



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



2025-3711

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1363 State Route 534
NW, Braceville Township, OH 44470, Trumbull County (L)

Investigative Activity: Receipt and Review of DNA Lab Results
Involves: John Adams (S)
Activity Date: 01/06/2026
Activity Location: BCI Boardman – 760 Boardman-Canfield Road, Boardman,
OH 44512
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Lamping #184

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 06, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on November 19, 2025, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-38982). The report originated from the DNA section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Michelle Matozel.

SA Lamping reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

DNA swabs were taken from the trigger/trigger guard, grip, and back slide area of the firearm that John Adams (Adams) possessed during this incident. The swabs each contained a mixture of DNA. However, one major contributor, Adams, was located with a match that is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion:

Item	Conclusions
20.1 Swab of trigger/interior of trigger guard	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: John Adams – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals. The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
20.2 Swab of grip	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: John Adams – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals. The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.

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20.3 Swab of back slide area	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: John Adams – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals. The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
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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. 2026-01-06 - DNA Lab Report

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Laboratory Report DNA

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

BCI Laboratory Number: 25-38982

Analysis Date: November 20, 2025

Issue Date: January 05, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2025-3711

BCI Agent: Bernard Doran

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): N/A

Victim(s): N/A

Submitted on November 19, 2025 by Joseph Lamping

20. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: AKSC987) recovered from the scene

Submitted on December 22, 2025 by Joseph Lamping

31. One manila envelope containing blood standard card from John Adams

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

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20.4 Swab of textured buttons/levers	No DNA analysis
20.5 Swab of front sight area	No DNA analysis
20.6 Swab of base of magazine	No DNA analysis
20.7 Swab of body of magazine	No DNA analysis
20.8 Swab of cartridges	No DNA analysis
31 DNA standard from John Adams	Profile used for comparison purposes

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

Remarks

Item 20.1, Item 20.2 and Item 20.3 were consumed during analysis. Additional sample from the other items 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 eligible DNA profile (Item 31) has been entered into the CODIS database in accordance with state and national regulations, where regular searches will be performed. If investigative information becomes available or a profile is removed from CODIS, your agency will be notified.

Analytical Detail

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on samples from Item 20 and Item 31.



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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.

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Statement of Qualifications
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Education

- Master of Science in Biology The University of Akron May 2009
- Bachelor of Science in Biology The University of Akron May 2007

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Forensic Scientist 2011–present
- NEOMED Research Associate 2009-2011
- The University of Akron Graduate Teaching Assistant 2007-2009

Required Technical Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation DNA 2011
- EVOware Standard and Liquid Handling 2012
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation FB 2011, 2015, 2018

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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