



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



2025-3447  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1642 Cherry Ln., Findlay,  
Ohio 45840, Hancock County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Lab Results and Review  
**Involves:** Robert Norton (S)  
**Activity Date:** 02/09/2026  
**Activity Location:** 750 N. College Dr., Bowling Green, OH 43402  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Douglas Burke #162

**Narrative:**

On Monday, February 09, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (SA Burke) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on November 13, 2025, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-23655). The report originated from the DNA section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Stacy Violi. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

Item	Lab #	Matrix #	CSU #	Testing
White box containing Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Gun	7	008	008	DNA
Manila Envelope containing DNA Standard from Robert Norton at Autopsy	8	C05	C05	DNA

SA Burke reviewed the laboratory report (see image below) and noted the following:

Portions of Lab Item #7 (White box containing Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Gun recovered next to body of Robert Norton at scene) had been swabbed by the DNA Lab. Lab Item #8 (Robert Norton's DNA Blood Card from Autopsy) had been compared to portions of Lab Item #7.

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Item	Conclusions
7 Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Gun	
7.1 Swab of trigger/interior of trigger guard	DNA profile consistent with Robert Norton - The estimated frequency of occurrence of the DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals.
7.2 Swab of grip	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert Norton – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals.</li> </ul> The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.

Item	Conclusions
7.3 Swab of back slide area	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert Norton – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals.</li> </ul> The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
7.4 Swab of buttons	No DNA analysis
7.5 Swab of front sight area	No DNA analysis
7.6 Swab of base of magazine	No DNA analysis
7.7 Swab of body of magazine	No DNA analysis
8.1 DNA standard from Robert Norton	Profile used for comparison purposes

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

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**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Lab DNA Results from BB Gun

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

**Laboratory Report  
DNA**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office      BCI Laboratory Number: 25-23655  
 Doug Burke  
 30 E. Broad Street      Analysis Date: Issue Date:  
 Columbus, OH 43215      January 22, 2026      February 03, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2025-3447  
 BCI Agent: David Hammond

Offense: Officer Involved Critical Incident  
 Subject(s):  
 Victim(s):

**Submitted on November 13, 2025 by David M. Hammond**

- 7. White box containing Daisy Phantom BB/Pellet Gun; **also found to contain magazine and pellets**
- 8. One manila envelope containing DNA standard from Robert Norton at autopsy

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^ Based on the national database provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

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**Remarks**

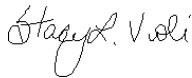
Additional sample from each item is available should independent analysis be requested. All remaining items will be returned to the submitting agency. The remaining DNA extracts will be retained by the laboratory.

The forensic DNA profiles developed were not suitable for CODIS entry.

The pellets from Item 7 were not examined.

**Analytical Detail**

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on samples from Item 7 and Item 8.



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Based on visual examination and 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.

Your feedback is important to us! Please complete our Laboratory Satisfaction Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9VQHL5>

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**Education**

- Bachelor of Science in Biology. 1996. Heidelberg University. Tiffin, Ohio
- Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Physiology. 2000. University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio

**Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. 2000-Present

**Selected Specialized Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Biology. 2000
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. DNA. 2004

*A complete CV can be made available upon request*

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