized explosive materials and homemade fireworks to the Crawford County Landfill. Utilizing counter-charges, we safely disposed of the items via explosive demolition. No injuries to secondary personnel or property damage outside the tactical footprint were reported.

End of Report.



Case

Printed on May 15, 2026

Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Joshua Early
Investigator	None
Reported At	05/11/26 10:22
Incident Date	05/11/26 10:22
Incident Code	92 : Assist Other Law Agency
Location	905 E WARREN ST, BUCYRUS
Zone	
Beat	
Disposition	Open
Disposition Date/Time	05/15/26 09:38
Disposition Comments	Pending #327 narrative
Review for Gang Activity	None

Primary Narrative By Joshua Early, 05/15/26 09:40

DATE: May 12, 2026

Case:

On May 11, 2026, at approximately 1012 hours I was contacted directly by Deputy Cody Moser with Crawford County requesting the bomb squad assistance with a stand-off they had been on since approximately 2300, on May 10, 2026. Deputy Moser stated that the suspect claimed he had set up traps in his house and had a hand grenade under his leg. Family members of the suspect confirmed the presence of explosives in the house.

The following were dispatched from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office and Bomb Squad to assist; Sheriff Kurt Schneider, Bomb Squad Commander Lieutenant Josh Early, Deputy Bomb Technician Joe Titus, and Richland County Bomb Squad support member Lieutenant James Nicholson.

While responding with Deputy Bomb Technician Joe Titus to the scene I spoke with FBI Special Agent Bomb Technician Dan Pillitiere to check the

suspects' background for any possible explosive-related interactions or flags with the FBI, the suspect did not return with anything from their database.

When Deputy Titus and I were approximately 15 minutes away from the scene, I was again contacted by Deputy Moser advising that they had taken the shot and the suspect was down, but they were waiting to make entry until we arrived.

Deputy James Nicholson, a support member of the bomb squad, arrived directly from Richland County to the scene and began gathering information prior to our arrival.

Sheriff Kurt Schneider, Deputy Titus, and I arrived at approximately 1140 hours.

I spoke with the Special Response Team.

I asked if the surrounding houses were evacuated, they advised they were not. Given the possibility of an explosion, I told them that they needed to evacuate prior to making entry.

We collected the items we needed for entry, rigging, and containment for the alleged hand grenade.

I requested use of their Rook armored lift to enter the second floor to address the known threat of a hand grenade under the deceased suspect. Deputy Titus and I, accompanied by two SRT members entered the second floor through the previously made opening in the exterior wall.

Deputy Titus and I visually cleared the opening prior to entering one at a time. Deputy Titus and I visually inspected the room and the area around the deceased suspect, we were unable to visually clear the area directly under the suspect due to how he was positioned on the floor.

Photographs were obtained on the SRT Medics phone provided to Deputy Titus prior to moving anything and setting up rigging equipment on the suspect.

Deputy Titus and I set up the rigging equipment from the Rook platform and attached it to the suspect's body armor on the top right shoulder area prior to exiting the room returning to the Rook platform. The doors were secured and we backed away from the house. Once a safe distance away from the house, we pulled the rope taut, secured the rope to the Rook

platform, and backed up approximately two feet.

We reapproached the opening to the second floor and visually confirmed that the suspect was moved from his original resting position, now leaning forward against the bed frame in the room.

We confirmed there was the body of what appeared to be a MK2 grenade, without the fuse top, or spoon. I used a mirror and a flashlight to verify that there was no powder in the grenade body. The grenade body showed no explosive threat and was left where it was found.

Upon completing the sweep of the first room, an SRT team member in the Rook lift requested we cover the suspect with something in the room so no one outside could see his remains. I found a shirt sitting in the room and placed it over the remainder of his head.

I spoke with the SRT members in the Rook lift and said we would continue the search for traps from upstairs and work our way down. Given the threats of traps in the house, if the suspect was to set traps in the house it was most likely that he would do so as he retreated upstairs.

The SRT members in the Rook lift entered the second floor into the area, Deputy Titus and I had cleared of traps.

We began clearing the next two rooms and hallway area of traps and explosives. The first room to the left of the opening past the stairwell was a restroom with a closet area and attached room. We cleared the restroom of any traps; and the closet area prior to entering.

Immediately upon entering the closet area in the upstairs bathroom we found a broken glass jar containing a white and gray substance that appeared to contain white prills was found on the floor. I notified the SRT members in the house that there was an unknown powder in the closet and had them exit the house. I exited the house and retrieved sample collection tools to test the substance. I collected two small samples in small glass containers, one for an on-scene test and one to send out for chemical testing with the Fire Marshal's Office. Deputy Titus exited the house and conducted the heat test on the substance, which it did not react to.

While Deputy Titus was not in the house, I continued to search. I cleared the room attached to the upstairs restroom of traps and found several ammo cans. One of the ammo cans in the room attached to the bathroom had multiple plastic containers the clear containers appeared to contain white prills similar to what was found in the closet. Some of the plastic containers were labeled "Tanerite". There were also sealed orange containers with no identifiable markings on the exterior of the container in the ammo can. The orange containers were later unsealed and opened for disposal and were identified as "Sonic Boom".

I spoke with two members of SRT standing by and continued clearing the house, for traps before conducting a more systematic search for any more explosives.

We worked our way downstairs through what appeared to be the living room area, and into the kitchen. A K9 was found stuck behind some debris leading to what appeared to be the basement area.

I cleared the exterior back door of traps and removed what appeared to be an alarm from the top of the door before opening the door so an SRT member could retrieve a "dog pole".

We cleared down to the basement and the K9 was caught with the dog pole and removed from the home. Once SRT was completed with their search, we exited the home. We were advised that BCI was enroute and retrieving a search warrant for the house.

Deputy Titus and I exited the house and spoke with Richland County Deputy Nicholson, and Sheriff Schneider, until BCI arrived.

BCI arrived on scene and after conferring with them, Deputy Titus and I reentered the house to collect the unknown substance and continued our search.

We returned to the upstairs closet in the restroom to collect the remainder of the unknown substance first. Once upstairs, Deputy Titus held the collection bag while I collected the substance and poured it into the collection bag.

In the upstairs bathroom closet we found a small, degraded tube with what appeared to be the letters "expl" on it, this item was collected and placed into a plastic bag. Once these collections were completed; Deputy Titus removed the substance and the tube from the house and secured them in a type three-explosive magazines located in the bomb squad trailer.

While Deputy Titus was securing the substance and above listed tube, I continued the search of the closet and room attached to the upstairs bathroom. Multiple ammo cans filled with multiple different types of ammunition rounds were located.

The previously discovered ammo can with the unmixed items suspected to be ammonium nitrate and aluminum powder (marked as "Tanerite") and the unmarked orange containers were removed and taken to a type three explosive magazine in the bomb trailer.

During the search of the room attached to the upstairs bathroom four small items resembling fireworks were discovered, secured, and removed from the house and placed in a type three explosive magazine in the bomb trailer.

While Deputy Titus and I were speaking with BCI and Sheriff Schneider, we were made aware that there may be dynamite or other explosives located in a safe in the house. Deputy Titus continued the search working downstairs and cleared the side room next to the entrance, what appeared to be the living room area, and the kitchen area no explosives or explosive components were found.

Deputy Titus and I continued the search to the basement area and found a gun safe below the stairs in the basement with the front plate where the code would be entered was hanging off, showing a keyhole.

I started looking around the area to see if the key was nearby.

I explained to Deputy Titus the type of key I was looking for, and he stated he believed he saw one upstairs and went up to look for it.

Deputy Titus returned shortly with a double-sided metal key similar to other keys I've seen previously used to open gun safes. The key was to the safe, I opened the safe and saw multiple firearms and coins, but no explosives or explosive materials were in the safe.

Deputy Titus and I continued the search of the basement and no additional explosives, explosive precursors, or explosive materials were located.

Deputy Titus and I exited the house, I spoke with BCI agents on scene advised we completed our search, the house was cleared of any traps, and all explosive material and components were removed for disposal. BCI agents requested photos of the items removed before disposal to be sent to them.

Deputy Titus, Lt. Nicholson, and I transported the recovered items to the Crawford County range at 5128 Lincoln highway east, Bucyrus Ohio for disposal.

Lt. Nicholson took pictures of the collected items, and I spoke with two agents with the State Fire Marshal's Office including Ron Stemen, and Chad Wissinger.

Through conversation and providing a photograph of the suspected fireworks it was determined to only send the sample of the unknown white and gray substance for testing at a later date.

The items disposed of are listed below.

- 4 suspected fireworks**
- 2 Signal, Ground Green, Star Parachute M19A1 (Found and collected by Deputy Titus)**
- 4 Clear containers marked "Tanerite" containing what appeared to be white prills**
- 3 Sealed orange unmarked containers (When opened was identified as "Sonic Boom")**
- 1 unmarked orange container with black powder residue and cigarette butts**
- 2 opened white packets with a black substance inside, and black powder**

substance on the outside

- 1 unopened white packet with black powder residue on the outside**
- Plastic and paper bag of white and gray substance from broken jar in closet.**
- Degraded tube with letters “expl” on it.**

Disposal was completed at approximately 1812 hours.

This report has been forwarded to BCI for their investigation.

**Lt. Josh Early
Ashland County Sheriff’s Office
Bomb Squad Commander**

Supporting Narrative By Kurt Schneider, 05/12/26 07:01

Recon Interviews

On or about May 11, 2026, I responded to the subject location to assist EOD with operations involving possible explosive materials and devices that were located inside of a residence following a barricaded subject inside the residence. My involvement was limited to collecting information from individuals who may have been inside of the residence or knew the individual residing in the residence, specifically with respect to what, if any, type of explosive materials or devices may be inside of the residence. EOD arrived on the scene at approximately 11:40 hours.

I made contact with the following individuals. Statements from these individuals are summarized in this report and information obtained was solely for the purposes of render safe operations.

I made contact with Sheriff Scott Kent at the scene who advised the City Police Department is assigned command of the scene. I obtained a location and address for potential counter charge operations.

I made contact with Bucyrus Police Chief Dorsey at the command post. Chief Dorsey stated the individual residing inside of the residence is Mr. Paul Desmarais. His significant other, also mother to several of his children [REDACTED] had been in the residence during the initial call for service. According to Chief Dorsey, [REDACTED] was interviewed briefly at the initial arrival. He stated she and the rest of the family have been somewhat uncooperative with sharing information. He provided a cell phone number of [REDACTED]. He did not have any additional information pertaining to family or other occupants of the residence. Chief Dorsey stated during the incident, SRT inserted a drone into the residence and were able to view what they believed to be several plastic containers on the floor near the furnace in the basement. No clear indicator was noted as to the contents of the containers. No SRT Officers located any other evidence of explosive materials or devices in the residence. Chief Dorsey stated during the incident, Mr. Desmarais told SRT Officers he was sitting on a grenade.

I attempted (2) telephone calls to [REDACTED] as well as (1) text message attempt. All (3) attempts were unsuccessful.

I made contact with Mr. Marc Wyeth who resides at 916 Hall Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio. His contact cell phone is [REDACTED]. He placed a call to his girlfriend, Valerie Hogopian while I was speaking with him. He believes Valerie may have some helpful information as well. Valerie's cell phone number is [REDACTED] and she resides at 6867 Leesville Road, Bucyrus, Ohio. Mr. Wyeth stated he knew Mr. Desmarais, but described him as very unsocial and known to frequently consume alcoholic beverages. He stated he has never been inside of the residence since Mr. Desmarais has resided in the home. He stated Mr. Desmarais would not allow him to enter into the residence and has never been any further onto the property than the front porch. He stated Mr. Desmarais is commonly known throughout the neighborhood as "Fallujah Pau". He believes Mr. Desmarais was in the military but did not know what branch. He stated Mr. Desmarais commonly spoke about his employment and his fondness of firearms. He stated Mr. Desmarais is an electrician by trade and completes commercial work at CVS and Family Dollar Stores throughout the area. He stated Ms. Desmarais told him on several instances that his father owned a "gun store" and routinely spoke about various types of firearms. Mr. Wyeth did not have any specific information pertaining to the presence of explosive materials inside of the residence. No other information was obtained from Mr. Wyeth.

I made contact with Mr. Melvin Swerlein at 915 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. His contact phone number is [REDACTED]. Mr. Swerlein resides (2) houses east of the Desmarais residence. He stated he did not know Mr. Desmarais very well, but stated he would frequently see him and talk to him while walking his dog. He stated Ms. Desmarais was known to frequently consume alcoholic beverages and stayed to himself. He stated he's been inside of the Desmarais residence under prior ownership, but has not been inside of the residence since Mr. Desmarais moved in several years ago. He's never observed anything out of the ordinary and stated he would have reported unusual circumstances to law enforcement. Mr. Swerlein is a retired nurse. He stated Mr. Desmarais frequently spoke about firearms and his prior exposure to guns due to his father owning a gun store. Mr. Swerlein stated his son, Adam Swerlein, spoke to Mr. Desmarais on a regular basis. Adam was not home at the time of my interview with Melvin. I asked Mr. Swerlein to provide his son with ACSO contact information and asked Adam to contact me as soon as possible. To date, I've not received any phone calls from Adam Swerlein. Melvin stated he believes Mr. Desmarais is a former military service member, but does not have any specific information. He has never seen Mr. Desmarais wear military referenced attire, or display and references to military service. No other information was obtained from Melvin Swerlein.

I made contact with Miss Chasity Turner at 916 E. Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio. Her contact phone number is [REDACTED]. She stated her children play frequently with the Desmarais children. She stated on the night of the incident, [REDACTED] (approximately 15 y/o son of Paul Desmarais) was at her house. According to Miss Turner, [REDACTED] told her and other individuals standing around, that his dad has a grenade in the home as well as multiple guns and other "homemade grenades". Miss Turner stated she has never been inside of the residence and does not have any firsthand information pertaining to explosive materials or devices in the home. She stated she has been told that Mr. Desmarais may have dynamite or other explosive materials in the home. No other information was obtained from Miss Turner.

I made contact with an unknown male at the scene. He declined to provide his name and contact information but stated he lived directly next door to the Desmarais residence to the east. He stated he has talked to Mr. Desmarais on several occasions, and each time he spoke with him, smelled strongly of alcoholic beverages. He stated he recalls talking to Mr. Desmarais on at least once occasion where he described having "Tannerite" in the home. He has never been inside of the residence and has no specific information or observations as to explosive materials or devices in the residence. No other information was obtained from this individual.

Information was relayed to Lt. Josh Early, EOD Commander. I took no further action at the scene.

Kurt J. Schneider, Sheriff #301

Case Forms

Supporting Narrative (Recon Interviews) 5/12/26 by Kurt Schneider
Attached Document 5/15/26 - Bucyrus Explosive call Primary Narrative
Primary Narrative 5/15/26 by Joshua Early

Property / Evidence

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
██████████		Digital	In Digital Files		Digital Photo - DSC_0003
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CFS - Command Log

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CFS # [REDACTED]
Call Taker Todd Sims
Location 905 E WARREN ST, BUCYRUS
Location Details
Primary Incident Code 92 : Assist Other Law Agency
Additional Incident Code(s) 88C : Bomb Detail
Mod
Priority 3
Use Caution No
Primary Disposition Incident Report
Beat
Zone All County
Call Time 05/11/26 10:22:54
Completed Time 05/11/26 19:13:24

Reporters

402 (Initial Reporter)

Sex
DOB
Address
Report Time 05/11/26 10:22:54
How Reported Phone
From Phone
Contact Phone
Comments

Other Names

Vehicles

Responders

300		ACSO (Primary)
301	301 - Schneider, Kurt	ACSO (Primary)
327	327 - Titus, Joseph	ACSO (Primary)
402 (Primary)	402 - Early, Joshua	ACSO (Primary)
100 (Primary)	100 - WARCOG	APD

Response Times

Assigned 05/11/26 10:24:35
Enroute 05/11/26 11:02:37
Staged
Arrived 05/11/26 11:40:18
Backup Requested
Backup Arrived

Leaving 05/11/26 16:00:02

Arrived At

Completed 05/11/26 19:13:24

IR / External Agency Numbers

PO: 402 - Early, Joshua

Command Log Filter: All Commands | Details: Hidden | Units: All Units | Revised Entries: Shown

05/11/26 10:22:54 | Sims, Todd | New CFS
05/11/26 10:23:31 | Sims, Todd | All Call - CRAWFORD COUNTY SRT IS REQ ACSO BOMB SQUAD TO RESPOND FOR A ARMED STAND OFF AT LOCATION
05/11/26 10:24:35 | Sims, Todd | 300 | Dispatch
05/11/26 10:25:29 | Sims, Todd | 100 | Dispatch
05/11/26 10:25:58 | Sims, Todd | 402 | Dispatch
05/11/26 10:26:09 | Sims, Todd | 100, 300 | Off Duty
05/11/26 10:26:50 | Sims, Todd | All Call - PowerPhone CACH call opened
05/11/26 10:26:59 | Sims, Todd | All Call - PowerPhone CACH call closed
05/11/26 10:36:27 | Sims, Todd | 327 | Dispatch
05/11/26 11:02:37 | Strickling, Jim | 301 | Enroute
05/11/26 11:40:18 | Strickling, Jim | 301, 327, 402 | ON SCENE
05/11/26 11:40:27 | Strickling, Jim | 301, 327, 402 | Clear Alarms
05/11/26 15:13:34 | Ousley, Cortney | 301 | Available
05/11/26 16:00:02 | Wilcox, Dee Ray | 327, 402 | Leaving Scene (Location: 5128 LINCOLN HIGHWAY E, BUCYRUS) - DISPOSAL @ CRAWFORD COUNTY LANDFILL
05/11/26 18:12:12 | Wallace, Danielle | 327, 402 | Leaving Scene
05/11/26 18:12:51 | Wallace, Danielle | 327, 402 | Leaving Scene (Location: Jail)
05/11/26 19:12:56 | Ousley, Cortney | 327, 402 | On Station
05/11/26 19:13:24 | Ousley, Cortney | 327, 402 | Complete

CLQ

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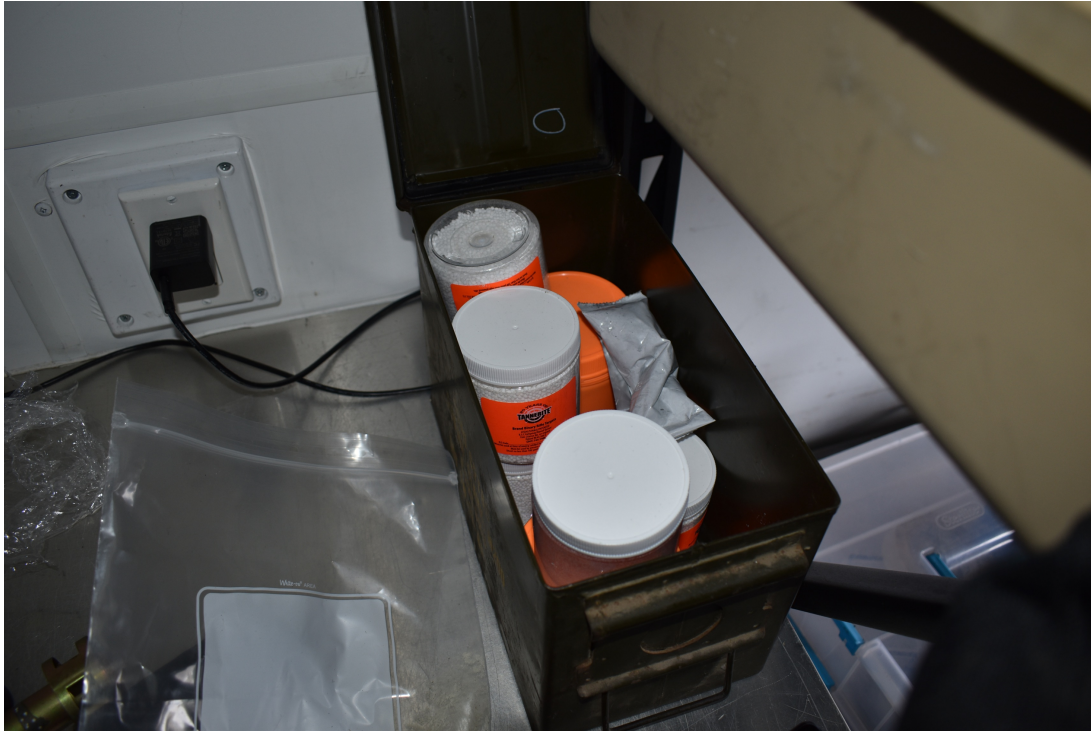
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