



**Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
Investigative Report**



2025-3711  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534  
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County

**Investigative Activity:** Receipt and Review of Firearms Lab Report  
**Involves:** John Adams (S) [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S)  
**Activity Date:** 12/19/2025  
**Activity Location:** BCI Boardman - 760 Boardman-Canfield Road, Boardman,  
OH 44512  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

On Friday, December 19, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on November 19, 2025, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-38982). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Regan Wetzel. SA Lamping reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

The Glock 43X (Serial # AKSC987/Matrix # 022) utilized by John Adams (Adams) during the incident was identified as the source of four fired cartridge casings. It should also be noted that Adams' firearm was excluded as having been the source of any of the recovered fired projectiles.

The Glock 23 (Serial # [REDACTED]/Matrix # 026) utilized by [REDACTED] during the incident was found to be the source of four fired .40 caliber casings recovered from the scene. The firearm could not be definitively linked to any fired projectiles. However, it could not be ruled out as the source of the bullet fragment listed below:

| Lab Number | Matrix Number | Location Recovered        |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 28         | 041           | Right base of Adams' neck |

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The Springfield Echelon pistol (Serial # [REDACTED]/Matrix #027) utilized by [REDACTED] during this incident was found to be the source of nine fired 9mm cartridge cases. It was also conclusively linked to the following fired projectiles:

| Lab Number | Matrix Number | Location Recovered |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 22         | 025           | Scene              |
| 30         | 043           | Adams' left lung   |

Additionally, [REDACTED] firearm was listed as inconclusive for one bullet fragment recovered at the scene (Lab #21/Matrix #023).

The Aero Precision AR-15 (Serial # [REDACTED]/Matrix #028) utilized by [REDACTED] was found to be the source of two fired .223 Remington cartridge casings. It could not be definitively linked to any recovered projectiles. [REDACTED] firearms were compared to the below two fired bullet jackets, but it was an inconclusive match:

| Lab Number | Matrix Number | Location Recovered             |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 26         | 039           | Adams' soft tissue             |
| 27         | 040           | Adams' left neck/base of skull |

Portions of the recovered projectiles from Matrix items 039, 040, and 042 were determined to be unsuitable for comparison.

A copy of the Ohio BCI Laboratory report is attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. 2025-12-19 - Firearms Lab Report

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

**Laboratory Report**  
**Firearms**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office      BCI Laboratory Number: 25-38982  
Joseph Lamping  
30 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215      Analysis Date: Issue Date:  
December 01, 2025 December 19, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2025-3711  
BCI Agent: Bernard Doran

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer  
Subject(s):  
Victim(s):

**Submitted on 11/19/2025 by Joseph Lamping**

1. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 40 S&W cartridge case.
2. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 40 S&W cartridge case.
3. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
4. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
5. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 40 S&W cartridge case.
6. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 40 S&W cartridge case.
7. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
8. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
9. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
10. One manila envelope containing cartridge case  
- One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

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11. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
12. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
13. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
14. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
15. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
16. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
17. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
18. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
19. One manila envelope containing cartridge case
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
20. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: AKSC987) recovered from the scene
  - One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 43X, serial number AKSC987, one (1) magazine, and two (2) 9mm Luger cartridges.
21. One manila envelope containing bullet fragment
  - One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment.
22. One manila envelope containing bullet fragment
  - One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment.
23. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: [REDACTED]); **serial number found to be [REDACTED]**
  - One (1) Glock 40 S&W semi-automatic pistol, model 23, serial number [REDACTED] three (3) magazines, and thirty-two (32) 40 S&W cartridges.
24. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: [REDACTED])
  - One (1) Springfield Armory 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model Echelon, serial number [REDACTED] three (3) magazines, and fifty-four (54) 9mm Luger cartridges.
25. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: [REDACTED]); **serial number found to be [REDACTED]**
  - One (1) Aero Precision 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model M4E1, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine, and twenty-six (26) 223 Remington cartridges.

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26. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 039)
  - One (1) fired bullet jacket and one (1) lead fragment.
27. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 040)
  - One (1) fired bullet jacket, one (1) fired lead core, and one (1) copper fragment.
28. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 041)

- One (1) fired bullet.

29. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 042)  
- One (1) fired lead bullet core.
30. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 043)  
- One (1) fired bullet jacket.

## **Findings**

| Item Description                                     | Comparison                                                                                                                                                           | Conclusion            |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Item #20: Glock pistol<br>(serial number<br>AKSC987) | N/A                                                                                                                                                                  | Operable              |
|                                                      | Items #16-19: Four (4) fired 9mm Luger<br>cartridge cases                                                                                                            | Source Identification |
|                                                      | Items #21, 26, 27, 28, and 29: One (1) fired<br>bullet jacket fragment, two (2) fired bullet<br>jackets, one (1) fired bullet, and one (1) fired<br>lead bullet core | Source Exclusion      |

| Item Description                                         | Comparison                                                                                                                             | Conclusion            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Item #23: Glock pistol<br>(serial number:<br>[REDACTED]) | N/A                                                                                                                                    | Operable              |
|                                                          | Item #21, 26, 27, and 29: One (1) fired bullet<br>jacket fragment, two (2) fired bullet jackets,<br>and one (1) fired lead bullet core | Source Exclusion      |
|                                                          | Item #28: One (1) fired bullet                                                                                                         | Inconclusive*         |
|                                                          | Items #1-2 and 5-6: Four (4) fired 40 S&W<br>cartridge cases                                                                           | Source Identification |

| Item Description                       | Comparison                                                                                | Conclusion            |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Item #24: Springfield<br>Armory pistol | N/A                                                                                       | Operable              |
|                                        | Item #21: One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment                                            | Inconclusive*         |
|                                        | Items #22 and 30: One (1) fired bullet jacket<br>fragment and one (1) fired bullet jacket | Source Identification |
|                                        | Items #26, 27, and 28: Two (2) fired bullet<br>jacket fragments and one (1) fired bullet  | Source Exclusion      |
|                                        | Items #7-15: Nine (9) fired 9mm Luger<br>cartridge cases                                  | Source Identification |

| Item Description                  | Comparison                                                     | Conclusion            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Item #25: Aero<br>Precision rifle | N/A                                                            | Operable              |
|                                   | Item #29: One (1) fired lead bullet core                       | Source Exclusion      |
|                                   | Items #26 and 27: Two (2) fired bullet jackets                 | Inconclusive*         |
|                                   | Items #3 and 4: Two (2) fired 223 Remington<br>cartridge cases | Source Identification |

| Item Description                                                                                                       | Comparison | Conclusion              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Items #26, 27, and 29:<br>One (1) lead fragment,<br>two (2) fired lead<br>bullet cores, and one<br>(1) copper fragment | N/A        | Unsuitable <sup>^</sup> |

| Item Description                                                                                | Comparison                                     | Conclusion    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Items #22 and 30: One<br>(1) fired bullet jacket<br>fragment and one (1)<br>fired bullet jacket | Item #21: One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment | Inconclusive* |

| Item Description                                  | Comparison    | Conclusion    |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Items #26 and 27: Two<br>(2) fired bullet jackets | Intercompared | Inconclusive* |

\*Similar class characteristics but insufficient corresponding individual characteristics to identify or exclude.

<sup>^</sup>Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

## **Remarks**

There were no pertinent findings regarding the cartridges submitted with Item #20.

One (1) magazine and four (4) cartridges submitted with Item #23 were used for testing. There were no pertinent findings regarding the additional magazines or cartridges that were submitted with Item #23 that were not used for testing.

One (1) magazine and four (4) cartridges submitted with Item #24 were used for testing. There were no pertinent findings regarding the additional magazines or cartridges that were submitted with Item #24 that were not used for testing.

Four (4) cartridges submitted with Item #25 were used for testing. There were no pertinent findings regarding the additional cartridges submitted with Item #25 that were not used for testing.

Item #29 was examined and determined to be one (1) fired lead bullet core with significant damage exhibiting outlines of partial conventional rifling in a right direction of twist. For these reasons, it was able to be eliminated as having been fired by the firearms contained in Items #20, 23, and 25 but was unsuitable for comparison to the firearm contained in Item #24.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

## **Analytical Detail**

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual, physical, and microscopic examinations / comparisons.



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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. Results relate only to the items tested.

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### Comparison Conclusion Scale

The following lists the conclusions a Forensic Scientist may reach when performing comparisons. In reaching a conclusion, a Forensic Scientist considers the similarities and dissimilarities and assesses the relative support of the observations under the following two propositions: the evidence originated from the same source or from a different source.

A Forensic Scientist may utilize their knowledge, training, and experience to evaluate how much support the observed similarities or dissimilarities provide for one conclusion over another. A conclusion shall not be communicated with absolute certainty. It is an interpretation of observations made by the Forensic Scientists and shall be expressed as an expert opinion.

|   |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Source Identification        | The observations provide extremely strong support for the proposition that the evidence originated from the same source and the likelihood for the proposition that the evidence arose from a different source is so remote as to be considered a practical impossibility.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2 | Support for Same Source      | The observations provide more support for the proposition that the evidence originated from the same source rather than different sources; however, there is insufficient support for a Source Identification. The degree of support may range from limited to strong or similar descriptors of the degree of support. Any use of this conclusion shall include a statement of the factor(s) limiting a stronger conclusion. |
| 3 | Inconclusive                 | The observations do not provide a sufficient degree of support for one proposition over the other. Any use of this conclusion shall include a statement of the factor(s) limiting a stronger conclusion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4 | Support for Different Source | The observations provide more support for the proposition that the evidence originated from different sources rather than the same source; however, there is insufficient support for a Source Exclusion. The degree of support may range from limited to strong or similar descriptors of the degree of support. Any use of this conclusion shall include a statement of the factor(s) limiting a stronger conclusion.      |
| 5 | Source Exclusion             | The observations provide extremely strong support for the proposition that the evidence originated from a different source and the likelihood for the proposition that the evidence arose from the same source is so remote as to be considered a practical impossibility; or the evidence exhibits fundamentally different characteristics                                                                                  |

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**Statement of Qualifications**

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**Education**

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Forensic Science. December 2021. Youngstown State University. Youngstown, OH.

**Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. September 2022 – present.
- Portage County Coroner's Office. Forensic Investigator. May 2022 – September 2022.
- Youngstown Police Department. Police/Crime Lab Intern. May 2021- July 2021.

**Required Technical Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms. September 2022 – January 2024.

*A complete CV can be made available upon request*

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