



**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: BCI Firearms Lab Report Received and Reviewed
Involves: Jason Norris (S), Officer [REDACTED] (S), Officer [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 05/29/2024
Activity Location: BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

On May 29, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente received an Ohio BCI Laboratory report for evidence items submitted on May 10, 2024 (laboratory report number 24-33473). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Monica Coblentz.

SA Valente reviewed the report and noted the following:

- The fired 9mm Luger cartridge casing (Matrix Item #3) located in the driveway of 4802 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the SCCY pistol (Matrix Item #2) fired by the subject, Jason Norris (Norris).
- The fired .223 cartridge casing (Matrix Item #1) recovered from under a bush in the neighboring front yard front yard of 4762 James Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the Aero Rifle (Matrix Item #10) fired by Officer [REDACTED].
- The fired .223 cartridge casing (Matrix Item #9) recovered from the backyard of 4801 Ronald Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio, was matched to the Aero Rifle (Matrix Item #11) fired by Officer [REDACTED].
- The fired bullet removed from Norris's back could not be conclusively matched to either involved officer's rifle but shared similar class characteristics to both rifles.

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Item #2: SCCY pistol	N/A	Operable
	Item #3: One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification
Item #5: Aero Precision rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Item #1: One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case	Source Identification**
	Item #7: One (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*
Item #6: Aero Precision rifle [REDACTED]	N/A	Operable
	Item #4: One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case	Source Identification
	Item #7: One (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*

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

Snippet taken from laboratory report noting findings.

A copy of the laboratory report and Forensic Scientist Monica Coblenz's Statement of Qualifications was attached to this report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. BCI Firearms Lab Report 24-33473
2. BCI Firearms Lab Report - Analyst Statement of Qualifications

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Statement of Qualifications
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Education

- Bachelor's Degree in Forensic Biology with minors in Chemistry and Criminal Justice. December 2015. Ashland University. Ashland, Ohio.

Professional Experience-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Scientist. June 2022- Current.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II (NIBIN). October 2021- June 2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I. March 2021- October 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician. February 2020- March 2021.

Required Technical Training-

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms Training. 2022-2023.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician II Training. 2021-2022.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Laboratory Technician I Training. 2021.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Evidence Intake Technician Training. 2020.

A complete CV can be made available upon request

Updated 03/27/2024



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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

**Laboratory Report
Firearms
Amended**

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

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-33473
Analysis Date: Issue Date:
May 28, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-1433
BCI Agent: Nick Valente

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

Submitted on May 10, 2024 by Betsy Farris:

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix Item #1)
-One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
2. One box containing firearm (Matrix Item #2) (serial#723802) with magazine and cartridges recovered from the scene
-One (1) SCCY 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model CPX-2, serial number 723802; one (1) magazine and ten (10) cartridges.
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #3)
-One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix #9)
-One (1) fired 223 Remington cartridge case.
5. One box containing firearm (Matrix #10) (serial [REDACTED]) magazine and cartridges
-One (1) Aero Precision 5.56X45mm semi-automatic rifle, model M4E1, serial number [REDACTED]; one (1) magazine and twenty-seven (27) cartridges.
6. One box containing firearm (Matrix Item #11) (Serial [REDACTED]) with magazines and cartridges
-One (1) Aero Precision 5.56X45mm semi-automatic rifle, model M4E1, serial number [REDACTED]; two (2) magazines connected via a mag-link and fifty-five (55) cartridges.

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

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BCI -Richfield Office
4055 Highlander Pkw y. Suite A
Richfield, OH 44286
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Submitted on May 15, 2024 by Betsy Farris:

- 7. Envelope containing bullet (Matrix item#38)
 -One (1) fired bullet.

Findings

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Remarks

Two (2) BCI-supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #2. There were no pertinent findings in regards to the cartridges submitted with Item #2.

Nine (9) BCI-supplied cartridges and two (2) submitted cartridges were used for testing Item #5. The sling, flashlight, red dot laser, and suppressor attached to Item #5 were not examined.

Four (4) BCI-supplied cartridges and two (2) submitted cartridges were used for testing Item #6. The sling, flashlight, scope, and suppressor attached to Item #6 were not examined. The magazine marked as magazine "A" was used for test firing, and the magazine marked as magazine "B" was not examined.

This finding indicates that **Item #1 was cycled through Item #5.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

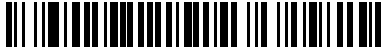
This report replaces the original report issued by Monica Coblenz dated May 23, 2024, in its entirety.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual, physical, and microscopic examinations / comparisons.

Monica Coblenz

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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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