



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



2024-2371

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,
Ohio 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records

Date of Activity: 09/19/2024

Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On September 19, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) received BCI Firearms Laboratory Report #24-111696. Please refer to the BCI lab report for further clarification and details. Lab results were saved electronically within the case file and are attached to this report.

On August 11, 2024, BCI was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to assist in the investigation of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred at 197 West 8th Avenue in Columbus, OH. On this date, CPD officers attempted to make contact with Asante Miller (Miller) in response to a forced entry/break-in at 1517 Worthington Street. Upon CPD arrival, Miller attempted to flee the location and an exchange of gunfire occurred at 242 W 8th Ave. Officers from CPD as well as the Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD) pursued Miller to 197 West 8th Avenue, where he had barricaded himself. While attempting to locate Miller inside the structure, CPD and OSUPD officers were fired upon and at least one responding law enforcement officer returned fire. CPD and OSUPD officers retreated from where Miller had barricaded himself, and a single gunshot was heard shortly after. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with a potentially self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident.

Firearms discharged by CPD and OSUPD officers involved in the incident were collected by the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU). One additional firearm was recovered during the incident which reportedly did not belong to any law enforcement officers on scene, which was also collected by BCI CSU. Firearms believed to be related to the OICI were subsequently submitted to the BCI firearms lab for analysis.

BCI Forensic Scientist Matthew White (FS White) identified the firearm with serial #NMA7831, as Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, which is registered to Asante Taaj Omar Miller of Columbus, OH. This firearm was located in the vicinity of Miller's body after the incident had concluded.

While processing the scene, CSU also recovered cartridge cases and fired projectiles in the vicinity of the OICI. Numerous cartridge cases and fired bullet projectiles were submitted to the

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Approved By SAS James A. Mulford on
10/14/2024

lab for analysis.

FS White identified two (2) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 10EC1–10EC2) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial #NMA7831 (Item 10), which was recovered from the scene and was in the possession of Asante Miller during the incident.

FS White identified one (1) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Item 1EC1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 14), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED]

FS White identified four (4) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases and one (1) fired bullet fragment (Items 2EC1–2EC4, 19EB1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial # [REDACTED] (Item 16), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED]

FS White identified nine (9) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 5EC1, 6EC1–6EC2, 7EC8–7EC11, 8EC1–8EC2) and two (2) fired bullets (Items 12EB1, 13EB1) as being source identified to the Smith & Wesson M&P9 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] (Item 17), which was assigned to CPD [REDACTED]

FS White identified seven (7) 9mm Luger fired cartridge cases (Items 7EC1–7EC7) and one (1) fired bullet (Item 9EB1) as being source identified to the Glock 17 Gen5 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial [REDACTED] (Item 18), which was assigned to OSUPD [REDACTED]

FS White identified one (1) lead fragment (Item 19EB2) as unsuitable for comparison.

According to the BCI Firearms OUTN lab report, no NIBIN leads were generated from BCI Firearms lab test fires for the Smith & Wesson M&P9 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial #NMA7831, which was registered to and in possession of Asante Miller.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 24–111696 BCI Firearms Lab Report

Attachment # 02: 24–111696 BCI Firearms OUTN Lab Report

References:

No references.



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Laboratory Report
Firearms

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BCI Laboratory Number: 24-111696

Analysis Date:
August 20, 2024

Issue Date:
August 28, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-2371
BCI Agent: Aja Chung

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

Submitted on 08/12/2024 by Aja Chung

1. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge case (BCI #1, Scene #2)
 - *one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (1EC1)*
2. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge cases (BCI #2, Scene #2)
 - *four (4) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases (2EC1-2EC4)*
3. One manila envelope containing magazine with cartridges (BCI #1, Scene #3)
 - *one (1) magazine*
 - *ten (10) 9mm Luger cartridges*
4. One manila envelope containing magazine with cartridges (BCI #2, Scene #3)
 - *one (1) magazine*
 - *sixteen (16) 9mm Luger cartridges*
5. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge case (BCI #3, Scene #3)
 - *one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case (5EC1)*
6. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge cases (BCI #4, Scene #3)
 - *two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases (6EC1-6EC2)*
7. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge cases (BCI #5, Scene #3)
 - *eleven (11) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases (7EC1-7EC11)*
8. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge cases (BCI #6, Scene #3)
 - *two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases (8EC1-8EC2)*
9. One manila envelope containing fired projectile (BCI #7, Scene #3)
 - *one (1) fired bullet (9EB1)*

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10. White box containing firearm (serial #NMA7831) stains, cartridge removed from chamber with empty magazine, and cartridge cases (BCI #8, Scene #3)
 - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number NMA7831
 - one (1) magazine
 - **four (4) 9mm Luger cartridges**
 - two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases (10EC1-10EC2)
11. One manila envelope containing magazines and cartridges (BCI #9, Scene #3)
 - two (2) magazines
 - twenty-seven (27) 9mm Luger cartridges
12. One manila envelope containing fired projectile (BCI #12, Scene #3)
 - one (1) fired bullet (12EB1)
13. One manila envelope containing fired projectile (BCI #13, Scene #3)
 - one (1) fired bullet (13EB1)
14. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazines and cartridges (BCI #1, Scene #4)
 - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]
 - three (3) magazines
 - fifty (50) 9mm Luger cartridges
15. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazines and cartridges (BCI #2, Scene #4)
 - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]
 - two (2) magazines
 - thirty-five (35) 9mm Luger cartridges
16. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazines and cartridges (BCI #3, Scene #4)
 - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]
 - three (3) magazines
 - forty-eight (48) 9mm Luger cartridges
17. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazines and cartridges (BCI #4, Scene #4)
 - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]
 - three (3) magazines
 - forty-two (42) 9mm Luger cartridges
18. White box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazines and cartridges (BCI #5, Scene #4)
 - one (1) Glock model 17Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]
 - two (2) magazines
 - thirty-five (35) 9mm Luger cartridges

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19. One manila envelope containing jacketed fragment
- one (1) fired bullet fragment (19EB1)
 - one (1) lead fragment (19EB2)

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#10: S&W M&P9 M2.0 pistol (NMA7831)	N/A	Operable
	10EC1-10EC2: two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#14: S&W M&P9 M2.0 pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	1EC1: one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#15: S&W M&P9 M2.0 pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#16: S&W M&P9 M2.0 pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	2EC1 - 2EC4: four (4) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	19EB1: one (1) fired bullet fragment	

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#17: S&W M&P9 M2.0 pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	5EC1, 6EC1 - 6EC2, 7EC8 - 7EC11, 8EC1 - 8EC2: nine (9) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	12EB1, 13EB1: two (2) fired bullets	

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#18: Glock 17Gen5 pistol (██████████)	N/A	Operable
	7EC1-7EC7: seven (7) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	9EB1: one (1) fired bullet	

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
19EB2: one (1) lead fragment	N/A	Unsuitable [^]

[^]Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

Six (6) of the fifty (50) submitted cartridges from item #14 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the thirty-five (35) submitted cartridges from item #15 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the forty-eight (48) submitted cartridges from item #16 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the forty-two (42) submitted cartridges from item #17 were used for test firing.

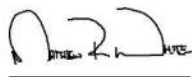
Six (6) of the thirty-five (35) submitted cartridges from item #18 were used for test firing.

The remaining submitted items from items #3, #4, #10, #11, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18 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 and microscopic examinations / comparisons.



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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

- Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences - 2000

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory – Forensic Scientist (Firearm Section) 2007 - Present
- Hamilton County Coroner's Office – Forensic Scientist (Firearm Section) 2007
- West Virginia State Police Laboratory – Forensic Scientist (Firearm Section) 2000 – 2007
- West Virginia State Police Laboratory – Technician (Firearm Section) 1999 - 2000

Required Technical Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – Firearm Training 2007

Memberships

- Association of Firearms and Tool Mark Examiners – Regular Member 2006 – Present
- Association of Firearms and Tool Mark Examiners – Provisional Member 2002 -2006

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Laboratory Report
Outsourced NIBIN Cases

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BCI Laboratory Number: 24-111696

Analysis Date:
August 22, 2024

Issue Date:
August 23, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-2371
BCI Agent: Aja Chung

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

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- 10.1. One manila envelope containing BCI test fires
- Exhibit numbers: BCI 10T1-10T6

A triage of the submitted firearms evidence was performed. This process includes assessing cartridge case(s) and test fires to determine the best representative sample from those having similar firearm produced markings for NIBIN entry. This is not, nor should it be, interpreted as a comparative examination to the fired cartridge case(s) or as to determine how many firearms may have been responsible for firing the cartridge case(s).

A cartridge case, Exhibit Number: BCI 10T1 was entered and searched in the NIBIN database.

A correlation review was performed by the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). No NIBIN lead was generated for Exhibit number: BCI 10T1. The results are referenced in the attached report. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.

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No Lead

Exhibit Information



Corrected case number in BrassTrax

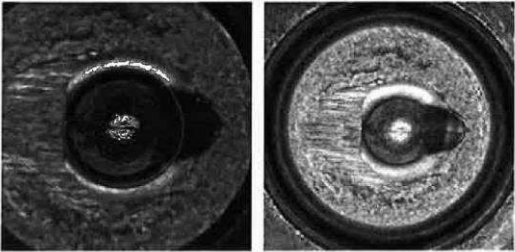
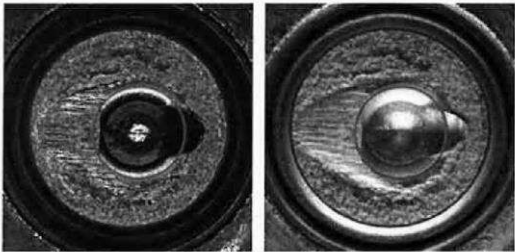
Case Details

Case Number: LOND24-111696
Site Name: OH-BCICBR2
Originating Agency: OH-BUR CRIM IDENT LONDON
Ori. Agency Ref.: 2024-2371
Ori. Agency Contact: kyle.douglass@ohioago.gov
High Profile:
Event Type: Officer Involved Shooting
Supervisor:
Occurrence: 8/11/2024
Creation: 8/22/2024 11:28:45 AM
Created By: Alexander A. Salmons
Modification: 8/23/2024 10:39:35 AM
Modified By: Alexander A. Salmons
Comments:



Cartridge Case Exhibit Details

Exhibit Number: BCI 10T1
Caliber: 9 mm Luger
Make: Speer products
Firing Pin Shape: Circle
Composition: Brass Primer / Nickel Case
Double-Cast Comp.:
Category: Crime Test Fire: Returned
Firearm Exhibit: FA-10
Occurrence: 8/11/2024
Reception: 8/22/2024
Creation: 8/22/2024 11:30:02 AM
Created By: Alexander A. Salmons
Modification: 8/22/2024 11:37:50 AM
Modified By: Alexander A. Salmons
Last Acquisition: 8/22/2024 11:37:49 AM
Last Acq. By: Alexander A. Salmons
BF Class Char.: Unknown
Firing Pin Outline ø: 0.058 inch
BF Inner Outline ø: 0.067 inch
BF Outer Outline ø: 0.145 inch
Comments:



Ejector - 6 o'clock Side Light

Ejector - 3 o'clock Side Light

Firearm Information



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Corrected case number in BrassTrax

Exhibit

Case Number: LOND24-111696
Site Name: OH-BCICBR2
Exhibit Number: BCI 10T1

Firearm Details

Exhibit Number:	FA-10	Creation:	8/22/2024 11:29:30 AM
Caliber:	9 mm	Created By:	Alexander A. Salmons
Make:	Smith & Wesson	Modification:	8/22/2024 11:29:30 AM
Model:	M&P9 M2.0	Modified By:	Alexander A. Salmons
Type:	Pistol	Importer Name:	Unknown
Serial Number:	NMA7831	Importer State:	(Unknown)
Country:	(Unknown)	Registration Date:	
		Crime:	

Physical Characteristics

Barrel Length: 0.00
Ammo Capacity: 0
Finish:

Possessor Name

Last:
First:
Middle:

Comments:

Recovery

Date:
City:
State:

Officer Name

Last:
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Selected Specialized Training

- Smith and Wesson M&P M2.0 Pistol Armorer's Course. 2024.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Operability Training. 2024.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Lab Technician Training. 2023.
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