



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



2026-2005

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 905 Brady Ave.,
Steubenville, OH 43952, Jefferson County (L)

Investigative Activity: Firearms Lab Comparisons Review
Involves: Matthew Metzger (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 07/29/2026
Activity Location: BCI - Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Joseph Goudy

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 23, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on June 9, 2026, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 26-34415). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Joshua Barr. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

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10. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 010)
 - One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
11. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 016)
 - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
12. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 018)
 - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

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13. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 019)
 - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
14. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #T6472-20BN08631) with cartridge and magazine recovered from scene (Matrix #026)
 - One (1) Canik 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model TP9 Elite Combat, serial number T6472-20BN08631, one (1) magazine and twelve (12) 9mm Luger cartridges.
15. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 027)
 - One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
16. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item 028)
 - One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
17. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #FH226321) with cartridge and magazine recovered from vehicle (Matrix Item 032)
 - One (1) DPMS 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, model A-15, serial number FH226321, one (1) magazine and thirty-one (31) 5.56mm NATO cartridges.
18. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #R415283) recovered from vehicle (Matrix Item 033); **also found to contain shot shells**
 - One (1) Mossberg 20 gauge pump-action shotgun, model 500C, serial number R415283 and six (6) unfired 20 gauge shotshells.
19. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #TA004580) with and magazine recovered from vehicle (Matrix Item 034); **also found to contain cartridges**
 - One (1) Bergara 22 Long Rifle semi-automatic rifle, model BXR, serial number TA004580, one (1) magazine and nine (9) 22 Long Rifle cartridges.
20. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 037)
 - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
21. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial # [REDACTED]) with magazine and cartridges (Matrix Item 038)
 - One (1) Troy Industries 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, model Patrol Rifle, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twenty-six (26) 223 Remington cartridges.
22. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial # [REDACTED]) with cartridges (Matrix Item 039)
 - One (1) Troy Industries 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, model Patrol Rifle, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and eighteen (18) 223 Remington cartridges.
23. Envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix 051)
 - Two (2) bullet jacket fragments.
24. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 055)
 - Four (4) bullet jacket fragments.
25. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix Item 056)
 - One (1) bullet jacket fragment (25EB1) and four (4) lead fragments.

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Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #14 - Canik pistol	N/A	Operable
	Items #11-13 and #20 - Four (4) cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #17 - DPMS rifle	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #18 - Mossberg shotgun	N/A	Operable

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Item #19 - Bergara rifle	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #21 - Troy Industries rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items #15-16 - Two (2) cartridge cases	Source Identification

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Item #22 - Troy Industries rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items #1-10 - Ten (10) cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #23 - Two (2) bullet jacket fragments	N/A	Unsuitable^

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #24 - Four (4) bullet jacket fragments	N/A	Unsuitable^

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #25 (25EB1) - One (1) bullet jacket fragment	Items #21 and #22 - Two (2) Troy Industries rifles	Inconclusive*

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Item #25 - Four (4) lead fragments	N/A	Unsuitable^

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SA Goudy reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Lab item #21 and #22 were identified as the Steubenville Police Department (SPD) issued patrol rifles used by SPD [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] discharged lab item #21 while [REDACTED] discharged lab item #22. Lab item #25, which was removed from the autopsy was compared to the SPD patrol rifles but was found to be "inconclusive" and "Unsuitable." Lab item #14, the Canik pistol, originally possessed by Matthew Metzger (Metzger) was compared to four cartridge cases, lab items #11 - #13 and #20. They were found to be discharged from the Canik Pistol (Lab Item #14). Lab Items #17, #18, and #19 were found to be operable but were not discharged during the incident.

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. Firearms Lab Comparisons



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**Laboratory Report
Firearms**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office BCI Laboratory Number: 26-34415
Joseph Goudy
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215 Analysis Date: Issue Date:
July 06, 2026 July 23, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-2005
BCI Agent: Bernard Doran

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer
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Victim(s):

Submitted on 06/09/2026 by Joseph Goudy

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

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

The operability findings listed above for Items #14, #17 and #19 were from the previous report issued on 6/18/2026. Items #14, #17 and #19 were not re-examined at this time.

The previous BCI test fires from Item #14 were used for comparison.

Four (4) of the submitted cartridges from Item #21 and four (4) of the submitted cartridges from Item #22 were each used for testing.

The submitted unfired shotshells from Item #18 were not examined.

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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Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist (Firearms Section). January 2009 – Present.
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Required Technical Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearm & Toolmark Examiner Training. 2009.
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) User Training. 2008.

Memberships

- Association of Firearm & Toolmark Examiners. Provisional Member #2811. December 2010.
- Association of Firearm & Toolmark Examiners. Regular Member #2811. July 2015 – Present.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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