



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



2023-2306

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]  
Ave., Alliance, OH 44601, Stark County

**Investigative Activity:** Evidence Submitted to Lab  
**Activity Date:** September 5, 2023  
**Activity Location:** BCI Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Matthew Armstrong #146

**Narrative:**

On September 5, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) submitted items to the BCI Laboratory for an analysis. The following 3 items were submitted:


- 2 cartridge cases (Matrix Evidence Items #1 and #2)
- Officer Toussant's Spikes Tactical, Model STJ5, .223 caliber rifle, SN: [REDACTED] (Matrix Evidence Item #5).

The analysis requested was to confirm operability of Officer Toussant's rifle and to confirm it was the firearm which fired the recovered cartridge casings collected from the scene.

**Attachments:**

2023-09-05 Evidence Receipt - BCI Lab



<b>Laboratory Evidence Submission</b>				Date/Time Received: 09/05/2023 1:34 pm Tuesday		BCI Case Number: <b>23-37645</b>			
Received By: Kylie Manko				Agency Case Number: 2023-2306					
New Case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ADDL. (If checked, provide BCI Case No)		Location of Offense: ████████████████████ Alliance, Ohio 44601		County of Submitting Agency: Stark County			
Case Type: Shooting Involving an Officer		Date of Offense: 09/03/2023		Investigating Officer Name: S/A Matt Armstrong		Investigating Officer Phone: 330-523-0869			
Subject(s): (First Name)		MI	Last Name	BCI #	Race	Sex	DOB		
Victim(s): (First Name)		MI	Last Name	BCI #	Race	Sex	DOB		
Submitting Agency Name/ORI: Ohio Attorney General's Office OHBCI0000				Submitting Officer: S/A Matt Armstrong 					
Mailing Address: 30 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215				BCI Crime Scene Agent: Matthew Armstrong		Crime Scene Case No: 2023-2306			
DNA <input type="checkbox"/>	Biology <input type="checkbox"/>	CODN <input type="checkbox"/>	Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/>	Documents <input type="checkbox"/>	Firearms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NIBIN <input type="checkbox"/>	GSR <input type="checkbox"/>	Latent Prints <input type="checkbox"/>	Trace <input type="checkbox"/>

Test item submission establishes an agreement for testing between the submitting customer and the BCI laboratory. The laboratory employs standardized methods to fulfill customer test requests. Specific method selection, application and sequence are at the discretion of the laboratory, unless otherwise directed by the customer. Investigative information obtained as a result of the laboratory testing may be disseminated to other law enforcement agencies for the administration of justice. The BCI laboratory may subcontract testing to meet operational needs. Subcontracted work will be performed by a competent subcontractor and that work will be clearly identified to the customer.

Prior to the commencement of work, please review the submission receipt to ensure the items submitted and laboratory testing requested are correct. Signature signifies acceptance of the agreement specified above and accuracy of the submission receipt to the best of the signatory's knowledge.

Completed Laboratory reports, Notarized Statements, and Statements of Qualification are available for download from the OHLEG portal ([www.OHLEG.org](http://www.OHLEG.org)).

**Item Number: 1**

Packaging: Envelope containing  
Item Description: - cartridge case (Matrix Evidence Item 1)

**Item Number: 2**

Packaging: Envelope containing  
Item Description: - cartridge case (Matrix Evidence Item 2)

**Item Number: 3**

Packaging: One cardboard box containing  
Item Description: - firearm with magazine and cartridges (Matrix Evidence Item 5)

Subject in custody for this offense? <input type="checkbox"/>		Subject charged for this offense? <input type="checkbox"/>		Trial Date:		Grand Jury Date:	
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Case Type: Shooting Involving an Officer	Date of Offense: 09/03/2023	Location of Offense: [REDACTED] Alliance, Ohio 44601	County of Submitting Agency: Stark County

**Comments:** Case Synopsis: On September 3, 2023, Alliance Police were dispatched to a 911 call for a male holding a knife to the throat of a female. When officers arrived, the male had the knife to the females throat and one of the officers fired a rifle striking the male in the head. The male George Appleby died as a result.

Analysis Request Details: Please conduct analysis to confirm the two spent casing submitted were fired by the submitted rifle.

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