



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



2024-3052
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

Investigative Activity: BCI Firearms Laboratory report - Analysis
Involves: [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 11/26/2024
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on October 9, 2024 and November 8, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-37266). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Joshua Barr. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (Crime Scene (CS) #001)
2. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #002)
3. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #003)
4. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #004)
5. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #005)
6. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #006)
7. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #007)
8. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #008)
9. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #009)
10. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #010)
11. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #011)
12. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #012)
13. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #013)
14. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #014)
15. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #016)
16. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #017)
17. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #018)
18. Envelope containing fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (CS #019)
19. One cardboard box containing Simonov 7.62x39mm semi-automatic rifle, serial #1736836, with magazine and 27 cartridges, one bullet fragment, one lead core fragment, and various small lead fragments found loose in box (CS #020)

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20. Envelope containing fired bullet (CS #021)
21. One cardboard box containing Glock, model 45, serial [REDACTED], with magazine and 6 cartridges (CS #022). [REDACTED]
22. One cardboard box containing Glock, model 45, serial [REDACTED], with magazine and 5 cartridges (CS #022). [REDACTED]
24. Envelope containing fired bullet (CS #031)
25. Envelope containing fired bullet (Matrix #043)
26. Envelope containing fired bullet (Matrix #044)
27. Envelope containing fired bullet (Matrix #045)
28. Envelope containing fired bullet (Matrix #046)
29. Envelope containing fired bullet (Matrix #047)

SA Lieber reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Four fired bullets (Lab #26-29, Matrix #44-47) were found to have a source identification to the Glock pistol, serial # [REDACTED], (Lab #22, Matrix #022) belonging to Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) [REDACTED]. The four fired bullets were recovered during the autopsy of David Septer (Septer) as follows:

- Lab #26, Matrix #044, projectile recovered from right hemidiaphragm
- Lab #27, Matrix #045, projectile recovered from right elbow
- Lab #28, Matrix #046, projectile recovered from the right lung
- Lab #29, Matrix #047, projectile recovered from right hand

In addition, a fired bullet (Lab #20, Matrix #020, CS #021) located in Septer's clothing, and a fired bullet (Lab #24, Matrix #030, CS #031) recovered from the rear bench seat of the Ford F-150 driven by Septer were also found to have a source identification to the Glock pistol belonging to [REDACTED].

A bullet jacket (Lab #019) recovered from the wood stock of the Siminov rifle (Lab #019, CS #020) utilized by Septer during the October 5, 2024, incident on Silvercreek Road, was found to have a source identification to the Glock pistol, serial # [REDACTED], (Lab #21, Matrix #021, CS #022) belonging to [REDACTED].

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

References:

None

Attachments:

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1. 2024-11-26 BCI Firearms Laboratory report 24-37266

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**Laboratory Report
Firearms**

To: BCI / Richfield
Jon Lieber
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-37266

Analysis Date:
October 22, 2024

Issue Date:
November 21, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-3052

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

Submitted on 10/09/2024 by Betsy Farris

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 001)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
2. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 002)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 003)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 004)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
5. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 005)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
6. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 006)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
7. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 007)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
8. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 008)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
9. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 009)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
10. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 010)
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
11. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 011)

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

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- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 12. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 012)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 13. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 013)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 14. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 014)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 15. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 016)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 16. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 017)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 17. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 018)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 18. Envelope containing cartridge case (Crime Scene 019)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 19. One cardboard box containing firearm (Crime Scene 020) (Serial #1736836) with magazine and cartridge recovered from the scene
 - *One (1) Simonov 7.62X39mm semi-automatic rifle, model Type 56 SKS, serial number 1736836, one (1) magazine, twenty-seven (27) 7.62X39mm cartridges, one (1) bullet jacket fragment, one (1) lead core fragment and various small lead fragments found loose in the box.*
- 20. Envelope containing bullet (Crime Scene 021)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*
- 21. One cardboard box containing firearm (Crime Scene 022) (Serial # [REDACTED]) with magazine and cartridges
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 45, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and six (6) 9mm Luger cartridges.*
- 22. One cardboard box containing firearm (Crime Scene 023) (Serial # [REDACTED]) with magazine and cartridges
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 45, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and five (5) 9mm Luger cartridges.*
- 24. Envelope containing bullet (Crime Scene 31)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*

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- 25. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 43)
 - *One (1) bullet jacket fragment.*
- 26. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 44)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*
- 27. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 45)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*
- 28. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 46)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*
- 29. One manila envelope containing bullet (Matrix 47)
 - *One (1) fired bullet.*

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #21 - Glock pistol, serial number [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Item #19 - bullet jacket	Source Identification
	Items #1-3, 7, 14-16 and 18 - Eight (8) cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #22 - Glock pistol, serial number [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items #20, 24 and 26-29 - Six (6) fired bullets	Source Identification
	Items #4-6, 8-13 and 17 - Ten (10) cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #19 - lead core fragment	N/A	Unsuitable^

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #25 - bullet jacket fragment	N/A	Unsuitable^

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

Two (2) of the submitted cartridges from Items #21 and #22 were each used for testing.

Examination of the SKS rifle from Item #19 revealed the buttstock to be severed near the grip area. Impact damage was also observed with part of the stock missing on the left side near the magazine well, a bullet jacket and lead core fragment were removed from this area.

The rifle from Item #19 was previously tested for operability, therefore no additional testing was performed.

The various lead fragments found loose in the box with Item #19 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, physical, 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. Results relate only to the items tested.

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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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Education

- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science. August 2007. Eastern Kentucky University. Richmond, KY.

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist (Firearms Section). January 2009 – Present.
- Hamilton County Coroner's Office. Forensic Scientist 1. March 2008 – December 2008.

Required Technical Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearm & Toolmark Examiner Training. 2009.
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) User Training. 2008.

Memberships

- Association of Firearm & Toolmark Examiners. Provisional Member #2811. December 2010.
- Association of Firearm & Toolmark Examiners. Regular Member #2811. July 2015 – Present.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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