



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



2025-0151

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 350 South Arch Avenue,  
Alliance, Ohio 44601, Stark County

**Investigative Activity:** NIBIN Records Received and Reviewed  
**Involves:** BCI (O)  
**Activity Date:** 01/29/2025  
**Activity Location:** BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Nicholas Valente

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (SA Valente) received an Ohio BCI Laboratory report for an item of evidence submitted on January 24, 2025 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-30587). The report originated from the Forensic Science section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Science Laboratory Technician Rick Cummins.

SA Valente reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

A cartridge case, fired from Matrix Item 17, the pistol utilized by the subject, Mason French, was entered and searched in the NIBIN database. No leads were generated from the NIBIN entry.

**Submitted on 01/24/2025 by Betsy Farris**

17. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #NU013539) (CSU Matrix Item 017)  
- Also containing one (1) magazine.  
Test Fire Exhibit Numbers: BCI 17T1-17T2

A triage of the submitted firearms evidence was performed. This process includes assessing cartridge case(s) and test fires to determine the best representative sample from those having similar firearm produced markings for NIBIN entry. This is not, nor should it be, interpreted as a comparative examination to the fired cartridge case(s) or as to determine how many firearms may have been responsible for firing the cartridge case(s).

A cartridge case, Exhibit Number: BCI 17T1, was entered and searched in the NIBIN database.

A correlation review was performed by the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). No NIBIN lead was generated. The results are referenced in the attached report. If investigative information becomes available, your agency will be notified.



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

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. NIBIN Firearms Lab Report

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## Bureau of Criminal Investigation

## Laboratory Report Outsourced NIBIN Cases

To: BCI / Richfield  
Nick Valente  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH 44286

BCI Laboratory Number: 25-30587

Analysis Date: January 28, 2025

Issue Date: January 28, 2025

Agency Case Number: 2025-0151

BCI Agent: Larry Hootman

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): N/A

Victim(s): N/A

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The magazine was not examined.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency upon completion of the full analysis.

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

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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.

Your feedback is important to us! Please complete our Laboratory Satisfaction Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9VQHL5>

Rick Cummins  
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**Education**

- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science. May 2023. Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH

**Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Laboratory Technician II. May 2023-Present.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Student Extern. August - October 2022.

**Required Technical Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. NIBIN Training. May-November 2023.
  - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (NNCTC) Triage/Acquisition Training and Certification. August 2023.
  - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (NNCTC) Correlation Review Training and Certification. October 2023.

*A complete CV can be made available upon request*  
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