



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



2022-2121  
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,  
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Records Received, Review of Records  
**Involves:** Stephaun Syllas Jones (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 11/03/2022  
**Activity Location:** Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation – 1560 SR-56 SW, London, OH 43140, Madison County  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On November 3, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) received the BCI Firearms Laboratory Report submitted for this case. SA Seitzman reviewed the report and noted the following:

- Hamilton Police Officer Bryan Bowlin's (Officer Bowlin) department-issued Smith & Wesson rifle (Serial Number [REDACTED]) was found to be operable.
- Officer Bowlin's rifle was identified as the source of the two casings located in the front walkway of 6453 Tara Brooke Court and the spent casing to the left of the garage. [Note: that casing near the garage was collected by BCI Special Agent Kenneth Smith on October 9, 2022.]
- Officer Bowlin's rifle was identified as the source of the jacketed bullet located during the autopsy of Stephaun Syllas Jones (Jones).
- Hamilton Police Officer James Leisinger's (Officer Leisinger) department-issued Smith & Wesson rifle (Serial Number [REDACTED]) was found to be operable.
- Officer Leisinger's rifle was identified as the source of the spent cartridge casing located on the hood of Hamilton police cruiser 461.
- Jones' Taurus pistol was found to be operable.

The remainder of the report contains information unrelated to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident. The Hamilton Police Department requested evidence located in Jones' vehicle and at the Fairgrove Avenue homicide scene be compared to Jones' Taurus pistol, which is included in the report.

The BCI Firearms Laboratory Report is attached below.

**Attachments:**

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Attachment # 01: BCI Lab 22-19696 FA Report

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# **Exhibit 1**



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**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

**Laboratory Report  
Firearms**

To: BCI / Madison  
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1560 S.R. 56 SW  
London, OH 43140

BCI Laboratory Number: 22-19696  
Cross Reference: 22-19712  
Analysis Date: Issue Date:  
October 13, 2022 November 01, 2022

Agency Case Number: 2022-2121  
BCI Agent: Chad Holcomb

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer  
Subject(s): N/A  
Victim(s): N/A

**22-19696 Submitted on October 11, 2022 by S/A Chad Holcomb:**

1. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing located on front of cruiser (BCI 1, Scene 1)
  - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
2. One manila envelope containing cartridge casing on walkway by front door (BCI 1, Scene 1)
  - *Two (2) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases*
3. White box containing firearm (TMC72777) with magazine (BCI 1, Scene 1) also found to contain one cartridge
  - *One (1) Taurus model G2c, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial #TMC72777, with one (1) bullet lodged in chamber / bore, one (1) magazine, and one (1) unfired 9mm Luger cartridge*
4. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazine (BCI 1, Scene 2)
  - *One (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P-15, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial # [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine and twenty-five (25) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*
5. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial [REDACTED] with magazine (BCI 2, Scene 2)
  - *One (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P-15, 5.56mm NATO semi-automatic rifle, serial # [REDACTED] with one (1) magazine and twenty-six (26) unfired 223 Rem cartridges*

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**22-19696 Submitted on October 12, 2022 by S/A Chad Holcomb:**

6. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge case from 6453 Tara Brooke Ct (BCI #1, Scene #3)
  - *One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case*
7. One manila envelope containing fired projectile recovered from autopsy of Stephaun Jones (BCI #2, Scene #3)
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet*

**22-19712 Submitted on October 11, 2022 by P.O. Doug Trenum:**

1. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located at 1940 Fairgrove ave HPD Item #1
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
2. One manila envelope containing cartridge case 1940 Fairgrove ave HPD Item #2
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
3. One manila envelope containing cartridge case from under front passenger seat HPD Item #8
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
4. One manila envelope containing cartridge case located from rear passenger floorboard HPD Item #9
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
5. One manila envelope containing cartridge case from rear passenger floorboard HPD Item #10
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
6. One manila envelope containing cartridge case from rear passenger floorboard HPD Item #11
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*

**22-19712 Submitted on October 12, 2022 by S/A Doug Eveslage:**

7. Brown paper bag containing bullet removed from Sidney Printup
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet (7-1B)*
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment (7-2B)*
8. Brown paper bag containing bullet removed from Sidney Printup
  - *One (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment (8-1B)*
  - *One (1) fired bullet jacket fragment (8-2B)*

**22-19712 Submitted on October 25, 2022 by Det. Anthony Kiep:**

11. One manila envelope containing cartridge case (Prop number 22-010444.038)
  - *One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*

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**Findings**

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
<b>22-19696 Item 3:</b> Taurus pistol with magazine	N/A	Operable
	<b>22-19712 Items 1, 3, 4, 6, 11:</b> Five (5) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	<b>22-19712 Item 2:</b> One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Source Identification (see remarks)
	<b>22-19712 Item 5:</b> One (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case	Support for Different Source‡
	<b>22-19712 Item 7 (7-1B):</b> One (1) fired jacketed bullet	Source Identification
	<b>22-19712 Item 7 (7-2B):</b> One (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment	Support for Same Source†
	<b>22-19712 Item 8 (8-1B, 8-2B):</b> One (1) fired jacketed bullet fragment, one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment	Inconclusive*

‡Similar class characteristics and some dissimilar individual characteristics, but insufficient for a Source Exclusion.

†Similar class characteristics and some corresponding individual characteristics, but insufficient for a Source Identification.

\*Similar class characteristics but insufficient corresponding individual characteristics to identify or exclude.

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
<b>22-19696 Item 4:</b> Smith & Wesson rifle (TF59980)	N/A	Operable
	<b>22-19696 Items 2, 6:</b> Three (3) fired 223 Rem cartridge cases	Source Identification
	<b>22-19696 Item 7:</b> One (1) fired jacketed bullet	Source Identification

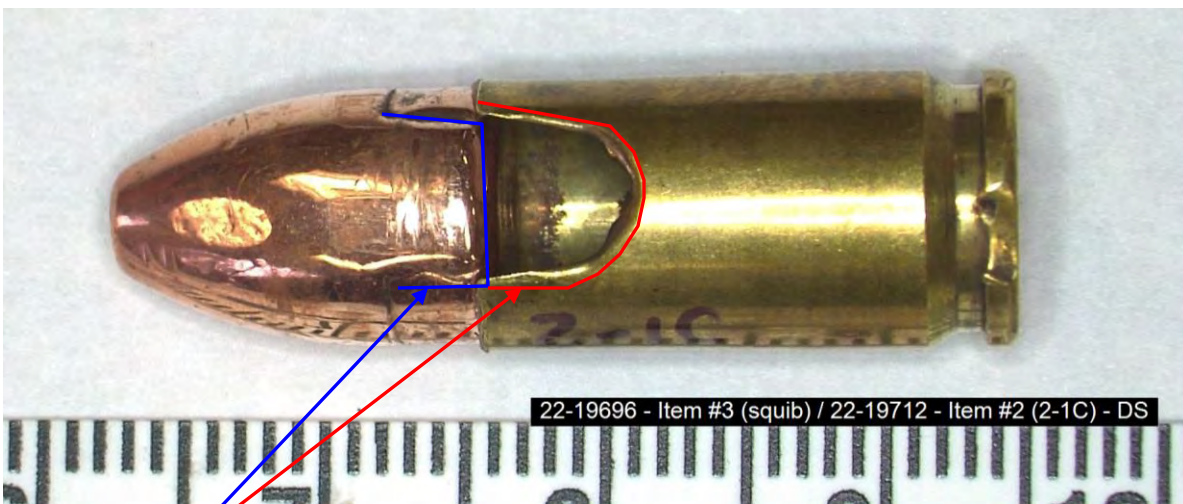
Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
<b>22-19696 Item 5:</b> Smith & Wesson rifle (TH84133)	N/A	Operable
	<b>22-19696 Item 1:</b> One (1) fired 223 Rem cartridge case	Source Identification

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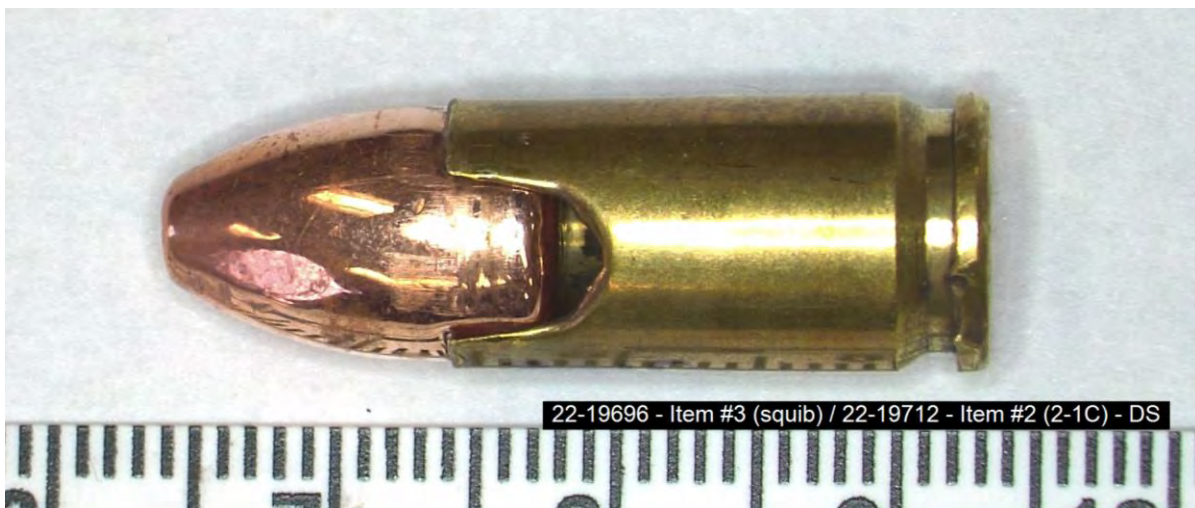
**Remarks**

Characteristics on the one (1) fired 9mm Luger cartridge case, 22-19712 Item 2, are consistent with having been loaded in the submitted magazine, 22-19696 Item 3.

Examination of the one (1) fired cartridge case, 22-19712 Item 2, revealed “U” shaped damage of the case wall / mouth. Examination of the Taurus pistol, 22-19696 Item 3, revealed a bullet lodged in the chamber / bore. Upon removal, further examination of the bullet revealed a “U” shaped seating mark that corresponds with the damaged case wall / mouth of the fired cartridge case, 22-19712 Item 2. The “U” shaped corresponding areas are consistent with the bullet, 22-19696 Item 3, having been originally loaded in the fired cartridge case, 22-19712 Item 2.



“U” shaped areas on the bullet and fired cartridge case



Corresponding “U” shaped areas with bullet seated in fired cartridge case

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The one (1) submitted cartridge from 22-19696 Item 3 was used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twenty-five (25) submitted cartridges from 22-19696 Item 4 were used for test firing.

Six (6) of the twenty-six (26) submitted cartridges from 22-19696 Item 5 were used for test firing.

No fired cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database.

The remaining submitted items from 22-19696 Items 4 and 5 were not examined at this time.

All evidence will be returned to the submitting agency.

### **Analytical Detail**

Analytical findings offered above were determined using visual 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.

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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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