

Investigative Report

2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident -

Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County



Investigative Activity: Laboratory Results-Firearms

Activity Date: September 22, 2023

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

On September 22, 2023, Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) received the firearm laboratory results for the previously submitted items.

Recovered Shotgun

According to the Ohio BCI firearms laboratory report, the fired shotshell located inside the residence (living room floor) returned to the recovered shotgun that was recovered inside the residence (dining room floor).

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #7: H&R shotgun	N/A	Operable
	Item #8: One (1) fired 12 Gauge shotshell	Source Identification



Recovered shotgun located on kitchen floor



Recovered shotshell (fired) located on living room floor



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Officer

A round count was performed on Officer s firearm, a Sig Sauer P320 handgun and spare magazines, after the shooting. Officer s firearm and magazines contained a total of 47 rounds. The two spare magazines each contained 17 rounds. The magazine that was inserted in the firearm contained 12 rounds and 1 round was recovered from the chamber of the firearm.



The laboratory report indicated that a total of (3) recovered 9mm Luger cartridge cases and (1) fired bullet returned to Officer s firearm.

Lab Results

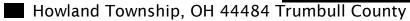
	N/A	Operable
Item #11: Sig Sauger pistol	Item #10: Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	Item #15: One (1) fired bullet	Source Identification



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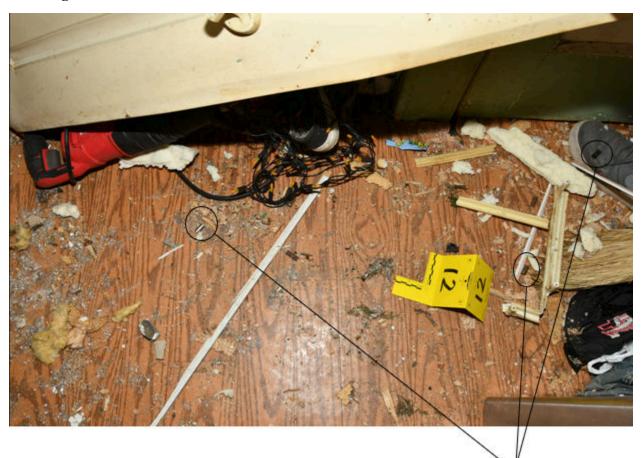
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Cartridge Cases



CS Item 12, Lab Item 10-(3) recovered 9mm Lugar cartridge cases-Located on kitchen floor under door.

Projectile

Item 15-Projectile recovered from of Randall Fife.



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Officer

A round count was performed on Officer s firearm, a Glock 17 handgun and spare magazine, after the shooting. Officer n's firearm and spare magazine contained a total of 27 rounds. The spare magazines contained 17 rounds. The magazine that was inserted in the firearm contained 9 rounds and 1 round was recovered from the chamber of the firearm.





The laboratory report indicated that a total of (8) recovered 9mm Luger cartridge cases returned to Officer s firearm.

Lab Results

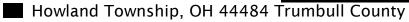
	N/A	Operable
Item #12: Glock pistol	Items 5, 6, 9 and 14: A total of eight (8) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification



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Cartridge Cases



CS Item 5, Lab Item 5-(4) recovered 9mm Lugar cartridge cases-Located on kitchen floor at doorway.



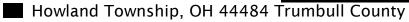
CS Item 6, Lab Item 6-(1) recovered 9mm Lugar cartridge cases-Located on kitchen floor at doorway



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CS Item 11, Lab Item 9-(1) recovered 9mm Lugar cartridge cases-Located on wastebasket in kitchen.



CS Item 3, Lab Item 14-(2) recovered 9mm Lugar cartridge cases-Located on kitchen floor



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Sergeant

A round count was performed on Sergeant s firearm, a Colt M16A1 rifle and spare magazines, after the shooting. Sergeant s firearm and spare magazines contained a total of 77 rounds. The spare magazines contained 60 rounds. The magazine that was inserted in the firearm contained 16 rounds and 1 round was recovered from the chamber of the firearm.





The laboratory report indicated that a total of (9) recovered Hornady 5.56 cartridge cases returned to Sergeant s firearm.

Lab Results

Item #13: Colt rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items #2-4: A total of nine (9) 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification



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CS Item 2, Lab Item 2-(6) recovered Hornady 5.56 cartridge cases located on back porch.



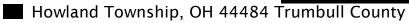
CS Item 3, Lab Item 3-(2) recovered Hornady 5.56 cartridge cases located on kitchen floor.



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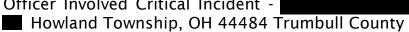
CS Item 4, Lab Item 4-(1) recovered Hornady 5.56 cartridge cases found on stove.



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Inconclusive

The following submitted items were determined to be inconclusive.

Item #1: Two (2) fired bullet fragments

Inconclusive*



CS Item 1, Lab Item 1-(2) fired projectile fragments found at passenger rear of SWAT vehicle in front yard.

Items #16 and 17 (17EB6): Each containing one (1) fired bullet

Inconclusive*

Item 16-Projectile bullet removed from of Randall Fife. Item 17-Projectile removed from of Randall Fife.

The Ohio BCI Laboratory Firearm Report is attached to this Investigative Report.

Attachments:

Ohio BCI Laboratory Firearm Report



Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Laboratory Report

Firearms

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office BCI Laboratory Number: 23-37351

S/A Cory Momchilov 30 E. Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

August 31, 2023 September 15, 2023

Analysis Date:

Agency Case Number: 2023-2210

BCI Agent: Cory Momchilov

Issue Date:

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): Victim(s):

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Submitted on August 25, 2023 by S/A Cory Momchilov:

- 1. Envelope containing bullet (CS#1)
 - -Two (2) fired bullet fragments and debris.
- 2. Envelope containing cartridge casings (CS#2)
 - -Six (6) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases.
 - Envelope containing cartridge casings (CS#3) -Two (2) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge cases.
- 4. Envelope containing cartridge casings (CS#4)
 - -One (1) fired 5.56 NATO cartridge case.
- 5. Envelope containing cartridge casings (CS#5)
 - -Four (4) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases.
- 6. Envelope containing cartridge case (CS#6)
 - -One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
- 7. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN:AY578110) recovered from the scene (CS#7)
 - -One (1) Harrington & Richardson 12 Gauge single shot shotgun, model 088, serial number AY578110.
- 8. Envelope containing cartridge case recovered from the scene (CS#9)
 - -One (1) fired 12 Gauge shotshell.
- 9. Envelope containing cartridge Case (CS#11)
 - -One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

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- Envelope containing cartridge casings (CS#12) 10. -Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases.
- 11. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: with cartridges and magazine (CS#18)
 - -One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P320, serial number three (3) magazines and forty-seven (47) 9mm Luger cartridges.
- 12. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN: with cartridge and magazine (CS#19)
 - -One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 17 Gen4, serial number two (2) magazines and twenty-seven (27) 9mm Luger cartridges.
- 13. One cardboard box containing firearm (SN# cartridges and magazine (CS#21) -One (1) Colt 5.56 NATO semi-automatic rifle, model AR-15, serial number (1) magazine and seventeen (17) cartridges.
- 14. Envelope containing cartridge cases (CS#3) -Two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases.

Submitted on September 05, 2023 by S/A Cory Momchilov:

- Envelope containing bullet (Matrix#034) 15. -One (1) fired bullet.
 - Envelope containing bullet (Matrix#035)
 - -One (1) fired bullet.
- Envelope containing bullet (Matrix#036) 17.
 - *-One (1) fired bullet and one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment.*

Findings

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	Items #16 and 17 (17EB6): Each containing one (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*
Item #13: Colt rifle	N/A	Operable
	Items #2-4: A total of nine (9) 5.56 NATO cartridge cases	Source Identification

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Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #13: Colt rifle	Item #1: Two (2) fired bullet fragments	Inconclusive*
Item #17: One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment (17EB7)	N/A	Unsuitable^

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

Remarks

Three (3) BCI supplied shotshells were used for testing Item #7.

Six (6) submitted cartridges were used for testing Item #11.

Six (6) submitted cartridges were used for testing Item #12.

Six (6) submitted cartridges and five (5) BCI supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #13.

The remaining items were not examined.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual 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.

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[^]Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

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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.

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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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