



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



2026-1239  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 31000 Block U.S. Route  
 250, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, Harrison County

**Investigative Activity:** Review of Lab Reports  
**Involves:** Michael Decker (S), [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] (S), [REDACTED]  
**Activity Date:** 04/21/2026  
**Activity Location:** BCI - Boardman  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Joseph Lamping #184

**Narrative:**

Throughout the month of April, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joe Lamping (SA Lamping) received Ohio BCI Laboratory reports for items of evidence submitted on March 31, 2026, and April 15, 2026, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 26-32400). The reports originated from the following divisions of the BCI Laboratory: Firearms Comparative Analysis (authored by Michael Roberts), NIBIN (authored by Forensic Scientist Lab Tech Logan Carothers), Firearms Operability (authored by Forensic Scientist Regan Wetzel). SA Lamping reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

**NIBIN**

The only cartridge casings submitted to NIBIN were generated by Decker's firearm. An analysis of those cases indicated that the firearm Decker possessed did not generate any NIBIN leads.

**Operability**

All four firearms collected in this investigation were submitted for operability analysis, and all four firearms were determined to be operable.

**Comparative Analysis**

An assortment of items, including firearms, cartridge casings, and bullet fragments, were submitted to the lab. The findings from the lab are documented below:

- Lab Item #1, Matrix Item #001, [REDACTED] Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0
  - Unable to be linked to any cartridge casings or projectiles
- Lab Item # 2, Matrix Item # 006, [REDACTED] Sig Sauer P320

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- Determined to be the source of the following projectiles
  - Lab Item # 6, Matrix Item # 010
  - Lab Item # 15, Matrix Item # 019
  - Lab Item # 16, Matrix Item # 020
- Determined to be the source of the following cartridge casings
  - Lab Item # 8, Matrix # 012
  - Lab Item # 10, Matrix Item # 014
  - Lab Item # 11, Matrix Item # 015
  - Lab Item # 12, Matrix Item # 016
  - Lab Item # 13, Matrix Item # 017
  - Lab Item # 14, Matrix Item # 018
- Lab Item # 18, Matrix Item # 026, [REDACTED] Sig Sauer P320
  - Unable to be definitively linked to any cartridges or projectiles
- Lab Item # 19, Matrix Item # 027, Michael Decker's Sig Sauer P229
  - Determined to be the source of the following cartridge casings
    - Lab Item # 3, Matrix Item # 007
    - Lab Item # 4, Matrix Item # 008
    - Lab Item # 5, Matrix Item # 009
    - Lab Item # 9, Matrix Item # 013
    - Lab Item # 17, Matrix Item # 022
- Lab Item # 7, Matrix Item # 011, one fired bullet core
  - The above bullet core was determined to be unsuitable for testing, and as a result could not be linked to any firearm submitted for analysis
- Lab Item # 20, Matrix Item # 043, one fired bullet (recovered during Decker's autopsy)
  - The above bullet was determined to have come from Decker's Sig Sauer P229

Copies of the Ohio BCI Laboratory reports are attached to this investigative report.  
Please refer to the attachments for further details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. 2026-04-02 - 26-32400 NIBIN Lab Report

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2. 2026-04-04 - 26-32400 Operability Lab Report
3. 2026-04-14 - 26-32400 Firearms Lab Report
4. 2026-04-27 - Firearms Comparison 2

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**Laboratory Report**  
Outsourced NIBIN Cases

To:	Ohio Attorney General's Office	BCI Laboratory Number:	26-32400
	John Tingley	Analysis Date:	Issue Date:
	30 E. Broad Street	April 01, 2026	April 02, 2026
	Columbus, OH 43215	Agency Case Number:	2026-1239
		BCI Agent:	Larry Hootman
Offense:	Shooting Involving an Officer		
Subject(s):	N/A		
Victim(s):	N/A		

**Submitted on 03/31/2026 by Joseph Lamping**

- 19. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial#55ED45578) (Matrix item 027) ; **Serial Number found to be 55E045578**  
  - Test Fire Exhibit Number(s): BCI 19T1-19T2

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(s): BCI 19T1, 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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**Education**

- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science. April 2022. Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH.

**Professional Experience**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Forensic Science Lab Tech 2. January 2023-Present.

**Required Technical Training**

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Triage and Acquisition. April 2023.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. NIBIN Correlation. August 2023.
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Blind Swab Collection Training. July 2023
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Lab Technician 2 Training. January 2023-October 2023.

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**Laboratory Report  
Operability**

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office      BCI Laboratory Number: 26-32400  
 John Tingley  
 30 E. Broad Street      Analysis Date: Issue Date:  
 Columbus, OH 43215      April 01, 2026      April 04, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-1239  
 BCI Agent: Larry Hootman

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

**Submitted on 03/31/2026 by Joseph Lamping**

19. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial#55ED45578) (Matrix item 027) ; **Serial Number found to be 55E045578**
- One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P229, serial number 55E045578, one (1) magazine, eight (8) 9mm Luger cartridges, and one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #19: Sig Sauer pistol	N/A	Operable

**Remarks**

There were no pertinent findings regarding the cartridges or the fired cartridge case submitted with Item #19.

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## **Analytical Detail**

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual and physical examinations.

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- Portage County Coroner's Office. Forensic Investigator. May 2022 – September 2022.
- Youngstown Police Department. Police/Crime Lab Intern. May 2021- July 2021.

**Required Technical Training**

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Firearms. September 2022 – January 2024.

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Laboratory Report  
Firearms

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 Columbus, OH 43215      April 02, 2026      April 14, 2026

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 BCI Agent: Larry Hootman

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

**Submitted on 03/31/2026 by Joseph Lamping**

1. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial# [REDACTED]) (Matrix item 001)
  - One (1) Smith & Wesson 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model M&P9 M2.0, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and sixteen (16) cartridges.
2. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial# [REDACTED]) (Matrix item 006)
  - One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P320, serial number [REDACTED] one (1) magazine and twelve (12) cartridges.
3. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 007)
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
4. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 008)
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
5. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 009)
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
6. One manila envelope containing bullet (Matrix item 010)
  - One (1) fired bullet jacket.
7. One manila envelope containing bullet fragment (Matrix item 011)
  - One (1) fired bullet core.
8. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 012)
  - One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.
9. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 013)

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- *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 10. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 014)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 11. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 015)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 12. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 016)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 13. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 017)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 14. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 018)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 15. One manila envelope containing bullet (Matrix item 019)
  - *One (1) fired bullet jacket.*
- 16. One manila envelope containing bullet (Matrix item 020)
  - *One (1) fired bullet.*
- 17. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix item 022)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
- 18. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial# [REDACTED]) (Matrix item 026)
  - *One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P320, serial number [REDACTED] three (3) magazines and forty-eight (48) cartridges.*
- 19. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial#55ED45578) (Matrix item 027) ; Serial Number found to be 55E045578
  - *One (1) Sig Sauer 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, model P229, serial number 55E045578, one (1) magazine, eight (8) cartridges and one (1) fired cartridge case.*

**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #1: One (1) Smith & Wesson pistol	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #2: One (1) Sig Sauer pistol ([REDACTED])	N/A	Operable
	Items #6, 15 and 16: Two (2) fired bullet jackets and one (1) fired bullet.	Source Identification
	Items #8 and 10-14: For a total of six (6) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #18: One (1) Sig Sauer pistol (SN: [REDACTED])	N/A	Operable

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #19: One (1) Sig Sauer pistol (55E045578)	N/A	Operable
	Items #3-5, 9 and 17: For a total of five (5) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #7: One (1) fired bullet core	N/A	Unsuitable <sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

### **Remarks**

Four (4) submitted cartridges from each of Items #1, 2, 18 and 19 were used for testing.

There were no pertinent findings regarding the extra magazines submitted in Item #18.

The fired cartridge case submitted in Item #19 was not examined.

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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### Comparison Conclusion Scale

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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.
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**Submitted on 04/15/2026 by David M. Hammond**

20. Envelope containing projectile (Matrix Item 043)
- *One (1) fired bullet [one (1) fired bullet jacket, one (1) fired bullet core and four (4) fragments].*

**Findings**

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Item #19: One (1) Sig Sauer pistol	Item #20: One (1) fired bullet jacket	Source Identification

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**Remarks**

The previously generated test fires from Item #19 were used for comparisons.

The remaining submitted items were not examined/compared at this time.

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