



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



2024-1433

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4802 James Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Investigative Activity: DNA Swabs Collected
Involves: BCI (O)
Activity Date: 05/09/2024
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On May 9, 2024, at approximately 1400 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente removed the Jennings 9mm pistol (Matrix Item 12) from Richfield BCI Temporary Locker #10. This item was previously turned over to SA Valente by North Ridgeville Police, who noted the weapon was loaded and could not be made safe / unloaded.

SA Valente took the pistol to Forensic Scientist Joshua Barr (Forensic Scientist Barr) of the BCI Firearms Section. Forensic Scientist Barr conducted a cursory exam of the weapon with gloved hands and noted making the weapon safe would take further manipulation. Prior to further manipulating the weapon, SA Valente collected three DNA swabs from the pistol. The pistol grip, slide, and trigger were each swabbed with sterile swabs. These swabs were immediately placed into a paper envelope that was sealed, initialed, and saved as Matrix Item #14. Forensic Scientist Barr then removed the magazine from the weapon.

While removing the magazine from the weapon, Forensic Scientist Barr noted the magazine was not designed to be used with the Jennings pistol and this likely caused it to jam inside the magazine well of the pistol. SA Valente then returned the pistol and the now separated magazine back to the gun box. The pistol and magazine were zip-tied in the box to prevent movement and sealed in the box. SA Valente initialed the new seal and returned the pistol and magazine (Matrix Item #12), along with the newly collected DNA swabs (Matrix Item #14) to Richfield Temporary Locker 10. A new evidence receipt / chain of custody form was created for the DNA swabs and was attached to this report.

Attachments:

Evidence Receipt Item 14

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Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): BCI-RICHFIED

Item	Description	Location Found	Found by Whom
<u>1</u>	<u>ENVELOPE CONTAINING 3 DNA SWABS</u>	<u>BCI TEMP. LOCKER #10</u>	<u>S/A VALENTE</u>
<u>SEU</u>	<u>COLLECTED FROM SUBJECT'S GUN</u>		
<u>#</u>	<u>(JENNINGS 9MM SN 1444617)</u>		
<u>14</u>			

Signed *Jim Valente* #139
Inventory Agent

Date 5-9-2024
COLLECTED AT 1400 HOURS

Items	Released By	Received By	Date/Time
<u>1</u>	<u>N. VALENTE #139</u>	<u>TEMP LOCKER #10</u>	<u>5-9-2024 @ 1415</u>
	<u>Temp Locker #10</u>	<u>Ruby Paus</u>	<u>5-9-24 1431</u>