



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



2022-1545
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4851 Westchester Dr. Apt 101,
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Date of Activity: 08/01/2022
Activity Location: Ohio BCI&I Richfield NE Regional Office – Business – 4055
Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286, Summit County
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Monday, August 01, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on July 22, 2022, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 22-36794). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Dylan Matt. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

308 Winchester bolt action rifle, model Special Police Rifle, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and five (5) 308 Winchester cartridges.

2. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #002) – One (1) 308 Winchester fired cartridge case.

3. White box containing firearm (serial #ACJ237115) (Matrix #006) – One (1) Taurus 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model G3c, serial #ACJ237115, one (1) magazine, ten (10) 9mm Luger cartridges and one (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.

4. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #007) – One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.

SA Lehnhart reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

According to Forensic Scientist Dylan Matt, both Item #1 and Item #3 were determined to be “operable” and “source identification,” when compared to Item #2 and Item #4. Source Identification is defined as “The observations provide extremely strong support

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 except as provided by law – a statute, an administrative rule, or any rule of procedure.

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.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-26 BCI Lab Report 22-36794



DAVE YOST

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

**Laboratory Report
Firearms**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office
Eric Lehnhart
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

BCI Laboratory Number: 22-36794

Analysis Date: July 25, 2022

Issue Date: July 26, 2022

Agency Case Number: 2022-1545
BCI Agent: Eric Lehnhart

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

Submitted on July 22, 2022 by S/A Eric Lehnhart:

1. White box containing firearm (serial# [REDACTED]) (Matrix #001)
-One (1) FN Herstal 308 Winchester bolt action rifle, model Special Police Rifle, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and five (5) 308 Winchester cartridges.
2. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #002)
-One (1) 308 Winchester fired cartridge case.
3. White box containing firearm (serial#ACJ237115) (Matrix #006)
-One (1) Taurus 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model G3c, serial number ACJ237115, one (1) magazine, ten (10) 9mm Luger cartridges and one (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #007)
-One (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge case.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #1: FN Herstal bolt action rifle	N/A	Operable
	Item #2: 308 Winchester fired cartridge case	Source Identification

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

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #3: Taurus pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item #4: 9mm Luger fired cartridge case	Source Identification

Remarks

Two (2) submitted cartridges were used for the testing of Item #1.

Two (2) BCI supplied cartridges were used for the testing of Item #3.

A test fired cartridge case from Item #3 has been entered and searched in the NIBIN database. A correlation review was performed by the ATF National NIBIN Correlation and Training Center in Huntsville, Alabama. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.

Test fired specimens from law enforcement firearms are not entered into the NIBIN database. Therefore, a test fired cartridge case from Item #1 was not entered.

The cartridges and fired cartridge case from Item #3 were not examined.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

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



Dylan Matt
Forensic Scientist
234-400-3648
dylan.matt@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.

Your feedback is important to us! Please complete our Laboratory Satisfaction Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/O9VOHL5>

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