

Sample Report of Forensic Examination

Examination of Firearms

To: _____ (e.g., Chief of Police) **Report Date:** _____
_____ (address)
_____ (city, state, zip)

Attn: _____ (e.g., Detective) **Agency Case No:** _____

Re: _____ **Suspect Name** **Lab File No:** _____
_____ **Victim Name**
_____ **Type of Violation**

Examination Requested: Firearms Identification

Items of Evidence Received

The following items of evidence were received from _____ (insert agency) in a sealed condition by _____ (registered mail, FedEx, UPS, etc.) on _____ (insert date) by _____ (insert title and name):

Item #	Item Description
#1	.22 Long Rifle caliber Davis Industries derringer, Model DM-22, serial number 123456
#2	.357 Magnum caliber Ruger revolver, Model Security-Six, serial number 123-12345
#3	.380 Auto caliber Walther pistol, Model PPK/S, serial number 123456, with four magazines
#4	9mm Luger caliber Intratec pistol, Model Tec-9, serial number 12345
#5	9mm Luger caliber Beretta pistol, Model 92FS, serial number C12345Z, with magazine
#6	9mm Luger caliber Browning pistol, Model Hi-Power, serial number obliterated
#7	.45 Auto caliber Colt pistol, Model Combat Commander, serial number obliterated
#8	30-30 Winchester caliber Winchester rifle, Model 94, serial number GS12345, with sling
#9	20-gauge Mossberg shotgun, Model 185 D-B, no serial number, with magazine
#10	12-gauge Remington shotgun, Model 870, serial number T123456V, with gun case

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Results of Examination

See the following sample report using the above noted evidence items.

Reports should also indicate if any submitted items were not examined and why (e.g., as a result of a conference with the lead investigator).

- The Item #1 derringer fired normally when test fired in the laboratory.
- The Item #2 revolver fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. However, it was noted that the Item #2 revolver will also discharge as a result of a sharp blow to the muzzle or butt.
- The Item #3 pistol fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. Item #3 could only be discharged by pulling the trigger.
- The Item #4 pistol fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. However it was noted that the trigger pull of Item #4 was between 1 and 1 ½ pounds. This very light trigger pull is not normal for nearly any nontarget firearm. A further examination of Item #4 also revealed marks indicative of disassembly and modification of the firing mechanism.
- The Item #5 pistol fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. The trigger pull of Item #5 was determined to be between 5 ½ pounds and 6 pounds in single-action and between 11 pounds and 11 ½ pounds in double-action, which are considered normal for a firearm of this type.
- The Item #6 pistol fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. The trigger pull of Item #7 was found to be between 4 ¾ pounds and 5 pounds, which is considered normal for a firearm of this type.
- The Item #7 pistol fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. It was noted that the thumb safety lever is missing from the Item #7 pistol.
- The Item #8 rifle fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. It was noted that the safety catch/trigger stop is broken on the Item #8 rifle. This device is designed to prevent the firearm from firing until the finger lever is fully closed and the action is closed and locked. Also, due to the inertia type firing pin system, the Item #8 rifle can discharge if dropped or struck a sharp blow under certain circumstances.
- The Item #9 shotgun was inoperable as received. After installation of the separately submitted striker nut on the striker (firing pin), the mainspring was held in place and Item #9 fired when test fired in the laboratory. However the Item #9 shotgun consistently failed to eject fired shotshell casings. Further, the tang safety on Item #9 could not be moved to the "On" position as a result of having been previously bent.
- The Item #10 shotgun fired normally when test fired in the laboratory. The trigger pull of Item #10 was found to be between 4 pounds and 4 ½ pounds, which is considered normal for a firearm of this type.

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Disposition of the Evidence

The submitted items will be retained in this laboratory until called for by a representative of your agency.

-OR-

The submitted items will be returned to your agency by (*registered mail, FedEx, UPS, etc.*).

(Signature/ Title)

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