



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



2025-0151

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 350 South Arch Avenue,
Alliance, Ohio 44601, Stark County

Investigative Activity: Records Received and Reviewed
Involves: BCI (O)
Activity Date: 01/29/2025
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Nicholas Valente

Narrative:

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) received an Ohio BCI Laboratory report for an item of evidence submitted on January 24, 2025 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-30587). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Jonathan Gardner. The item relevant to this report which had previously been submitted was as follows:

1. Matrix Item 17, a Beretta 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol

SA Valente reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Matrix Item 17, the pistol utilized by the subject, Mason French, was determined to be operable.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #17: One (1) Beretta pistol	N/A	Operable

A copy of the Ohio BCI Laboratory report was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Subject Firearm Operability Lab Report

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Laboratory Report Operability

To: BCI / Richfield
Nick Valente
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 25-30587

Analysis Date: January 28, 2025

Issue Date: January 28, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2025-0151

BCI Agent: Larry Hootman

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s):

Victim(s): Stacy Pride

Submitted on 01/24/2025 by Betsy Farris

17. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #NU013539) (CSU Matrix Item 017)
- One (1) Beretta 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model BU9 Nano, serial number NU013539, and one (1) magazine. (CSU Matrix Item 017)

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Remarks

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency upon completion of the full analysis.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual and physical examinations.

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

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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

We invite you to direct your questions to:
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Education

- Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. May 1994. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY.
- Master's degree in Forensic Science. May 1998. University of New Haven. New Haven, CT.

Professional Experience

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. 1999 – present.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Science Coordinator. 2004 – 2011, 2012 – 2018.

Selected Specialized Training

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearm & Toolmark Examiner Training. 1999.

Memberships

- Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Provisional Member. 2005.
- Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) – Regular Member. 2010.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

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