

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
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On October 27th, 2016, Special Agent (SA) Gary Negrinelli received two separate FDLE Laboratory Reports, one dated September 9th, 2016 and the other dated September 14th, 2016. Both reports were completed by Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst (SCLA) Lee Dewey. The report from September 9th was in reference to the initial response and collection of evidence from the incident scene at PGPD (see IR 1 for further details). The report from September 14th was in reference to the collection of evidence at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Gun Range (see IR 65 for further details).

These laboratory reports will be maintained electronically in related items as INV-86 and INV-87.

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| Case Number: FM-01-0027 | Serial #: 71 |
| Author: Negrinelli, Gary | Office: Ft. Myers |
| Activity Start Date: 08/09/2016 | Activity End Date: |
| Approved By: Crough, Patrick Joseph | |

Description:FDLE Lab reports-initial scene & CCSO gun range

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LABORATORY REPORT
September 14, 2016

TO: FL Dept. of Law Enforcement
FDLE - Ft. Myers
(Investigations)
4700 Terminal Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33907-0000

FDLE NUMBER: 20160604097
SUBMISSION: 3
AGENCY NUMBER: FM-01-0027

SUBPOENAS PERTAINING TO THIS CASE
SHOULD REFER TO THE FDLE NUMBER.

ATTN: SA Gary Negrinelli

VICTIM(S): Mary Knowlton

SUBJECT(S): Lee Coel

Lee Dewey
Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst
Crime Scene Section

OFFENSE(S): Death Investigation
Charlotte County
8/9/2016

REFERENCE:

This report is in reference to crime scene assistance provided on August 24 and 25, 2016 to Florida Department of Law Enforcement Investigations. This report contains conclusions, opinions, and/or interpretations made by the author.

SCENE:

The scene was the outdoor gun range berm at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, 25500 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, Florida.

ASSISTANCE RENDERED:

The scene was documented and photographed. The area was searched and items of evidentiary value were collected.

EVIDENCE COLLECTED:

| FDLE Item# | Agency Exhibit# | Description |
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| 23 | CS-20 | Projectile fragments from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office gun range |
| 24 | CS-21 | Projectile fragments from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office gun range |



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EVIDENCE COLLECTED (continued):

| FDLE Item# | Agency Exhibit# | Description |
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| 25 | CS-22 | Projectile fragments from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office gun range |
| 26 | CS-23 | Projectile fragments from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office gun range |
| 27 | CS-24 | Compact disc with images of range and projectile fragments |

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:

Exhibits CS-20 through CS-24 were submitted to the Evidence Intake Section of the Fort Myers Regional Crime Laboratory and are available for pick up at your earliest convenience.

Questions regarding this report should be addressed to: LeeDewey@fdle.state.fl.us.



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SUBJECT(S): Lee Coel

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Crime Scene Section

OFFENSE(S): Death Investigation
Charlotte County
8/9/2016

REFERENCE:

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SCENE:

The scene took place in the back parking lot at the Punta Gorda Police Department, 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, Florida. Two patrol vehicles were parked side by side at the back edge of the parking lot. The two vehicles were: Vehicle 1) a white Ford Crown Victoria bearing Florida license plate 601-JTK, Vehicle 2) a white Ford Crown Victoria bearing unit number 93. A tent had been placed to protect the area between the two vehicles from the rain. What appeared to be bullet ricochet points were visible on the hood of Vehicle 1. A cell phone was visible on the trunk top of Vehicle 1. What appeared to be a bullet impact point was visible in the driver side front door of Vehicle 1. An unloaded Smith & Wesson .38 Special revolver was on the trunk top of Vehicle 2. Three cartridge casings were lying on the blacktop near the front passenger tire of Vehicle 2. A fourth cartridge casing was visible under Vehicle 2. A blue "training" handgun was on the roof of Vehicle 2. Two black plastic safety helmets were lying on the blacktop near the two patrol vehicles.

Officer Coel's assigned vehicle, a Chevrolet SUV K-9 Unit, vehicle 117, Florida license plate XA9025, was parked in the same parking lot as the shooting incident.



ASSISTANCE RENDERED:

The scene was documented, photographed, searched and sketched. A FARO 3D imaging device was used to capture 3D imaging data of the scene. Items of evidentiary value were collected.

Officer Coel's vehicle was photographed and searched. Items of evidentiary value were collected from his vehicle.

EVIDENCE COLLECTED:

| FDLE Item# | Agency Exhibit# | Description |
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| 3 | CS-1 | Projectile from driver side front door map pocket of patrol vehicle, FL Tag 601-JTK |
| 4 | CS-2 | "SMITH & WESSON 38 SPL", revolver, SN: CFU5742, unloaded, from hood of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 5 | CS-3 | "CCI NR 38 SPL" casing from blacktop adjacent to passenger side front tire of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 6 | CS-4 | "CCI NR 38 SPL" casing from blacktop adjacent to passenger side front tire of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 7 | CS-5 | "CCI NR 38 SPL" casing from blacktop adjacent to passenger side front tire of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 8 | CS-6 | "CCI NR 38 SPL" casing from blacktop under patrol vehicle 93 |
| 9 | CS-7 | Samsung flip cell phone from trunk top of patrol vehicle, FL Tag 601-JTK |
| 10 | CS-8 | Helmet from blacktop between patrol vehicle FL Tag 601-JTK and gym wall |
| 11 | CS-9 | Helmet from blacktop adjacent to passenger side front door of patrol vehicle FL Tag 601-JTK |
| 12 | CS-10 | "Glock 17T 9mm FX", SN: T05920US, training handgun loaded with 17 simunition cartridges in the magazine and 1 in the chamber, from roof of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 13 | CS-11 | Eye glasses from hood of patrol vehicle 93 |
| 14 | CS-12 | Empty "SMITH & WESSON 38 SPL" gun box tagged with SN: CFU5742, from patrol vehicle 117 |
| 15 | CS-13 | "SMITH & WESSON .38 S&W SPL" .38 caliber revolver, SN: R211817, with no chamber, from patrol vehicle 117 |
| 16 | CS-14 | Two "CCI Blazer 38 SPECIAL HBWC" wadcutter ammunition boxes of 50 cartridge capacity, one containing 35 cartridges and one containing 40 cartridges, from patrol vehicle 117. Ten cartridges were removed from the 35 count box and submitted as Exhibit CS-14A. |
| 17 | CS-14A | Ten cartridges from Exhibit CS-14 |
| 18 | CS-15 | Three "WINCHESTER SUPER X 38 SPECIAL SMOKELESS BLANK" ammunition boxes of 50 cartridge capacity, two boxes containing 50 cartridges each and one box containing 27 cartridges, from patrol vehicle 117 |
| 19 | CS-16 | One "FIOCCHI 380 BLANK" ammunition box of 50 cartridge capacity containing 15 cartridges, from patrol vehicle 117 |
| 20 | CS-17 | Digital video disc with FARO raw scan data |
| 21 | CS-18 | Digital video disc with FARO WebShare 2Go data |
| 22 | CS-19 | Digital video disc with digital images of scene and evidence |

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DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:

Exhibits CS-1 through CS-19 have been submitted to the Evidence Intake Section of the Fort Myers Regional Crime Laboratory for the following distribution:

Exhibits CS-1 through CS-6 and CS-14A have been forwarded to the Firearms Section.

Exhibits CS-14 and CS-16 have been forwarded to the Latent Print Section.

Exhibits CS-7 through CS-13, CS-15 and CS-17 through CS-19 are available for pickup at your earliest convenience.

REMARKS:

The results of the Firearms Section and Latent Print Section examinations will be the subjects of separate reports.

If at a later date, processing (creations of models, panoramic or a CAD diagram) of the scene data is requested the media/evidence (Exhibit CS-17) containing the FARO raw scan data should be resubmitted.

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On August 12, 2016, Special Agent (SA) Gary Negrinelli requested an eTrace through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for the Smith and Wesson revolver used in the PGPD shooting. The results from eTrace revealed the current possessor of the firearm as Lee Michael Coel.

On August 18, 2016, SA Negrinelli made contact with Technical Service Representative Justin Mortensen, with Alliant/Blazer/CCI/Speer. Mortensen corresponded via email with SA Negrinelli, and stated Blazer does not produce blank ammunition for centerfire firearms.

The eTrace report from ATF and email from Justin Mortensen were attached as related items, INV-88 and INV-89, respectively.

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| Case Number: FM-01-0027 | Serial #: 72 |
| Author: McCardle, Ronald Slade Jr | Office: Ft. Myers |
| Activity Start Date: 11/15/2016 | Activity End Date: |
| Approved By: Crough, Patrick Joseph | |

Description: Firearm E-trace and Speer Correspondence

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On November 15th, 2016, SA Negrinelli contacted Officer Coel's attorney, Jerry Berry, in reference to the email from Berry containing the letter summarizing Coel's statement. In the letter,

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[REDACTED]

SA Negrinelli contacted PGPD Lt. Terry Cochran with the above information and asked Lt. Cochran if he could identify the call Officer Coel made to dispatch reference the test firing of the blanks.

On November 23, 2016, Lt. Cochran contacted SA Negrinelli to inform him that they checked all calls made from Officer Coel during the proposed time in June from both Coel's personal and work cell phones. None of the calls were in reference to test firing blanks. Lt. Cochran said he also asked Dispatcher Ashley Able about the phone call and she said that she did not remember ever receiving such a phone call from Officer Coel.

On December 20, 2016, SA Negrinelli interviewed Dispatcher Ashley Able at the PGPD. Able said she did not remember ever receiving a phone call from Officer Coel in reference to conducting a test fire of blank ammunition at the Charlotte County Speedway. Able said that Lt. Cochran had dispatch search all calls made by Officer Coel to dispatch and no calls were identified as Officer Coel notifying of the test fire at the Charlotte County Speedway.

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| Author: Negrinelli, Gary | Office: Ft. Myers |
| Activity Start Date: 08/09/2016 | Activity End Date: |
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Description: Coel's phone calls to PGPD dispatch

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On January 5, 2017, SA Negrinelli received an email from Lt. Cochran in reference to Officer Coel's phone call records. Lt. Cochran included audio of all calls made from or to Officer Coel and PGPD dispatch from May 30-July 17, 2016. Lt. Cochran also included email communications between himself and the PGPD Communication Supervisor as well as Officer Coel's department phone usage and charges from May 28-July 25, 2016. After reviewing all recorded phone calls, SA Negrinelli did not find the phone call that Officer Coel [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A copy of Lt. Cochran emails with the PGPD Communication Supervisor and Officer Coel's department phone detail will be electronically maintained as related item, INV-93.

The audio of all the phone calls with Officer Coel is being maintained as related item number INV-94.