

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



2022-0535 Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-71 N. Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity:	Document Review
Date of Activity:	03/25/2022
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### Narrative:

BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) reviewed laboratory reports as part of the ongoing investigation into the Officer Involved Critical Incident that occurred March 11, 2022, on I–71 in the area of mile marker 123. BCI Forensic Scientist Matthew White (BCI White) examined firearms evidence in the case and issued a written report dated March 25, 2022 (Lab#12392). That report is attached and the following is a summary of the findings.

BCI White examined the Glock 9mm pistol (serial# BTPX883) found on the roadway near subject, Jonathon Myers. The gun was found to be operable and was identified as the source of three cartridge casings and a bullet fragment recovered from the roadway. It was also identified as the source of two cartridge casings submitted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol from shootings prior to the incident at another location. A bullet that was recovered from the hood of Columbus Division of Police (CPD) cruiser R-181 showed similar class characteristics, but could not be conclusively identified as having been fired from the Glock.

BCI White also examined three weapons utilized by CPD Officers. A Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol (serial# was recovered from Officer Joseph Valiski. The pistol was found to be operative and was determined to be the source of 17 cartridge casings and one bullet fragment recovered inside of cruiser R-181. The Smith & Wesson pistol was excluded as being the source of the bullet recovered from the hood of the cruiser. A Daniel Defense .223 cal. rifle (serial# , recovered from Officer Nathan Komisarek and found to be operable. A Daniel Defense .223 cal. rifle (serial# was recovered from Officer Nathan Komisarek and found to be operable. The rifle was found to be operational and was identified as the source of the .223 cal. cartridge casing found at the side of the roadway.

### Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Firearms Report 3-25-22

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Laboratory Report Firearms

Го:	BCI / Madison S/A Todd Fortner	BCI Laboratory Number:	22-12392
	1560 S.R. 56 SW London, OH 43140	Analysis Date: March 17, 2022	Issue Date: March 25, 2022
		Agency Case Number: BCI Agent:	2022-0535 Chad Holcomb

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

- Subject(s): N/A -
- Victim(s): N/A -

### Submitted on March 14, 2022 by S/A Chad Holcomb:

- 1. One manila envelope containing bullet located on roadway #1 lane (BCI #3, Scene #1) - one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment
- 2. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located on side roadway near #1 lane (BCI #4, Scene #1)
  - one (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case
- 3. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located on side roadway near #1 lane (BCI #5, Scene #1)
  - one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
- 4. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located on side roadway near #1 lane (BCI #6, Scene #1)
  - one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
- 5. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located on roadway #1 lane (BCI #7, Scene #1)
  - one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
- 6. White box containing firearm (serial #BTPX883) and magazine with cartridges (BCI #8, Scene #1)

- one (1) Glock model 19 Gen5, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number BTPX883

- one (1) magazine
- five (5) 9mm Luger cartridges

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- One manila envelope containing fragment from front driver side seat in Columbus Police Department cruiser R-181 (BCI #10, Scene #1)
  - one (1) fired bullet fragment
- 8. One manila envelope containing cartridge cases from inside Columbus Police Department cruiser R-181 (BCI #11, Scene #1)
  seventeen (17) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases
- 9. One manila envelope containing bullet recovered from front hood of Columbus Police Department cruiser R-181, BE 1.0 (BCI #16, Scene #1)
  one (1) fired bullet
- 10. White box containing firearm (serial # (BCI #1, Scene #2) - one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P9 M2.0, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number
- 11. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial # \_\_\_\_\_\_, magazines, and cartridges (BCI #2, Scene #2)

- one (1) Daniel Defense model DDM4V7, 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, serial number

- fifty-nine (59) 223 cartridges
- 12. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial # \_\_\_\_\_, magazine, and cartridges (BCI #3, Scene #2)

- one (1) Daniel Defense model DDM4V7, 5.56x45mm semi-automatic rifle, serial number

- one (1) magazine

- twenty-nine (29) 223 cartridges

## Submitted on March 17, 2022 by Trp James Boysel:

- 13. One manila envelope containing cartridge case from rt front floorboard - one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case
- 14. One manila envelope containing cartridge case from rear left floor board one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case

# **Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
	N/A	Operable
#6: Glock pistol	#3, #4, #5, #13, and #14: five (5) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
_	#1: one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment	Source Identification
	#9: one (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*

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

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
	Manually loaded for test firing	Operable
#10: Smith &	#8: seventeen (17) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
Wesson pistol	#7: one (1) fired bullet fragment	Source Identification
	#9: one (1) fired bullet	Source Exclusion

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<sup>-</sup> two (2) magazines

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#11: Daniel Defense rifle	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#12: Daniel Defense rifle	N/A	Operable
#12: Daniel Delense fille	#2: one (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case	Source Identification

### **Remarks**

No fired cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database.

Six (6) of the fifty-nine (59) submitted cartridges from item #11 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twenty-nine (29) submitted cartridges from item #12 were used for test firing.

The remaining submitted items from items #6, #11, and #12, were not examined at this time.

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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#### **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

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