



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



2024-3258

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton,
OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records
Involves: Taylor Coleman Anthony Cotton (S)
Date of Activity: 02/04/2025
Activity Location: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR 56 SW, London,
OH 43140
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman received the Ohio BCI Firearms Laboratory report for items of evidence submitted on October 21, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-120201). The report was authored by forensic scientist Daniel Steiner. Multiple items relevant to this report were submitted to the laboratory by BCI Crime Scene Unit Special Agent Wagner.

SA Seitzman reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

- Cotton's Companhia Brasileira De Cartuchos (CBC) single-shot 12-gauge shotgun was determined to be OPERABLE
- DPD [REDACTED] Glock pistol was determined to be OPERABLE and identified as the source of the following cartridge casings collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:
 - BCI items 5, 6, 7, 9, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, and 33
- [REDACTED] pistol was also identified as the source of the following recovered fired projectiles:
 - BCI items 28 (fragment located behind blue Chrysler 200), 34 (collected from the roadway near the driver's side door of Cotton's Buick), and 35 (collected during the autopsy)
- DPD [REDACTED] patrol rifle was determined to be OPERABLE and identified as the source of the following cartridge casings collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:
 - BCI items 8, 19, 20, 21, and 23 (all collected from the roadway)
- [REDACTED] patrol rifle was also identified as the source of the following recovered fired projectile:
 - BCI item 35 (31EB4- collected during the autopsy)
- DPD [REDACTED] patrol rifle was determined to be OPERABLE and identified as the source of the following cartridge casings collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:

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- BCI item 29 (six casings collected from the roadway near DPD cruiser 180414)
- [REDACTED]'s patrol rifle was identified as the source of the following recovered fired projectile:
 - BCI items 34 (30EB2– collected from the roadway near the driver's door of Cotton's Buick), 35 (31EB4– collected during the autopsy)
- DPD [REDACTED] Glock pistol was determined to be OPERABLE, and no cartridge casings or recovered projectiles were attributed to his firearm
- DPD [REDACTED] patrol rifle was determined to be OPERABLE and identified as the source of the following cartridge casings recovered by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:
 - BCI item 16 (collected from the sidewalk next to DPD cruiser 180418), 17 (nine casings collected on the hood of DPD cruiser 180418)
- DPD [REDACTED] Glock pistol was determined to be OPERABLE, and no cartridge casings or recovered fired projectiles were attributed to his firearm.
- Moraine PD [REDACTED] Glock pistol was determined to be OPERABLE and was identified as the source of the following cartridge casings collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:
 - BCI items 14, 15, and 22 (all collected from the roadway)
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED] patrol rifle was determined to be OPERABLE and was identified as the source of the following cartridge casings collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit:
 - BCI Items 10, 11, 12, 13, and 18 (all collected from the roadway)
- The testing of three additional fired projectiles recovered during Cotton's autopsy was inconclusive but was consistent with being .223 REM/5.56 caliber rounds. Those items were BCI Laboratory numbers 31EB3, 31EB5, and 31EB6

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 24-120201 Firearms report

Exhibit 1



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Laboratory Report
Firearms

To: BCI / Madison
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BCI Laboratory Number: 24-120201

Analysis Date: Issue Date:
January 08, 2025 January 29, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2024-3258
BCI Agent: Kevin Wagner

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

Submitted on 10/21/2024 by Kevin Wagner

1. One cardboard box containing firearm (Scene #1,Item #1)
 - *One (1) Companhia Brasileira De Cartuchos (CBC) model SB, 12 Gauge single-shot shotgun, serial #253513*
2. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #5)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
3. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #6)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
4. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #7)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
5. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #8)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
6. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #9)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
7. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #10)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
8. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #11)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
9. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #12)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*

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10. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #13)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
11. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #14)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
12. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #15)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
13. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #16)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
14. One manila envelope containing cartridge casings (Scene #1,Item #17)
 - *Nine (9) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases*
15. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #18)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
16. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #19)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
17. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #20)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
18. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #21)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
19. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #22)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
20. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #23)
 - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
21. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #24)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
22. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #25)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
23. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #26)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
24. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #27)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
25. One manila envelope containing fired bullet (Scene #1, Item #28)
 - *One (1) fired bullet*
26. One manila envelope containing cartridge casings (Scene #1,Item #29)
 - *Six (6) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases*
27. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #31)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
28. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #32)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
29. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing (Scene #1,Item #33)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
30. One manila envelope containing bullet fragments (Scene #1,Item #34)
 - *-One (1) fired bullet (30EB1)*
 - *-Two (2) fired bullet fragments (30EB2, 30EB3)*
 - *-One (1) metal fragment (30EB4)*

31. Brown paper bag containing items from Autopsy, bullets, blood card from Taylor Cotton, fingerprints, swabs from fingernail scrapings (Scene #1, Item #35)
 - *Six (6) fired bullets (31EB1 - 31EB6)*
 - *One (1) bullet jacket fragment (31EB7)*
 - *One (1) non-metallic fragment (31EB8)*
 - *Envelopes reported to contain blood card, oral/rectal swabs, fingernail scrapings and hair samples, and fingerprints from Taylor Cotton*
32. White box containing firearm with cartridges and magazines (Scene #2, Item #1)
 - *One (1) Glock model 17 Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] with three (3) magazines and forty-one (41) unfired 9mm Luger cartridges*
33. One cardboard box containing firearm with cartridges, and magazines (Scene #2, Item #2)
 - *One (1) LWRC International model M6IC, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial [REDACTED] with two (2) magazines and forty-six (46) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*
34. One cardboard box containing firearm with cartridges and magazine (Scene #2, Item #3)
 - *One (1) Rock River Arms model LAR-15M, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine and twenty-two (22) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*
35. White box containing firearm with cartridges and magazines (Scene #2, Item #4)
 - *One (1) Glock model 17 Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] with three (3) magazines and forty-six (46) unfired 9mm Luger cartridges*
36. One cardboard box containing firearm with magazine, and cartridges (Scene #2, Item #5)
 - *One (1) Rock River Arms model LAR-15, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial [REDACTED] with two (2) magazines and fifty (50) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*
37. White box containing firearm with magazines, and cartridges (Scene #2, Item #6)
 - *One (1) Glock model 17 Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] with five (5) magazines and eighty-five (85) unfired 9mm Luger cartridges*
38. White box containing firearm with cartridges, and magazines (Scene #2, Item #7)
 - *One (1) Glock model 17 Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] with three (3) magazines and forty-nine (49) unfired 9mm Luger cartridges*
39. One cardboard box containing firearm with magazine and cartridges (Scene #2, Item #8)
 - *One (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P-15, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine and twenty (20) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 1: CBC shotgun (253513)	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 32: Glock pistol [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items 2 - 4, 6, 21 - 24, 27 - 29: Eleven (11) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items 25, 30 (30EB1), 31 (31EB1): Three (3) fired bullets	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 35: Glock pistol [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 37: Glock pistol [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 38: Glock pistol [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items 11, 12, 19: Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 33: LWRC International rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items 13, 14: Ten (10) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 34: Rock River Arms rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items 5, 16 - 18, 20: Five (5) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item 31 (31EB2): One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 36: Rock River Arms rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Item 26: Six (6) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Items 30 (30EB2), 31 (31EB4): Two (2) fired bullets	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item 39: Smith & Wesson rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Items 7 - 10, 15: Five (5) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Items 30 (30EB3), 31 (31EB3, 31EB5, 31EB6): One (1) fired bullet fragment, three (3) fired bullets	N/A	Consistent with being 223 Rem / 5.56mm caliber
	Items 33 (LWRC rifle), 34 (Rock River Arms rifle AP129493), 36 (Rock River Arms rifle CM 65003), 39 (Smith & Wesson rifle)	Inconclusive*

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

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Items 30 (30EB4), 31 (31EB7, 31EB8): One (1) metal fragment, one (1) bullet jacket fragment, one (1) non-metallic fragment	N/A	Unsuitable^

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

Items 30 (30EB3) and 31 (31EB3, 31EB5, 31EB6) were not intercompared at this time.

Six (6) of the forty-one (41) submitted cartridges from Item 32 were used for test firing.

Four (4) of the forty-six (46) submitted cartridges from Item 35 were used for test firing.

Four (4) of the eighty-five (85) submitted cartridges from Item 37 were used for test firing.

Four (4) of the forty-nine (49) submitted cartridges from Item 38 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the forty-six (46) submitted cartridges from Item 33 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twenty-two (22) submitted cartridges from Item 34 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the fifty (50) submitted cartridges from Item 36 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twenty (20) submitted cartridges from Item 39 were used for test firing.

The remaining submitted items from Items 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 were not examined at this time.

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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