

Sample Report of Forensic Examination

Characterization and Evaluation of Fired Projectiles

(Class Characteristics)

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	One jacketed bullet
#2	Bullet jacket fragments
#3	Bullet jacket fragments
#4	Bullet jacket fragment
#5	Bullet jacket fragments
#6	One lead bullet core
#7	Metal fragment

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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).

Bullet with No Firearm Submitted

- Item #1 is a 9mm Luger caliber copper-jacketed bullet which was fired from the barrel of a firearm rifled with six grooves, right twist. Firearms which produce impressions like those in Item #1 include but are not limited to pistols manufactured or marketed by Stallard Arms, Hi-Point Firearms, Bryco Arms and Intratec.

It is noted that Item #1 bears no microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes.

- Item #1 is a .38 Special or .357 Magnum caliber copper-jacketed bullet which was fired from a barrel rifled with six grooves, right twist. Firearms which produce impressions like those in Item #1 include but are not limited to .38 Special caliber revolvers manufactured or marketed by EIG, Astra, F.I.E., Excam and Taurus, and .357 Magnum caliber revolvers manufactured or marketed by I.M.I., Hy Hunter and Herters.

It is noted that Item #1 bears microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect firearm be recovered.

- Item #1 is a .38 caliber/9mm class bullet of unknown manufacture which was fired from the barrel of a firearm rifled with six grooves, right twist. Firearms which produce impressions like those in the Item #1 bullet include but are not limited to .380 Auto caliber pistols manufactured or marketed by Walther, Beretta, and Astra, and 9mm Luger caliber pistols manufactured or marketed by Llama, Mauser, and Star.

It is noted that Item #1 bears microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect firearm be recovered.

Bullets and Fragments Unsuitable for Comparison

- Item #2 and Item #3 consist of bullet jacket fragments which bear no characteristics of value for comparison purposes.
- Item #4 is a fired .380 Auto caliber bullet fragment which bears no microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes. Due to extensive damage and mutilation, a list of possible firearms which could have fired Item #4 could not be provided.
- Item #5 consists of two copper bullet jacket fragments. The degree of mutilation prevents further characterization.
- Item #6 is a lead bullet core consistent with having separated from its jacket. It bears no characteristics of value for comparison purposes.
- Item #7 is a metallic fragment which cannot be further characterized.

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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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