



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



2025-3488  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 371 SR 180, Chillicothe,  
OH 45601 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Lab report Review  
**Involves:** Bryan Rothe, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Activity Date:** 01/05/2026  
**Authoring Agent:** SA James Poole

**Narrative:**

On Monday, January 05, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on September 8, 2025 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-132921). The report originated from the BCI Laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Lauren Alexander. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. Rifle
2. Sig Sauer Pistol [REDACTED]
3. Sig Sauer Pistol [REDACTED]

SA Poole reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

1. Rifle was source identified to Items 6, 7, 10, 11: 5.56 NATO fired cartridge casings. Concluded as Operable.
2. Sig Sauer Pistol [REDACTED] was source identified to Items 4, 5, 12, 15: Fired jacketed bullets and bullet fragments. Concluded as Operable.
3. Sig Sauer Pistol [REDACTED] was source identified to Items 9 and 2: 9mm cartridge casing and fired jacketed bullet. Concluded as Operable.

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

**References:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

25-132921-4 Firearms Report

25-132921-2 NIBN Entry results

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# DAVE YOST

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

**Laboratory Report  
Firearms**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office      BCI Laboratory Number: 25-132921  
 James Poole  
 30 E. Broad Street  
 Columbus, OH 43215

Analysis Date:                      Issue Date:  
 December 08, 2025                  December 19, 2025

Agency Case Number:              2025-3488  
 BCI Agent:                              Brittney VanBibber

Offense:      Officer Involved Critical  
                   Incident

Subject(s):    N/A

Victim(s):     N/A

**Submitted on 10/31/2025 by Brittney VanBibber**

1. One cardboard box containing firearm with magazine and cartridges (BCI scene 1, item 2)
  - *One (1) semi-automatic rifle, 5.56 NATO, no serial number present, with one (1) magazine, and twenty-two (22) cartridges.*
2. One manila envelope containing projectile found on floor (BCI scene 1, item 3)
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet.*
3. One manila envelope containing projectile (BCI scene 1, item 4)
  - *One (1) lead core fragment.*
4. One manila envelope containing projectile (BCI scene 1, item 5)
  - *One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment.*
5. One manila envelope containing projectile (BCI scene 1, BCI 7)
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment.*
6. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (BCI scene 1, item 8)
  - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case.*
7. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (scene 1, item 9)
  - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case.*
8. One manila envelope containing cartridge casings (scene 1, BCI 10)
  - *Ten (10) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases.*

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9. One manila envelope containing cartridge casings (Scene 1, item 11)
  - *Fifteen (15) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases.*
10. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Scene 1, item 14)
  - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case.*
11. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Scene 1, item 15)
  - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case.*
12. One manila envelope containing projectile (scene 1, item 18)
  - *One (1) fired bullet jacket.*
13. White box containing firearm (serial# [REDACTED]) and magazine and cartridges and attached light, (BCI scene 2 item 1)
  - *One (1) Sig Sauer model P320, 9mm Luger, semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with attached flashlight, two (2) magazines, and twenty (20) cartridges.*
14. White box containing firearm [REDACTED] with magazine and cartridges (scene 2, item 3)
  - *One (1) Sig Sauer model P320, 9mm Luger, semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine, and seventeen (17) cartridges.*
15. One manila envelope containing projectiles removed from Bryan Rothe (BCI scene 3, item 4)
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet (15EB1).  
Two (2) fired jacketed bullet fragments (15EB2 & 15EB3).*

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 1: Rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items 6, 7, 10, & 11: four (4) 5.56 NATO fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 13: Sig Sauer pistol [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Item 8: ten (10) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items 5, 12, & 15 (15EB1 & 15EB2): two (2) fired jacketed bullets and two (2) fired jacketed bullet fragments	
	Items 4 & 15 (15EB3): one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment and one (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment	Support for Same Source†

† Similar class characteristics and some corresponding individual characteristics, but insufficient for a Source Identification.

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 14: Sig Sauer pistol ( [REDACTED] )	N/A	Operable
	Item 9: fifteen (15) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item 2: one (1) fired jacketed bullet	

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 3: one (1) lead core fragment	N/A	Unsuitable^

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

**Remarks**

The Item 1 firearm has no visible manufacturer markings on the upper or lower receiver. After examination, the firearm appears to be consistent with a privately manufactured firearm.

The remaining submitted items from Item 1, Item 13, & Item 14 were not examined at this time.

Six (6) of the twenty (20) submitted cartridges from Item 13 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the seventeen (17) submitted cartridges from Item 14 were used for test firing.

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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### 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:  
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**Required Technical Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms Examiner Training. 2024.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms Operability Training. 2024.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Lab Technician Training. 2023.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive. IBIS Triage and Data Acquisition. 2021.
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**Laboratory Report  
Operability**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office  
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Columbus, OH 43215

BCI Laboratory Number: 25-132921

Analysis Date:  
November 04, 2025

Issue Date:  
November 05, 2025

Agency Case Number:  
BCI Agent:

2025-3488  
Brittney VanBibber

Offense: Officer Involved Critical  
Incident

Subject(s): N/A

Victim(s): N/A

**Submitted on 10/31/2025 by Brittney VanBibber**

1. One cardboard box containing firearm with magazine and cartridges (BCI scene 1, item 2)
  - *One (1) Privately manufactured firearm (no serial number), 5.56 NATO semi-automatic rifle, with a magazine and twenty-two (22) unfired cartridges.*

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #1: Rifle	N/A	Operable

**Remarks**

The remaining submitted items from Item #1 were not examined at this time.

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## **Analytical Detail**

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

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Outsourced NIBIN Cases

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	Columbus, OH 43215	November 04, 2025	November 05, 2025
		Agency Case Number:	2025-3488
		BCI Agent:	Brittney VanBibber
Offense:	Officer Involved Critical Incident		
Subject(s):	N/A		
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  - *Test Fire Exhibit Numbers: BCI 1T1 and 1T2*
6. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (BCI scene 1, item 8)
  - *Cartridge Case Exhibit Number: BCI 6N1*
7. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (scene 1, item 9)
  - *Cartridge Case Exhibit Number: BCI 7N1*
10. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Scene 1, item 14)
  - *Cartridge Case Exhibit Number: BCI 10N1*
11. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Scene 1, item 15)
  - *Cartridge Case Exhibit Number: BCI 11N1*

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