



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



2023-2639  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 7498 Van Ness Avenue,  
 Hubbard, Ohio 44425, Trumbull County

**Investigative Activity:** BCI Laboratory Report Received and Reviewed  
**Involves:** BCI (O)  
**Activity Date:** 11/8/2023  
**Activity Location:** BCI - 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286

**Authoring Agent:** SA Charles Moran #67

**Narrative:**

On November 8, 2023, at 1052 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chuck Moran (Moran) received an email notification from the BCI Laboratory (lab) that a lab report was ready to be downloaded for BCI Lab case number 23-339093. SA Moran logged into the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) and downloaded the BCI Lab report and the Statement of Qualification (SOQ) for Forensic Scientist (FS) Jonathan Gardner (Gardner).

The BCI Lab report originated from the Firearms section and was authored by FS Gardner. The items relevant to this report which had been previously submitted to the BCI Lab were as follows:

Location at Scene	BCI CSU #	Matrix #	BCI Lab #	Item Description	BCI Lab Results
Used by VTPD Ofc. [REDACTED]	1	001	1	One (1) Windham Weaponry 223 Remington / 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model WW-15, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-nine (29)	Operable. Source identification to lab item 4.

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				223 Remington cartridges.	
Grass near ditch and subject, Shawn Thomas	2	002	2	One (1) Mossberg 20 Gauge pump-action shotgun, model 500C, serial number K476378.	Operable.
Grass near ditch and subject, Shawn Thomas	5	005	3	One (1) Maverick Arms 12 Gauge pump-action shotgun, model 88, serial number MV15911A.	Operable
Grass near corner of residence	7	007	4	One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.	Source identification to lab item 1.
Used by OSHP Trooper [REDACTED]	8	008	5	One (1) Aero Precision 223 Remington / 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, M4E1, serial number [REDACTED] [REDACTED] one (1)	Operable.

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				magazine and twenty- seven (27) 223 Remington cartridges.	
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The BCI Lab report and FS Gardner's SOQ document were attached to this report.

**Attachments:**

1. BCI Laboratory Report - Firearms - 23-39093 - 2023-11-08
2. BCI Laboratory - Statement of Qualifications - FS Jonathan Gardner - 23-39093

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

**Laboratory Report  
Firearms**

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

BCI Laboratory Number: 23-39093

Analysis Date:  
October 25, 2023

Issue Date:  
November 01, 2023

Agency Case Number: 2023-2639  
BCI Agent: Charles Moran

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s):

Victim(s):

**Submitted on October 20, 2023 by Charles Moran:**

1. One box containing firearm (serial number [REDACTED] with magazine with cartridge (Matrix item #001)  
*-One (1) Windham Weaponry 223 Remington / 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, model WW-15, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-nine (29) 223 Remington cartridges.*
2. One box containing firearm (serial number K476378) (Matrix item #002)  
*-One (1) Mossberg 20 Gauge pump-action shotgun, model 500C, serial number K476378.*
3. One box containing firearm (serial number MV15911A) (Matrix item #005)  
*-One (1) Maverick Arms 12 Gauge pump-action shotgun, model 88, serial number MV15911A.*
4. Envelope containing cartridge case recovered from the scene (Matrix item #007)  
*-One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.*
5. One box containing firearm (serial number [REDACTED] with cartridge and magazine (Matrix item #008)  
*-One (1) Aero Precision 223 Remington / 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, M4E1, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-seven (27) 223 Remington cartridges.*

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

BCI -Bowling Green Office  
750 North College Drive  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
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BCI -London Office  
1560 St Rt 56 SW P.O. Box 365  
London, OH 43140  
Phone:(740)845-2000

BCI -Richfield Office  
4055 Highlander Pkwy. Suite A  
Richfield, OH 44286  
Phone:(330)659-4600

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #1: One (1) Windham Weaponry rifle	N/A	Operable
	Item #4: One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case	Source Identification
Item #2: One (1) Mossberg shotgun	N/A	Operable
Item #3: One (1) Maverick Arms shotgun	N/A	Operable
Item #5: One (1) Aero Precision rifle	N/A	Operable

**Remarks**

Two (2) submitted and eight (8) BCI-supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #1.

Two (2) BCI-supplied shotshells were used for testing Item #2.

Two (2) BCI-supplied shotshells were used for testing Item #3.

Four (4) submitted and two (2) BCI-supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #5.

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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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.

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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

We invite you to direct your questions to:  
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**Jonathan P. Gardner**

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**Education**      **Bachelor’s Degree – Chemistry;** University of Rochester; 1994

**Master’s Degree – Forensic Science;** University of New Haven; 1998

**Professional Experience**      **Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation**  
April 2004 – present; Forensic Science Coordinator – Firearms section

**Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation**  
August 1999 – present; Forensic Scientist – Firearms section

**Sacramento County Laboratory of Forensic Services**  
October 1998 – July 1999; Property Assistant, Evidence Receiving section

**Sacramento County Laboratory of Forensic Services**  
April 1998 – October 1998; Forensic Intern – Firearms section

**Specialized Training**      **Factory Tour – Hi-Point Firearms**  
August 2009; Tom Deeb, Hi-Point Firearms Inc., Mansfield, Ohio

**Ethics in Forensic Science**  
April 2008; West Virginia University Extended Learning, Ohio BCI&I, Richfield, Ohio

**Introduction to ISO 17025**  
March 2008; ASCLD-LAB, Lexington, Kentucky

**Ethics Training**  
April 2007; Ohio Attorney General’s Office, OPOTA, Richfield, Ohio

**Ammunition Training Seminar**  
December 2006; George Kass, Forensic Ammunition Service, Indianapolis, Indiana

**NIBIN User’s Congress**  
May 2004; Hosted by ATF, Seattle, Washington

**Factory Tour – Hi-Point Firearms**  
November 2003; Tom Deeb, Hi-Point Firearms Inc., Mansfield, Ohio

**SHOT Show 2003**  
February 2003; Orlando

**SigArms Armorer’s Course**  
May 2002; SigArms Instructors, AFTE 2002

**AFTE 2002 Annual Training Seminar**  
May 2002; AFTE, San Antonio, Texas

**NIBIN Training**  
May 2002; FTI Inc., Largo, Florida

**AFTE 2002 Annual Training Seminar**  
May 2002; AFTE, San Antonio, Texas

**AFTE 2001 Annual Training Seminar**  
July 2001; AFTE, Newport Beach, California

**Specialized Training cont'd**     **AAFS 2001 Annual Training Seminar**  
February 2001; AAFS, Seattle, Washington

**AFTE 2000 Annual Training Seminar**  
June 2000; AFTE, St. Louis, Missouri

**National Firearms Examiner Academy**  
April 2000 – March 2001; Hosted by ATF, Rockville, Maryland

**AAFS 2000 Annual Training Seminar**  
February 2000; AAFS, Reno, Nevada

**SHOT Show 2000**  
January 2000; Las Vegas, Nevada

**On-the-job Firearms Identification Training**  
August 1999 – July 2000; BCI&I, Richfield, Ohio

**AAFS 1997 Annual Training Seminar**  
February 1997; AAFS, San Francisco, California

  

**Memberships**     **Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Provisional Member (#2451) – July 11, 2005**  
**Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Regular Member (#2451) – Pending 2010**

  

**Honors and Awards**     **Ohio BCI Unit Award – Firearms section**  
December 2009; BCI&I, London, Ohio