



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



2026-0121

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1451 E. 219th St., Euclid,
OH 44117, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity: Lab Report Received and Reviewed
Involves: BCI Lab (O)
Activity Date: 03/05/2024
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher

Narrative:

On Wednesday, February 04, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on January 13, 2026, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 26-30331). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientists Monica Colblentz and Patrick Murphy. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

Lab Item #	CS/Matrix #	Item Description
1	32	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
2	33	One (1) Diamondback 5.56X45mm semi-automatic rifle, model DB15, S/N: DB2205448
3	34	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
4	35	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
5	36	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
6	37	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
7	38	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
8	39	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case

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9	40	One (1) fired 5.56x45mm cartridge case
10	48	One (1) fired bullet
11	51	One (1) American Defense 223 Wylde semi-automatic rifle, model UIC, S/N: [REDACTED] one(1) magazine and nineteen (19) 5.56X45mm cartridges

SA Fletcher reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Lab Item 2/Matrix Item 33	N/A	Operable
Lab Item 11/Matrix Item 51	N/A	Operable
	Items 1 (Matrix Item 32) and items 3-9 (Matrix item(s) 34-39 & 40): Eight (8) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item 10 (Matrix item 48): One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification

Findings:

- The Diamondback rifle (Lab item 2/Matrix item 33), used by the involved subject (Robert Riddlebarger), was determined to be operable.
- The American Defense Rifle (Lab item 11/Matrix item 51) used by the involved officer [REDACTED] was also determined to be operable.

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- The source of the submitted eight (8) fired 5.56X45mm cartridges (Lab item(s) 1, 3-9/Matrix item 32, 34-40) was determined to be the rifle fired by [REDACTED] (Lab item 11/Matrix item 51).
- The source of the fired bullet (Lab item 10/Matrix item 48) was determined to be the rifle (Lab item 11/Matrix item 51) fired by [REDACTED].
- It was also noted that there was significant damage to both the stock and magazine of the Diamondback rifle (Lab item 2/Matrix item 33). The damage consisted of significant damage to the magazine, that was consistent with the firearm having been struck by gunfire.

One test fired round from the Diamondback rifle was submitted to NIBIN [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:

1. 2026-02-04 BCI Firearms Lab Report - 26-30331 FA
2. 2026-02-04 BCI NIBIN lab report - 26-30331 OUTN

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Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Laboratory Report
Firearms

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office BCI Laboratory Number: 26-30331
Allison Fletcher
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Analysis Date: Issue Date:
January 15, 2026 January 29, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-0121
BCI Agent: Laurna McClintock

Offense: Officer Involved Critical Incident

Subject(s):
Victim(s):

Submitted on 01/13/2026 by Allison Fletcher

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix item #32)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
2. One cardboard box containing firearm (S/N DB2205448) with magazine (CS/Matrix item #33)
 - One (1) Diamondback 5.56X45mm semi-automatic rifle, model DB15, serial number DB2205448 with magazine still inserted
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #34)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #35)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
5. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #36)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
6. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #37)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
7. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #38)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
8. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #39)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case

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9. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS/Matrix Item #40)
 - One (1) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge case
10. Envelope containing bullet (CS/Matrix Item #48)
 - One (1) fired bullet
11. One cardboard box containing firearm (S/N [REDACTED] with magazine and cartridge (CS/Matrix Item #51)
 - One (1) American Defense 223 Wylde semi-automatic rifle, model UIC, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and nineteen (19) 5.56X45mm cartridges

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #2: Diamondback Rifle	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #11: American Defense Rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items #1 & 3-9: Eight (8) fired 5.56X45mm cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item #10: One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification

Remarks

Four (4) of the cartridges submitted with Item #11 were used for testing.

Significant damage was noted on both the magazine and stock of Item #2. The walls of the magazine were blown out, and it was stuck in the magazine well of the firearm. The magazine spring and baseplate were also missing. The damage noted is consistent with the firearm having been struck by gunfire.

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's Degree in Forensic Biology with minors in Chemistry and Criminal Justice. December 2015. Ashland University. Ashland, Ohio.

Professional Experience-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. June 2022- Current.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II (NIBIN). October 2021- June 2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I. March 2021- October 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician. February 2020- March 2021.

Required Technical Training-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms Training. 2022-2023.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II Training. 2021-2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I Training. 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician Training. 2020.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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Laboratory Report
Outsourced NIBIN Cases

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office BCI Laboratory Number: 26-30331
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Analysis Date: January 28, 2026 Issue Date: February 02, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-0121
BCI Agent: Laurna McClintock

Offense: Officer Involved Critical Incident
Subject(s): N/A
Victim(s): N/A

Submitted on 01/13/2026 by Allison Fletcher

2. One cardboard box containing firearm (S/N DB2205448) with magazine (CS/Matrix item #33)
- Test Fire Exhibit Number: BCI 2T1/2T2

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(s), Exhibit Number: BCI 2T1 was entered and searched in the NIBIN database.

A correlation review was performed by the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). [REDACTED] The results are referenced in the attached report. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.

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Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Laboratory Technician. Sept 2022-Present
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Task Force Officer. 2013-2016
- Phoenix Police Department. Police Officer. 1998-2016

Required Technical Training

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. NIBIN Authorized Trainer. Aug 2023
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Lab Technician Training. Feb 2023
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Correlation Review. Feb 2023
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Triage/Acquisition. Oct 2022

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