

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



2024-2614 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121

| Investigative Activity: | BCI Lab Results #24-36634 - Outsourced NIBIN and Operability Report |
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| Involves: | Christian Alexander Tyson Thomas (S) |
| Activity Date: | 09/20/2024 |
| Activity Location: | BCI Richfield Office - 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286 |
| Authoring Agent: | SA Dan Boerner #135 |

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 1511hrs, SA Boerner received an email from Evidence Intake Technician Jennifer Brubaker with two attached BCI lab reports (#24-3664 Outsourced NIBIN and Operability) in regard to Matrix #1 (Glock 19 9mm, SN: KNP943).

SA Boerner reviewed the Outsourced NIBIN report authored by Forensic Science Lab Tech Rick Cummins. The NIBIN report indicated

SA Boerner reviewed the Operability report authored by Forensic Scientist Regan Lambert. The Operability report indicated the following:

"*The firearm, Item #1, had what appeared to be an aftermarket frame. There was no make, model, caliber, or serial number present".

"***As submitted, heavy damage to the trigger, trigger safety, trigger guard, and frame of the firearm, Item #1, was observed. The trigger safety was ineffective. When function testing the firearm, small pieces of both the frame and the trigger broke off from the firearm. The firearm was inoperable as submitted. The firearm was the disassembled so that a Glock 19 frame from the BCI reference collection could be used to generate test fires. Upon disassembling the firearm, the cruciform was found to be broken off the trigger bar rendering the frame's drop safety also ineffective. The slide and barrel were assembled to the BCI reference collection frame and with the use of a BCI reference collection magazine as well, test fires were generated. The firearm was thus rendered operable".

The BCI lab reports were uploaded to Matrix for further reference.

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References:

None

Attachments:

- 1. 24-36634 OUTN report
- 2. 24-36634 OPER report

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Laboratory Report Outsourced NIBIN Cases

| То: | BCI / Richfield Nick Valente | BCI Laboratory Number: | 24-36634 |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, OH 44286 | Analysis Date: September 12, 2024 | Issue Date: September 13, 2024 |
| Offense: Subject(s): Victim(s): | Shooting Involving an Officer | Agency Case Number: BCI Agent: | 2024-2614 Dan Boerner |
| Submitted (| on 09/11/2024 by Betsy Farris | | |

Submitted on 09/11/2024 by Betsy Farris

- 1. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #KNP943) recovered from the scene (Matrix #1)
 - Exhibit Numbers: BCI 1T1-1T2

A triage of the submitted firearms evidence was performed. This process includes assessing cartridge case(s) and test fires to determine the best representative sample from those having similar firearm produced markings for NIBIN entry. This is not, nor should it be, interpreted as a comparative examination to the fired cartridge case(s) or as to determine how many firearms may have been responsible for firing the cartridge case(s).

A cartridge case, Exhibit Number: BCI 1T1, was entered and searched in the NIBIN database.

The results are referenced in the attached report. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

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

[] BCI -Bowling Green Office 750 North College Drive Bowling Green, OH 43402 Phone:(419)353-5603 [] BCI -London Office 1560 St Rt 56 SW P.O. Box 365 London, OH 43140 Phone:(740)845-2000 [X] BCI -Richfield Office 4055 Highlander Pkwy. Suite A Richfield, OH 44286 Phone:(330)659-4600

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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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Rick Cummins Statement of Qualifications Rick.Cummins@OhioAGO.gov

Education

 Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science. May 2023. Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Laboratory Technician II. May 2023-Present.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Student Extern. August October 2022.

Required Technical Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. NIBIN Training. May-November 2023.
 - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (NNCTC) Triage/Acquisition Training and Certification. August 2023.
 - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (NNCTC) Correlation Review Training and Certification. October 2023.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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Laboratory Report Operability

| To: | BCI / Richfield Nick Valente | BCI Laboratory Number: | 24-36634 |
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| | 4055 Highlander Parkway | Analysis Date: | Issue Date: |
| | Richfield, OH 44286 | September 12, 2024 | September 16, 2024 |
| | | Agency Case Number: | 2024-2614 |
| | | BCI Agent: | Dan Boerner |
| Offense: | Shooting Involving an Officer | | |
| Subject(s): | | | |
| Victim(s): | | | |

Submitted on 09/11/2024 by Betsy Farris

- 1. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #KNP943) recovered from the scene (Matrix #1)
 - One (1) unknown manufacturer, model, caliber, and serial number frame with one (1) Glock 9mm Luger, model 19, serial number KNP943 slide assembled to it.*

Findings

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Item #1: Unknown manufacturer pistol | N/A | Rendered Operable** |

Remarks

*The firearm, Item #1, had what appeared to be an aftermarket frame. There was no make, model, caliber, or serial number present.

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Two (2) BCI supplied cartridges were used to test Item #1.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency upon completion of the full analysis.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual and physical examinations.

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Regan Lambert Forensic Scientist (234) 400-3711 Regan.Lambert@OhioAGO.gov

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Regan C. Lambert

Statement of Qualifications

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Education

 Bachelor of Science in 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

- Smith & Wesson Armorer's Course. March 2024. Columbus, OH
- Hi-Point Firearms Factory Tour. October 2023. Mansfield, OH.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives. NIBIN Triage and Acquisition. April 2023.
- Glock Armorer's Course. November 2022. Avon, OH.
- Annual Midwest AFTE Firearm Training Seminar. October 2022. Indiana State Police Crime Laboratory.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms training. September 2022 January 2024.

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Updated: 7/25/2024