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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

## Bureau of Criminal Investigation

## Laboratory Report Chemistry

To: BCI / Richfield  
Eric Lehnhart  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
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BCI Laboratory Number: 20-32529

Analysis Date:  
December 21, 2023

Issue Date:  
January 05, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2019-3029  
BCI Agent: Eric Lehnhart

Offense: Death Investigation  
Subject(s): Unknown  
Victim(s): Alexander Jose Rios

### **Submitted on December 20, 2023 by John Tingley:**

1. White envelope containing plastic removed from the stomach of Alexander Rios.

### **Findings**

1. One (1) piece of plastic with residue - trace amount - No controlled substance found.  
Determined using instrumental analysis.

### **Remarks**

All items will be returned to your department.

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Please address inquiries to the office indicated, using the BCI case number.

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Analytical findings offered above were determined using macroscopic examination and other accepted forensic drug chemistry methods. Where applicable, an estimate to the measurement uncertainty associated with the weight of an item has been provided. The coverage probability in such instances is 95.45% ( $k=2$ ).

Based on scientific analyses performed, this report contains opinions and interpretations by the analyst whose signature appears above. Examination documentation and any demonstrative data supporting laboratory conclusions are maintained by BCI and will be made available for review upon request.

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## NOTARIZED STATEMENT

STATE OF OHIO                    )  
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COUNTY OF SUMMIT            )

1. I am Erin Miller, and I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Statement, and I am competent to testify.
2. I am an employee in the Laboratory Division of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) in the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
3. I perform laboratory analyses as part of my regular duties.
4. An outline of my qualifications including my education, training, and work experience, is offered:

### Education

- 4.1. Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science from The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, 2010. Coursework in General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Biology, Forensic Science, and Mathematics

### Training

- 4.2. Nine months specialized training with NMS Labs in the analysis of controlled substances.
- 4.3. Specialized training at the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office in the analysis of controlled substances.
- 4.4. Specialized training at Ohio BCI&I in the analysis of controlled substances.

### Experience

- 4.5. Employed with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification since November 2016, identifying controlled substances.
- 4.6. Employed with the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office from November 2014 through November 2016, identifying controlled substances.

- 4.7. Employed with NMS Labs from November 2013 through October 2014, identifying controlled substances.

**Professional Organizations**

- 4.8. Member of MAFS (Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists)

- 4.10 Member of AAFS (American Academy of Forensic Science)

5. I was assigned to analyze evidence in case number 20-32529.
6. I used scientifically accepted tests to analyze evidence case number 20-32529, and I performed such tests with due caution.
7. The evidence I analyzed in case number 20-32529 was handled in accordance with established and accepted procedures while in the custody of BCI's Laboratory.
8. I prepared the laboratory report bearing my signature in case number 20-32529.

*End of Statement.*

*Erin Miller*

Erin Miller

The foregoing Statement was acknowledged before me on January 5, 2024 by Forensic Scientist Erin Miller

*Whitney Voss*

Notary Public



Whitney Voss  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My commission Expires: 10/12/2027

## **2925.51 Evidence in drug offense cases.**

(A) In any criminal prosecution for a violation of this chapter or Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code, a laboratory report from the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, a laboratory operated by another law enforcement agency, or a laboratory established by or under the authority of an institution of higher education that has its main campus in this state and that is accredited by the association of American universities or the north central association of colleges and secondary schools, primarily for the purpose of providing scientific services to law enforcement agencies and signed by the person performing the analysis, stating that the substance that is the basis of the alleged offense has been weighed and analyzed and stating the findings as to the content, weight, and identity of the substance and that it contains any amount of a controlled substance and the number and description of unit dosages, is prima-facie evidence of the content, identity, and weight or the existence and number of unit dosages of the substance. In any criminal prosecution for a violation of section [2925.041](#) of the Revised Code or a violation of this chapter or Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code that is based on the possession of chemicals sufficient to produce a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V, a laboratory report from the bureau or from any laboratory that is operated or established as described in this division that is signed by the person performing the analysis, stating that the substances that are the basis of the alleged offense have been weighed and analyzed and stating the findings as to the content, weight, and identity of each of the substances, is prima-facie evidence of the content, identity, and weight of the substances.

Attached to that report shall be a copy of a notarized statement by the signer of the report giving the name of the signer and stating that the signer is an employee of the laboratory issuing the report and that performing the analysis is a part of the signer's regular duties, and giving an outline of the signer's education, training, and experience for performing an analysis of materials included under this section. The signer shall attest that scientifically accepted tests were performed with due caution, and that the evidence was handled in accordance with established and accepted procedures while in the custody of the laboratory.

(B) The prosecuting attorney shall serve a copy of the report on the attorney of record for the accused, or on the accused if the accused has no attorney, prior to any proceeding in which the report is to be used against the accused other than at a preliminary hearing or grand jury proceeding where the report may be used without having been previously served upon the accused.

(C) The report shall not be prima-facie evidence of the contents, identity, and weight or the existence and number of unit dosages of the substance if the accused or the accused's attorney demands the testimony of the person signing the report, by serving the demand upon the prosecuting attorney within seven days from the accused or the accused's attorney's receipt of the report. The time may be extended by a trial judge in the interests of justice.

(D) Any report issued for use under this section shall contain notice of the right of the accused to demand, and the manner in which the accused shall demand, the testimony of the person signing the report.