



**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 reports – Operability and NIBIN  
**Involves:** David Septer (S)  
**Activity Date:** 11/18/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

On October 10 and 26, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received Ohio BCI Laboratory reports for items of evidence submitted on October 9, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-37266). The reports originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and were authored by Forensic Scientist Joshua Barr and Forensic Science Lab Tech Audrey Guggenbiller. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. One cardboard box containing Simonov 7.62x39mm semi-automatic rifle, model Type 56 SKS, serial number 1736836, one magazine and one envelope containing twenty-seven 7.63x39mm cartridges. Crime Scene #020, Matrix #019.

SA Lieber reviewed the laboratory reports and noted the following:

The Simonov rifle was found to be operable.

A fired cartridge case was submitted to the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center and no NIBIN lead was generated.

A copy of the Ohio BCI Laboratory reports has been attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. 2024-10-10 BCI Firearms Laboratory report 24-37266-1
2. 2024-10-26 BCI Firearms Laboratory report 24-37266-2

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**Laboratory Report**  
Outsourced NIBIN Cases

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

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-37266

Analysis Date: October 10, 2024

Issue Date: October 10, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-3052

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

**Submitted on 10/09/2024 by Betsy Farris**

- 19. One cardboard box containing firearm (Crime Scene 020) (Serial #1736836) with magazine and cartridge recovered from the scene  
- *Exhibit Number: BCI 19T1-19T2*

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, Exhibit Number: BCI 19T2 was entered and searched in the NIBIN database.

A correlation review was performed by the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). No NIBIN lead was generated. The results are referenced in the attached report. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

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

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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.

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**Education**

- Bachelor of Science, Forensic Science. Tiffin University, April 2023.

**Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Laboratory Technician. June 2024 -Present.

**Required Technical Training**

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Triage/Acquisition. August 2024.

Updated 03/27/2024 *A complete CV can be made available upon request*



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Laboratory Report  
Operability

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Jon Lieber  
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Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-37266

Analysis Date:  
October 10, 2024

Issue Date:  
October 23, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-3052

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

**Submitted on 10/09/2024 by Betsy Farris**

- 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 and one (1) envelope containing twenty-seven (27) 7.62X39mm cartridges.*

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #19 - Simonov rifle	N/A	Operable

**Remarks**

Two (2) BCI supplied cartridges were used for testing.

A bullet jacket and fragments were removed from the damaged area of the stock and will be returned with the evidence.

The buttstock is severed near the grip/ trigger guard area and is separated from the receiver.

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The submitted cartridges were not examined.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency after completion of the full analysis.

**Analytical Detail**

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual and physical examinations.



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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.

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*Updated: 4/1/24*