

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



2025-1227

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4411 Montgomery Road, Norwood, Ohio (Hamilton County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Document Review

Involves: Akeem A. Holtz (S),

**Date of Activity:** 07/03/2025

Activity Location: Ohio BCI – 1560 State Route 56, London, OH 43140

Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

# Narrative:

On July 3, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Doug Eveslage received BCI laboratory results from the DNA section in London, Ohio. These results are from April 16, 2025, reference the officer involved critical incident that occurred with Akeem Holtz, Karita Thomas, and the Norwood Police Department on the second floor of 4411 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212.

CST Holly Ryczek submitted a swab from the grip of pistol, due to Akeem Holtz attempting to disarm during the physical confrontation (Item 1: swab – firearm grip).

The conclusion for Item 1: "The DNA profile is not sufficient quality for comparison due to insufficient data and the number of potential contributors."

# References:

No references.

# Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 25-112084 DNA Lab Report

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DNA

**Laboratory Report** 

To: BCI / Madison BCI Laboratory Number: 25-112084

Doug Eveslage

**Bureau of Criminal Investigation** 

 1560 S.R. 56 SW
 Analysis Date:
 Issue Date:

 London, OH 43140
 April 18, 2025
 June 10, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2025-1227 BCI Agent: Holly Ryczek

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): Victim(s):

# Submitted on April 17, 2025 by Holly Ryczek

1. One manila envelope containing swab from the grip of duty pistol (BCI #1, Scene #2)

2. Brown paper bag containing blood card from Akeem Holtz (BCI #2, Scene #3); also found to contain 2 buccal swabs

Item	Conclusions
1 Swab – firearm grip	The DNA profile is not of sufficient quality for
	comparison due to insufficient data and the number
	of potential contributors.
2.1 Buccal swabs – Akeem Holtz	Profile used for comparison purposes
2.2 Blood card – Akeem Holtz	Not examined

## Remarks

The forensic DNA profile developed was not suitable for CODIS entry.

Item 1 was consumed during analysis. Additional sample from Item 2 is available should independent analysis be requested. All remaining items will be returned to the submitting agency. The remaining DNA extracts will be retained by the laboratory.

#### **Analytical Detail**

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on samples from Item 1 and Item 2.

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

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation BCI London

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Based on visual examination and 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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# Logan Schepeler Statement of Qualifications logan.schepeler@OhioAGO.gov

Education

 Bachelor of Science, Human Biology (Additional Major, Criminal Justice). May 2011. Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan

#### **Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist, Biology & DNA. December 2011-present
- Michigan State Police. Student Intern/Volunteer, CODIS. May 2010-August 2010

#### **Required Technical Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Biology Screening. 2011-2012
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. DNA Extraction. 2012
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. DNA Interpretation (STR). 2014
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. DNA Interpretation (Y-STR). 2015

#### Memberships

- Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS). Associate Member. September 2012present
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). Associate Member. February 2013-present

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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