



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



2026-2448

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 613 Orange Street,
Conneaut, Ohio 44030 Ashtabula County (L)

Investigative Activity: Firearms Report Received and Reviewed
Involves: Brandon Butts (S)
Activity Date: 08/25/2026
Activity Location: BCI – Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Daniel P. Boerner #135

Narrative:

On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Dan Boerner (SA Boerner) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on Thursday, July 9, 2026 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 26-35201). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Monica Coblentz. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

- Items 1, 9-12, 14-20, 22-23 & 27: Fifteen (15) fired 9mm cartridge cases
- Items 37 & 42-44: Four (4) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases
- Items 4, 33-36, 38-41 & 45-46: Ten (10) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases
- Items 2-3, 8, 21, 24-25 & 28-31: Ten (10) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases
- Items 5-7, 13, 26 & 32: Six (6) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases
- Item 49: One (1) fired projectile
- Items 47, 57, 61, 62 & 63: Two (2) fired projectiles, one (1) fired jacketed lead projectile fragment and two (2) fired projectile jackets
- Items 48, 50 & 60: Two (2) fired projectiles and one (1) fired fragment
- Items 52, 56 & 58: Three (3) fired projectiles
- Item 51: Traditions muzzleloader, SN: 14-13-058059-00
- Item 53: Glock 9mm handgun, SN: [REDACTED]
- Item 54: Colt 5.56 patrol rifle, SN: [REDACTED]
- Item 55: Colt 5.56 patrol rifle, SN: [REDACTED]

SA Boerner reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following (*Figures 1-5, Screen shots from lab report*):

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Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #53: Glock Pistol 	N/A	Operable
	Item #49: One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification
	Items #1, 9-12, 14-20, 22-23 & 27: Fifteen (15) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items #47, 57EB1, 61EB1, 62 & 63EB1: Two (2) fired bullets, One (1) fired jacketed lead bullet fragment and two (2) fired bullet jackets	Inconclusive*

Figure 1, Screen shots of lab report

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Item #54: Colt Machine Gun (SN:  	N/A	Operable
	Items #37 & 42-44: Four (4) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification-Cycling^^
	Items #4, 33-36, 38-41 & 45-46: Ten (10) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items #48, 50 & 60: Two (2) fired bullets and one (1) fired bullet fragment	Inconclusive*
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Figure 2, Screen shots of lab report

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #55: Colt Machine Gun (SN:  	N/A	Operable
	Items #2-3, 8, 21, 24-25 & 28-31: Ten (10) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items #48, 50 & 60: Two (2) fired bullets and one (1) fired solid copper bullet fragment	Inconclusive*
	Items #5-7, 13, 26 & 32: Six (6) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification-Cycling^^

Figure 3, Screen shots of lab report

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Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Items #57EB2, 57EB3, 59, 61EB2, 63EB2, 64 & 65: Two (2) fired jacketed lead bullet fragments, one (1) fired solid copper bullet fragment, three (3) fired bullet jacket fragments, two (2) fired lead bullet cores and one (1) fragmented piece of metal	N/A	Unsuitable^

Figure 4, Screen shot of lab report

**Item #51 was submitted in a loaded condition. It was disassembled, and a grease gun was used to unload the firearm. After unloading, the firearm was reassembled for return to the department in a safe condition. The firearm was found to be missing the trigger/trigger guard, tang screw and ramrod assembly. Additionally, the firearm had damage to the stock. The operability of this item was not tested.

Figure 5, Screen shot of lab report

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

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2026-08-25 Firearms Analysis Report - 26-35201

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Laboratory Report Firearms

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office BCI Laboratory Number: 26-35201
Dan Boerner
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215 Analysis Date: Issue Date:
July 20, 2026 August 21, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-2448
BCI Agent: Ed Lulla

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer
Subject(s): N/A
Victim(s): N/A

Submitted on 07/09/2026 by Dan Boerner

1. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
2. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
3. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
4. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
5. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
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- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
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- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
8. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
9. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
10. Envelope containing cartridge case
- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*

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11. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
12. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
13. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
14. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
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 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
16. Envelope containing cartridge case
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 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
21. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
22. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
23. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
24. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
25. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
26. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
27. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
28. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
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 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
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44. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
45. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
46. Envelope containing cartridge case
 - *One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case*
47. Envelope containing bullet
 - *One (1) fired bullet*
48. Envelope containing bullet
 - *One (1) fired bullet*
49. Envelope containing bullet
 - *One (1) fired bullet*
50. Envelope containing bullet
 - *One (1) fired bullet fragment*
51. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN:14-13-058059) recovered from the scene; serial number found to be 14-13-058059-00
 - *One (1) Traditions 50 Caliber flintlock muzzleloader, model Deerhunter, serial number 14-13-058059-00*
52. Envelope containing bullet
 - *One (1) fired bullet*
53. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: [REDACTED]) with cartridge and magazine
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 19 Gen 5, serial number [REDACTED]; one (1) magazine and fourteen (14) 9mm Luger cartridges*
54. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: [REDACTED]) with cartridge and magazine
 - *One (1) Colt 5.56 NATO machine gun, model M16, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and fourteen (14) 5.56 NATO cartridges*

55. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN [REDACTED]) with cartridges and magazine
 - One (1) Colt 5.56 NATO machine gun, model M16, serial number [REDACTED]
 - one (1) magazine, twenty-seven (27) 223 Remington cartridges and two (2) 5.56 NATO cartridges
56. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet
57. Envelope containing bullet and fragments
 - Three (3) fired bullet fragments (57EB1-57EB3)
58. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet
59. Envelope containing bullet fragment
 - One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment
60. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet
61. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet jacket and one (1) fired bullet core (61EB1-61EB2)
62. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet
63. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fired bullet jacket, one (1) fired bullet core and one (1) white, bone-like material fragment (63EB1-63EB2)
64. Envelope containing bullet fragment
 - Two (2) fired bullet jacket fragments and one (1) fired jacketed lead fragment (64EB1-64EB3)
65. Envelope containing bullet
 - One (1) fragmented piece of metal

Findings

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*Similar class characteristics but insufficient corresponding individual characteristics to identify or exclude.

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

^^This finding confirms that these Items were cycled through the action of the listed firearm.

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Two (2) submitted cartridges were used for testing Item #53.

Four (4) submitted cartridges were used for testing each of Items #54 & 55.

A tan/white fibrous material was removed from Item #49 while cleaning. The material was not examined but was retained with Item #49 to be returned to the submitting agency.

The piece of white, bone-like material fragment contained with Item #63 was not examined.

Item #65 was examined and determined to be consistent with the metal portion of a key. No further examination or comparison was conducted.

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

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Education

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Professional Experience-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. June 2022- Current.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II (NIBIN). October 2021- June 2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I. March 2021- October 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician. February 2020- March 2021.

Required Technical Training-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms Training. 2022-2023.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II Training. 2021-2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I Training. 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician Training. 2020.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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