



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



2024-2727

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1370 Belmont Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio 44504, Mahoning County

Investigative Activity: Document Review
Involves: Shane Linderman (S)
Date of Activity: 11/14/2024
Activity Location: BCI RICHFIELD OFFICE – 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Author: SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Lehnhart (Lehnhart) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on Thursday, October 31, 2024, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 24-36743). The report originated from the firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Monica Coblentz (Coblentz). The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. (Lab #4) One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial # [REDACTED]) (BCI #008)
One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P320, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and eighteen (18) cartridges.
2. (Lab #5) One manila envelope containing projectile
One (1) fired bullet.
3. (Lab #6) One manila envelope containing projectile with fragments
One (1) fired bullet and three (3) lead fragments.
4. (Lab #7) One manila envelope containing projectile
One (1) fired bullet.

SA Lehnhart reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Analysis of laboratory items #5-7 (Three (3) fired bullets) indicated a "source identification" for laboratory item #4 (Sig Sauer Pistol).

Analysis of laboratory item #6 (Three (3) lead fragments) were "unsuitable" or insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present for comparison.

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

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-11-14 BCI Firearms Lab Report



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Laboratory Report Firearms

To: BCI / Richfield
Eric Lehnhart
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 24-36743

Analysis Date:
November 12, 2024

Issue Date:
November 14, 2024

Agency Case Number: 2024-2727
BCI Agent: Larry Hootman

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

Submitted on 10/31/2024 by Betsy Farris

4. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial # [REDACTED]) (Matrix & CS #008)
 - One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P320, serial number [REDACTED]; one (1) magazine and eighteen (18) cartridges.
5. One manila envelope containing projectile
 - One (1) fired bullet.
6. One manila envelope containing projectile with fragments
 - One (1) fired bullet and three (3) lead fragments.
7. One manila envelope containing projectile
 - One (1) fired bullet.

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #4: Sig Sauer Pistol	Items #5-7: Three (3) fired bullets	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #6: Three (3) lead fragments	N/A	Unsuitable^

^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

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Remarks

The previously generated test fires contained with Item #4 were used for comparisons. The remaining Items contained with Item #4 were not examined/compared at this time.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual, physical, 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. Results relate only to the items tested.

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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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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

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