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BCI Laboratory Database Searches NIBIN

Ohio BCI's participation in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), is governed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

I. Database Entry Considerations

The BCI Laboratory Firearms Submission policy describes the counties whose submissions are currently entered in NIBIN.

In order to consider images from cartridge cases from a crime scene submitted from these counties for a NIBIN entry:

- The cartridge case must be suitable for comparison
- The cartridge case is from semi or full automatic firearms or 12 Gauge shotguns
- The cartridge case has not been associated with any known firearm

In order to consider a test fired cartridge case from a known firearm submitted from these counties for NIBIN entry:

- The cartridge case should have a known make, model, and serial number
- The cartridge case must have a termination date (i.e. the date when the firearm was recovered)

II. Database Entry Notification Practices

BCI laboratory informs law enforcement agencies when cartridge cases from crime scene evidence and/or test fired cartridge cases from a known firearm are entered and searched in NIBIN, via an automated e-mail notification, upon closure of the laboratory assignment.

BCI performs correlations and informs law enforcement agencies of potential leads via laboratory reports.

The ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC) also performs correlations (for entries with occurrence dates after June 13, 2022) and informs law enforcement agencies of potential leads via e-mail notification letters issued directly from the NNCTC.

III. Database Search Scope and Frequency

NIBIN searches are conducted based on a preliminary triage of evidence.

IV. Database Entry Retention

Cartridge case entries from crime scenes are retained in the database indefinitely and are automatically searched against new entries in subsequent searches.

Test fired cartridge case entries from known firearms are retained in the database indefinitely.