



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records

Date of Activity: 09/20/2023

Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On September 20, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) received BCI Firearms Laboratory Report #23-18282. Please refer to the BCI Lab report for further clarification and details. The findings were saved electronically within the case file and are attached to this report.

On August 24, 2023, BCI was notified by Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred in the Kroger parking lot located at 5991 South Sunbury Road in Westerville, OH. An unidentified female, who was later identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young), was confronted by BTPD officers regarding an accusation of theft from Kroger. During the encounter, Young reportedly attempted to flee the scene and struck a BTPD officer with her vehicle, and a BTPD officer discharged their firearm in response. Young was transported to Mount Carmel St. Ann's medical center with alleged gunshot wounds, where she was later pronounced deceased. A firearm which had reportedly been fired during the incident was collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU).

The aforementioned firearm was submitted to the lab. Forensic Scientist Andrew McClelland (FS McClelland) identified the firearm with serial # [REDACTED] as a Glock model 17 Gen4, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, issued to BTPD Officer Connor Grubb (Officer Grubb).

While processing the scene, CSU recovered additional ballistic evidence related to the OICI. One (1) cartridge case was collected from the scene. One (1) fired jacketed bullet and one (1) lead fragment were collected from the autopsy of Young. A total of one (1) cartridge case, one (1) fired projectile and one (1) bullet fragment were submitted to the lab for analysis.

FS McClelland identified the 9mm Luger cartridge case (Item 1) and the fired jacketed bullet (Item 3) as being source identified to the Glock model 17 Gen4, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED], assigned to Officer Grubb. The lead fragment was considered unsuitable for source identification.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: BCI Firearms lab report #23-18282

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Laboratory Report
Firearms

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BCI Laboratory Number: 23-18282

Analysis Date:
September 07, 2023

Issue Date:
September 08, 2023

Agency Case Number: 2023-2232
BCI Agent: Mathew Austin

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer
Subject(s): N/A
Victim(s): N/A

Submitted on August 28, 2023 by S/A Mathew Austin:

1. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Scene 1, BCI 1)
 - One (1) fired 9mm Luger +P cartridge case.
2. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED]) with magazine and cartridges (Scene 3, BCI 1)
 - One (1) Glock model 17 Gen4, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine and seventeen (17) unfired 9mm Luger +P cartridges.
3. One manila envelope containing projectile removed from Ta'kiya Young (Scene 4, BCI 1)
 - One (1) fired jacketed bullet.
 - One (1) lead fragment.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 2: Glock pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item 1: One (1) fired 9mm Luger +P cartridge case	Source Identification
	Item 3: One (1) fired jacketed bullet	Source Identification

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Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 3: One (1) lead fragment	N/A	Unsuitable [^]

[^]Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

Six (6) of the seventeen (17) submitted cartridges from item 2 were used for test firing.

No fired cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database.

The remaining submitted items from item 2 were not examined at this time.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual 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.

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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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