



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



2022-1251

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH
43215

Investigative Activity: Records Received; Document Review

Activity Date: 8/10/2022

Activity Location: BCI

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on June 9, 2022 for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 22-15354). The report originated from the Firearms section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Matthew White. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

1. Staccato Serial Number [REDACTED] Item #1
2. Staccato Serial Number [REDACTED] Item #2
3. Items 3 thru 6 are fired cartridge casings recovered from the incident scene (CSU scene #2)
4. Item 7 is an envelope containing bullet fragments from the incident scene (CSU scene #2)
5. Envelope containing projectiles and fragments removed from Pozz Striblin Item #8

SA Butterworth reviewed the laboratory report and noted the following:

According to the BCI firearms laboratory report, items contained in Item #8 (projectiles and fragments from Pozz Striblin) were compared to Items number 1 and 2. The testing was requested to attempt to identify the source of the projectiles and fragments that were removed from Pozz Striblin. Items number 1 and 2 are the firearms utilized by deputies during the incident. There were a total of three (3) fired bullets and one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment located in item number 8, the envelope containing projectiles and fragments.

The results of the testing were indicated as follows:

A comparison was made for item 1 which was reported to be Source Identification for items number 3 and 4 as well as items 8 1B and 2B. Source Identification is defined as 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. Item 1 was also found to be operable.



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A comparison was made for item 2 which was reported to have Source Identification for items number 5 and 6. Items 5 and 6 were fired cartridges that were recovered from the scene on Stelzer Road.

Items number 7 and 8 (3B, one fired bullet) were compared to items number 1 and 2, the Staccato pistols used by the SWAT deputies. The conclusion for these comparisons were inconclusive. Inconclusive is defined as 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.

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



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**Laboratory Report
Firearms**

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BCI Laboratory Number: 22-15354

Analysis Date:
June 14, 2022

Issue Date:
June 24, 2022

Agency Case Number:

2022-1251

BCI Agent:

Shawn Rowley

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s): - N/A -

Victim(s): - N/A -

Submitted on June 09, 2022 by S/A Shawn Rowley:

1. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazine BCI 1 scene 1
- one (1) *Staccato model Staccato P, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]*
- one (1) *magazine*
- ***fifteen (15) 9mm Luger cartridges***
2. One cardboard box containing firearm (serial [REDACTED] with magazine BCI 2 scene 1
- one (1) *Staccato model Staccato P, 9mm Luger semi-automatic pistol, serial number [REDACTED]*
- one (1) *magazine*
- ***twelve (12) 9mm Luger cartridges***
3. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge casing (BCI 3, scene 2)
- one (1) *fired 9mm Luger cartridge case*
4. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge casings (BCI 4, scene 2)
- *five (5) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases*
5. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge casings (BCI 5, scene 2)
- *two (2) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases*
6. One manila envelope containing fired cartridge casings (BCI 6, scene 2)
- *six (6) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases*

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7. One manila envelope containing bullet fragment (BCI 9, scene 2)
 - one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment
 - one (1) lead fragment
8. One manila envelope containing projectiles and fragments removed from Pozz Striblin (item 1, scene 3)
 - three (3) fired bullets (#8.1B, #8.2B, and #8.3B)
 - one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment

Findings

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#1: Staccato pistol (████████)	N/A	Operable
	#3 / #4: six (6) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification
	#8 (#8.1B / #8.2B): two (2) fired bullets	

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#2: Staccato pistol (████████)	N/A	Operable
	#5 / #6: eight (8) fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases	Source Identification

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#1: Staccato pistol (████████)	#7: one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment #8 (#8.3B): one (1) fired bullet	Inconclusive*
#2: Staccato pistol (████████)		

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

Item Description	Comparison	Conclusion
#7: one (1) lead fragment #8: one (1) fired bullet jacket fragment	N/A	Unsuitable^

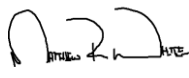
^Insufficient class and/or individual characteristics present.

Remarks

- Six (6) of the fifteen (15) submitted cartridges from item #1 were used for test firing.
- Six (6) of the twelve (12) submitted cartridges from item #2 were used for test firing.
- No fired cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database.
- The remaining submitted items from items #1 and #2 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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