



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



2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Investigative Activity: BCI Laboratory Firearms Report
Involves: Sergeant Joseph Gladden (S)
Sergeant Michael Haines (S)
Officer Paul Webb (S)
Activity Date: 11/25/2024
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On Monday, November 25, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (SA Harasimchuk) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on October 22, 2024 and October 23, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-37567). The report originated from the Firearms Section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Jonathan Gardner. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 001)
2. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 002)
3. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 003)
4. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 004)
5. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 005)
6. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 006)
7. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 007)
8. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 008)
9. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 009)
10. One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 012)
11. One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem/5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED], one (1) magazine and twenty-three (23) 5.56x45mm cartridges (Matrix Item #23)
12. One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem/5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED], two (2) magazine and forty-six (46) 5.56x45mm cartridges (Matrix Item #24)

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency.



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



2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

- 13. One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem/5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED], one (1) magazine and twenty-four (24) 5.56x45mm cartridges (Matrix Item #25)
- 14. Four (4) fired bullets and four (4) fragments (Matrix #32)
- 15. Four (4) fired bullets and two (2) fragments (Matrix #33)

SA Harasimchuk reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Item #11: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #14: A total of four (4) fired bullets (14EC1 - 14EC4) | Source Identification |
| | Items #3, 6, 9 & 10: A total of four (4) fired 5.56x45mm cartridges | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Item #12: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #15: A total of three (3) fired bullets (15EC1, 15EC3, 15EC4) | Source Identification |
| | Items #1, 2, 4 & 8: A total of four (4) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge cases | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Item #13: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #15: One (1) fired bullet (15EB2) | Source Identification |
| | Items #5 & 7: A total of two (2) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge cases | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Item #14: Four (4) bullet fragments & Item #15: Two (2) bullet fragments | N/A | Unsuitable^ |

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

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency.



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



2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

References:

None

Attachments:

1. BCI Laboratory Firearms Report #24-37567-1 - 2024-11-21

This document is the property of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is confidential in nature. Neither the document nor its contents are to be disseminated outside your agency.



DAVE YOST

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

**Laboratory Report
Firearms**

To: BCI / Richfield
Andrew Harasimchuk
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-37567

Analysis Date:
November 11, 2024

Issue Date:
November 21, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-3257

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

Submitted on 10/22/2024 by Betsy Farris

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 001)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 001)
2. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 002)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 002)
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 003)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 003)
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 004)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 004)
5. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 005)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 005)
6. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 006)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 006)
7. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 007)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 007)
8. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 008)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 008)
9. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 009)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 009)
10. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 012)
 - One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case (Matrix CS Item 012)

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

☒ BCI -Richfield Office
4055 Highlander Pkwy. Suite A
Richfield, OH 44286
Phone:(330)659-4600

11. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN# [REDACTED]) with cartridge and magazine (Matrix Item 23)
 - One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem / 5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-three (23) 5.56x45mm cartridges. (Matrix Item 23)
12. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN# [REDACTED]) with cartridge and magazines (Matrix Item 24)
 - One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem / 5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED] two (2) magazines and forty-six (46) 5.56x45mm cartridges. (Matrix Item 24)
13. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN# [REDACTED]) with cartridge and magazine (Matrix Item 25)
 - One Sig Sauer multi-caliber (223 Rem / 5.56x45mm) semi-automatic rifle, model MCX, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-four (24) 5.56x45mm cartridges. (Matrix Item 25)

Submitted on 10/23/2024 by Betsy Farris

14. Plastic bag containing bullets and fragments (Matrix#32)
 - Four (4) fired bullets and four (4) bullet fragments. (Matrix#32)
15. Plastic bag containing bullets and fragments (Matrix#33)
 - Four (4) fired bullets and two (2) bullet fragments. (Matrix#33)

Findings

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Item #11: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #14: A total of four (4) fired bullets (14EC1 - 14EC4) | Source Identification |
| | Items #3, 6, 9 & 10: A total of four (4) fired 5.56x45mm cartridges | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Item #12: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #15: A total of three (3) fired bullets (15EC1, 15EC3, 15EC4) | Source Identification |
| | Items #1, 2, 4 & 8: A total of four (4) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge cases | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Item #13: One (1) Sig Sauer rifle (SN [REDACTED]) | N/A | Operable |
| | Item #15: One (1) fired bullet (15EB2) | Source Identification |
| | Items #5 & 7: A total of two (2) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge cases | Source Identification |

| Item Description | Comparison | Conclusion |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Item #14: Four (4) bullet fragments & Item #15: Two (2) bullet fragments | N/A | Unsuitable^ |

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

Four (4) submitted cartridges from each of Items #11 - 13 were used for testing purposes.

The fragments from Item #14 included two (2) copper jacket fragments and two (2) small lead fragments. The fragments from Item #15 included one (1) copper jacket fragment and one (1) small lead fragments. An approximate caliber could not be found for these items and no further determinations could be made due to a lack of rifling or other identifying markings.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

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



Jonathan P. Gardner
Forensic Scientist
(234) 400-3651
jon.gardner@OhioAGO.gov



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.

Your feedback is important to us! Please complete our Laboratory Satisfaction Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9VQHL5>

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 |

We invite you to direct your questions to:
Abby Schwaderer, Quality Assurance Manager
(740) 845-2517
abby.schwaderer@ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Jon Gardner
Statement of Qualifications
jon.gardner@ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Education

- Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. May 1994. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY.
- Master's degree in Forensic Science. May 1998. University of New Haven. New Haven, CT.

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. 1999 – present.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Science Coordinator. 2004 – 2011, 2012 – 2018.

Selected Specialized Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearm & Toolmark Examiner Training. 1999.

Memberships

- Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Provisional Member. 2005.
- Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Regular Member. 2010.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

Updated: April 1, 2024