



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



2025-0512

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 294 Ira Avenue, Akron,
OH 44301, Summit County

Investigative Activity: BCI Firearms laboratory report review

Involves: Marcus Smith (S), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Activity Date: 04/21/2025

Activity Location: BCI Richfield

Authoring Agent: SA Jonathan Lieber

Narrative:

On Monday, April 21, 2025, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report for items of evidence submitted on February 25, 2025 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 25-31337). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Michael Roberts. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (Crime Scene (CS), Matrix, and Lab #001)
2. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #002)
3. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #003)
4. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #004)
5. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #005)
6. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #006)
7. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #007)
8. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS, Matrix, Lab #008)
9. Handgun - Colt Detective Special, serial #829191 (CS & Matrix #010, Lab #009)
10. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #011, Lab #010)
11. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #012, Lab #011)
12. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #013, Lab #012)
13. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #014, Lab #013)
14. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #015, Lab #014)
15. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #016, Lab #015)
16. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #017, Lab #016)
17. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #018, Lab #017)
18. Fired cartridge case - Speer 9mm Luger (CS & Matrix #019, Lab #018)

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19. Handgun - Glock model 45, serial # [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #023, Lab #019)
20. Handgun - Glock model 45, serial # [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #024, Lab #020)
21. Handgun - Glock model 17, serial # [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #025, Lab #021)
22. DNA blood standard card of Marcus L. Smith (Matrix #029, Lab #022)
23. Projectiles recovered during autopsy of Marcus L. Smith (Matrix #030, Lab #023)

SA Lieber reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

The Colt Detective Special, serial #829191 (CS & Matrix #010, Lab #009) utilized by Marcus Smith (Marcus) was found to be operable. In addition, the revolver contained five (5) fired cartridge cases and one (1) live cartridge.

The envelope containing projectiles recovered during the autopsy of Marcus Smith was found to contain eight (8) fired bullets and three (3) fragments. The fired bullets were labeled 23EB1-8. The three fragments were not examined.

The Glock pistol utilized by [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #023, Lab #019) was found to have a source identification to item 23EB1, a fired bullet obtained during the autopsy of Marcus.

The Glock pistol utilized by [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #024, Lab #020) was found to have a source identification to item 23EB1-23EB6 and 23EB8: a total of six (6) fired bullets obtained during the autopsy of Marcus.

The Glock pistol utilized by [REDACTED] (CS & Matrix #025, Lab #021) was found to have a source identification to item 23EB7, a fired bullet obtained during the autopsy of Marcus.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2025-04-21 BCI Firearms Lab report 25-31337

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Submitted on 02/25/2025 by Betsy Turney

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #1)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
2. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #2)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #3)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
4. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #4)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
5. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #5)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
6. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #6)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
7. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #7)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
8. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #8)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
9. One cardboard box containing firearm (CSU Matrix #10) (Serial #829191) with cartridges recovered from the scene **was found to be five (5) fired cartridge cases and one (1) cartridge.**

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- *One (1) Colt 38 Special double-action revolver, model Detective Special, serial number 829191, one envelope containing five (5) fired cartridge cases and one envelope containing one (1) 38 Special +P cartridge.*
- 10. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #11)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 11. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #12)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 12. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #13)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 13. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #14)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 14. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #15)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 15. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #16)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 16. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #17)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 17. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #18)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 18. Envelope containing cartridge case (CSU Matrix #19)
 - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 19. One cardboard box containing firearm (CSU Matrix #23) (Serial # [REDACTED] with cartridge and magazine
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 45, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) loaded magazine containing sixteen (16) 9mm Luger cartridges and one envelope containing one (1) 9mm Luger cartridge.*
- 20. One cardboard box containing firearm (CSU Matrix #24) (Serial # [REDACTED] with cartridge and magazine
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 45, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) loaded magazine containing seven (7) 9mm Luger cartridges and one envelope containing one (1) 9mm Luger cartridge.*
- 21. One cardboard box containing firearm (CSU Matrix #25) (Serial # [REDACTED] with cartridge and magazine
 - *One (1) Glock 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model 17 Gen4, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) loaded magazine containing eleven (11) 9mm luger cartridges and one envelope containing one (1) 9mm Luger cartridge.*
- 23. Envelope containing bullets
 - *Eight (8) fired bullets and three (3) fragments (BCI labeled 23EB1-1EB8).*

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #9: One (1) Colt revolver	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #19: One (1) Glock pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Item #14: One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification
	Item #23 (23EB1): One (1) fired 9mm Luger bullet	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #20: One (1) Glock pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Item #23 (23EB2-23EB6 and 23EB8): A total of six (6) fired 9mm Luger bullets	Source Identification
	Items #1-7, 11, 12 and 15: A total of ten (10) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #21: One (1) Glock pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Item #23 (23EB7): One (1) fired 9mm Luger bullet	Source Identification
	Items #8, 10, 13 and 16-18: A total of six (6) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Remarks

There were no pertinent findings regarding the submitted cartridge in Item #9. The five (5) fired cartridge cases in Item #9 were not examined.

The three (3) submitted fragments, Item #23, were not examined.

Four (4) cartridges from each of Items #19-21 were used for testing.

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

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