



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



2026-2171

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt 1209,
West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Evidence Return
Date of Activity: 07/30/2026
Activity Location: West Chester Police Department – Business – 9577 Beckett Road,
Suite 500, West Chester, OH 45069
Author: SA Joshua Welty

Narrative:

On Thursday, July 30, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joshua Welty (SA Welty) returned the involved officers' firearm to the West Chester Police Department (WCPD).

Prior to returning the firearm, SA Welty sent an email to the Butler County Prosecutor's Office to obtain permission prior to releasing the firearm. On July 28, 2026, SA Welty spoke with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) Brad Burress by phone. APA Burress advised he spoke with Butler County Prosecuting Attorney Michael Gmoser, and he approved releasing the firearm back to the WCPD.

SA Welty transported the firearm from BCI – London to WCPD, transferring custody of the firearm to Lieutenant Chirs Witton. An evidence receipt was signed and attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Evidence Receipt – RTO – Firearm (2026-2171)
Attachment # 02: Email Correspondence – Firearm Return (2026-2171)



EVIDENCE RECEIPT - RTO



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Case Number
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Case Title
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RELEASED FROM

Releasing Agency
Room 2 - A, A 10

Released By

Case Number
2026-2171

RELEASE REASON

Return to Owner

EVIDENCE

Evi - Firearm - Handgun - Sig Sauer P320 - P00020-1048925, Evidence #1, Scene #3 (Weapon) Not contained

PACKAGING

Not contained

Firearm - Handgun - Sig Sauer P320 P00020-1048925, Evidence #1, Scene #3

X

Released From

SA [Signature] #173

X

Received By

LT. Chris [Signature] #119

Date

07/30/2024

Time

13:11 Hrs

Joshua Welty

From: Joshua Welty
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 11:05 AM
To: Brad A. Burress
Subject: RE: Firearm - West Chester PD - 2026-2171

Yes [REDACTED] nd Lorenzo Miller

From: Brad A. Burress <Brad.Burress@bcoho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Joshua Welty <Joshua.Welty@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Re: Firearm - West Chester PD - 2026-2171

The case involving [REDACTED]

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From: Joshua Welty <Joshua.Welty@OhioAGO.gov>
Sent: Monday, 27 July 2026 10:58:13
To: Brad A. Burress <Brad.Burress@bcoho.gov>
Subject: Firearm - West Chester PD - 2026-2171

You don't often get email from joshua.welty@ohioago.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)
Good morning,

West Chester PD has inquired about the firearm involved in the OICI. As we know, this case has already been presented to the GJ and cleared. Our case is still open pending the receipt of the autopsy report and toxicology. The firearms section has completed their analysis of the firearm and ballistic evidence collected relative to this case. Does the prosecutor's office have any objection to BCI returning the firearm to West Chester PD? The remaining evidence items will be returned upon official completion of the case.

Thank you,
Josh



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