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:	09/24/2024
Activity Location:	BCI RICHFIELD OFFICE - 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH 44286
Author:	SA Eric Lehnhart, #84

Narrative:

On Tuesday, September 24, 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 Tuesday, September 17, 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. One envelope containing cartridge case (BCI #001)
   One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

2. One envelope containing cartridge case (BCI #002)
   One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

3. One envelope containing cartridge case (BCI #003)
   One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.

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.

SA Lehnhart reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

Analysis of laboratory item #4 (Sig Sauer Pistol) showed that this item was "operable."

Analysis of laboratory item #1-3 (Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases) indicated a "source identification" for laboratory item #4 (Sig Sauer Pistol).

 Approved By SAS Charles Moran on 11/22/2024

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: 2024-09-24 Laboratory 24-36743 Firearms Report

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bureau of Criminal Investigation **Laboratory Report**
Firearms

To:	BCI / Richfield Eric Lehnhart 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, OH 44286	BCI Laboratory Number: Analysis Date: September 19, 2024 Agency Case Number: BCI Agent:	24-36743 Issue Date: September 24, 2024 2024-2727 Larry Hootman

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

Submitted on 09/17/2024 by Betsy Farris

1. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix CS #001)
   - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
2. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix & CS #002)
   - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
3. Envelope containing cartridge case (Matrix & CS #003)
   - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case.*
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.*

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
Item #4: Sig Sauer Pistol	N/A	Operable
	Items #1-3: Three (3) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

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

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[X] BCI -Richfield Office
4055 Highlander Pkwy. Suite A
Richfield, OH 44286
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Remarks

Two (2) BCI-supplied cartridges were used for testing Item #4.

There were no pertinent findings in regards to the cartridges submitted with Item #4.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

Analytical Detail

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual, physical, and microscopic examinations / comparisons.

Monica Coblentz

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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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