



**Bucyrus Police Department  
MEDIA RELEASE  
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**Armed domestic dispute suspect barricades himself inside residence,  
resulting in officer-involved shooting**

**BUCYRUS** – The Bucyrus Police Department is investigating a domestic dispute that resulted in a suspect being fatally shot after barricading himself inside a residence, firing a weapon and threatening law enforcement.

At approximately 10:21 p.m. on Sunday, officers with the Bucyrus Police Department responded to a domestic dispute call in the 900 block of East Warren Street. Upon arriving at the scene, officers observed a male inside the residence wearing body armor and carrying a firearm.

The suspect, identified as Paul A. Desmarais, 41, Bucyrus, barricaded himself inside the residence and Bucyrus police officers, along with local and state law enforcement partners, attempted to negotiate with him.

After several hours of unsuccessful negotiations that lasted into Monday, and several attempts to use less-lethal tactics, the suspect threatened that he had an explosive device and fired multiple shots at officers, resulting in an officer-involved shooting.

Officers cleared the residence and explosive materials were located and contained. There is no threat to public safety and no officers were injured.

The Bucyrus Police Department was assisted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Mansfield Police Department, Lexington Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Crawford County Coroner's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Bucyrus Fire Department.

The domestic dispute remains under investigation by the Bucyrus Police Department, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested to investigate the officer-involved shooting.

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