



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



2025-0559

Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records
Involves: Jayden Cole Stephenson (S)
Date of Activity: 05/02/2025
Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR 56 SW, London, OH 43140
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Tuesday, April 29, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received an Ohio BCI Laboratory report for items of evidence submitted on February 20, 2025, and additional items submitted on February 24, 2025. The report originated from the BCI Firearms Unit of the laboratory and was authored by forensic scientist Lauren Van Dyne. The items previously submitted to the lab included:

1. BCI #11/Scene 1– projectile located in master bedroom
2. BCI #16/Scene 1– cartridge casing located in master bedroom
3. BCI #17/Scene 1– cartridge casing located in master bedroom
4. BCI #18/Scene 1– cartridge casing located in master bedroom
5. BCI #19/Scene 1–cartridge casing located in master bedroom
6. BCI #21/Scene 1 cartridge casing located in master bedroom
7. BCI #25/Scene 1– cartridge casing located in master bedroom
8. BCI #26/Scene 1–cartridge casing located in master bedroom
9. BCI #27/Scene 1– cartridge casing located in master bedroom
10. BCI #30/Scene 1– projectile located in master bedroom
11. BCI #31/Scene 1– projectile located in basement
12. BCI #1/Scene 2– [REDACTED] duty pistol
13. BCI #2/Scene 2– [REDACTED] duty pistol
14. BCI #3/Scene 2– [REDACTED] duty pistol
15. BCI #1/Scene 3– 8 projectiles recovered during the autopsy of Jayden Stephenson
16. BCI #32/Scene 1– two cartridge casings located in master bedroom (submitted to lab on February 24, 2025)

SA Seitzman reviewed the lab report and noted the following:

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- [REDACTED] duty pistol (item 12) was found to be OPERABLE. It was identified as the source of items 1 (1EB1), 11, and two of the projectiles submitted in item 15 (a total of four fired, jacketed bullets). [REDACTED] duty pistol was also identified as the source of items 2, 4, and 16 (four fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases).
- [REDACTED] duty pistol (item 13) was found to be OPERABLE. It was identified as the source of six of the projectiles submitted in item 15 (six fired jacketed bullets recovered from the autopsy of Jayden Stephenson). [REDACTED] duty pistol was also identified as the source of items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (six fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases).
- [REDACTED] duty pistol (item 14) was found to be OPERABLE. It was not found as the source of any of the submitted projectiles or cartridge cases.
- Item 1 (1EB2– bullet fragment) and 10 (two lead fragments) were found to be unsuitable for testing.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 25-15576 FA report

Exhibit 1



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Laboratory Report
Firearms

To: BCI / Madison
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BCI Laboratory Number: 25-15576

Analysis Date: April 16, 2025

Issue Date: April 23, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2025-0559

BCI Agent: Holly Ryczek

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): N/A

Victim(s): N/A

Submitted on 02/20/2025 by Holly Ryczek

1. One manila envelope containing projectile location master bedroom
 - One (1) fired jacketed bullet and one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment (1EB1 & 1EB2)
2. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
3. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
4. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
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7. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
8. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
9. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located in master bedroom
 - One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.

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10. One manila envelope containing projectile located in master bedroom
 - *Two (2) lead fragments (10EB1 & 10EB2).*
11. One manila envelope containing projectile located in basement
 - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet (11EB1).*
12. One cardboard box containing firearm
 - *One (1) Glock model 45, 9mm Luger, semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine, and fifteen (15) cartridges.*
13. One cardboard box containing firearm
 - *One (1) Glock model 45, 9mm Luger, semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine, and twelve (12) cartridges.*
14. One cardboard box containing firearm
 - *One (1) Glock model 45, 9mm Luger, semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED] with three (3) magazines, and fifty-two (52) cartridges.*
15. Brown paper bag containing projection from Jayden Stephenson
 - *Eight (8) fired jacketed bullets (15EB1 – 15EB8) and one (1) taser prong.*

Submitted on 02/24/2025 by Holly Ryczek

16. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge cases (BCI #32, Scene #1)
 - *Two (2) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases.*

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 12: Glock pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	Items 1 (1EB1), 11 (11EB1), & 15 (15EB2 & 15EB5): four (4) fired jacketed bullets	Source Identification
	Items 2, 4, & 16: four (4) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 13: Glock pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	Item 15 (15EB1, 15EB3, 15EB4, 15EB6, 15EB7, & 15EB8): six (6) fired jacketed bullets	Source Identification
	Items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9: six (6) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
██████████ Glock pistol	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Items 1 (1EB2) & 10 (10EB1 & 10EB2): one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment and two (2) lead fragments	N/A	Unsuitable [^]

[^]Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

The remaining submitted items from Items 12, 13, 14, & 15 were not examined/compared at this time.

Six (6) of the fifteen (15) submitted cartridges from Item 12 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twelve (12) submitted cartridges from Item 13 were used for test firing.

Three (3) of the fifty-two (52) 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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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

- Master of Arts. Criminology-Global Security. May 2022. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.
- Bachelor of Arts. Psychology. December 2020. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.
- Bachelor of Arts. Criminology. December 2020. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.
- Bachelor of Arts. Sociology. December 2020. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist / Firearms Examiner. 2024-Present.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Lab Technician 2. 2023-2024.
- NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center. NIBIN Technician. 2021-2023.

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.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive. NIBIN Correlation. 2021.

Certifications

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. NIBIN Technician. Certified 2021.
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A complete CV can be made available upon request

Updated: 11/18/24