



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



2023-3223

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 807 Alan Page Dr SE,
Canton, OH 44707

Investigative Activity: BCI DNA Laboratory report reviewed
Activity Date: 3/14/2024
Activity Location: BCI Richfield
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Thursday, March 14, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on January 22, 2024 and January 26, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-30543). The report originated from the DNA section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist David Ross. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. White box containing pellet gun recovered from scene (Matrix item #008, CS #08, Lab #06)
2. Envelope containing DNA standard from Zachary Fornash (Matrix item #015, Lab #08)

SA Lieber reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

The swab obtained from the grip, avoiding staining (6.2) was found to contain the DNA of Zachary Fornash with a frequency of occurrence of rarer than 1 in 1 trillion unrelated individuals.

The swab from the stain on the handle (6.7) was found to contain the DNA of Zachary Fornash with a frequency of occurrence of rarer than 1 in 1 trillion unrelated individuals.

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

Attachments:

2024-03-14 BCI DNA Laboratory Report

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Laboratory Report DNA

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

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-30543
Analysis Date: February 20, 2024
Issue Date: March 07, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2023-3223
BCI Agent: Jon Lieber

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer
Subject(s):
Victim(s):

Submitted on January 22, 2024 by S/A Jon Lieber:

6. White box containing pellet gun recovered from the scene (Matrix item #008, CS #08)

Submitted on January 26, 2024 by S/A Jon Lieber:

8. Envelope containing DNA standard from Zachary Fornash (Matrix item #15)

Items	DNA Conclusions
6 Pellet gun	Presumptive positive for blood
6.1 Swab from trigger and trigger guard	The DNA profile, at least some portion of which is from a male, is not sufficient for inclusion due to the number of potential contributors. Upon submission of any relevant elimination standards, conclusions may be possible. Zachary Fornash – inconclusive
6.2 Swab from grip avoiding staining	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: • Zachary Fornash – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion ^① unrelated individuals. The remainder of the mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
6.3 Swab from back slide	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major: • Unknown female – sufficient for comparison Zachary Fornash – not the major contributor The remainder of the mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.

① Based on the national database provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Items	DNA Conclusions
6 Pellet gun (continued)	
6.4 Swab from buttons	No DNA analysis
6.5 Swab from front sight area	No DNA analysis
6.6 Swab from magazine	No DNA analysis
6.7 Swab from stain on handle	DNA profile consistent with Zachary Fornash – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion ^① unrelated individuals.
8.1 DNA standard from Zachary Fornash	Profile used for comparison purpose

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Remarks

Item 6.7 was consumed during analysis. Additional sample from the other items is available should independent analysis be requested. All remaining items will be returned to the submitting agency. The remaining DNA extracts will be retained by the laboratory.


An eligible DNA profile (Item 8.1) has been entered into the CODIS database in accordance with state and national regulations, where regular searches will be performed. If investigative information becomes available or a profile is removed from CODIS, your agency will be notified.

Additional DNA comparisons can be made upon submission of a reference standard consisting of two oral swabs from any individual.

Analytical Detail

Presumptive analysis for blood was performed using chemical testing.

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on samples from Items 6 and 8.



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Based on visual examination and 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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