



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Public Safety & Governance

Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Liz Keating

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:30 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

Healing Cities

Dr. Wendy Ellis

House of Hope Church

Pastor Nick Burnett

Duane Harmon

Brothers Inc

Hospital Trauma Center Services

Te'Airea Powell

Community Peace Builders Network

Bishop Ennis Tait

AGENDA

1. [202302793](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Keating, **MODIFYING** Chapter 915, "Weapons Offenses," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Sections 915-1-F1, "Forthwith," 915-1-K, "Knowingly," and 915-7, "Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordnance," to require reporting of firearm losses or thefts to law enforcement authorities to improve community and neighborhood safety, and **MODIFYING** Chapter 1501, "Code Compliance and Hearings," **AMENDING** Section 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," to add a violation of Section 915-7 to Section 1501-9.

Sponsors:

Keating

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
 [Ordinance](#)
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2. [202302794](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Keating, **MODIFYING** Chapter 708, “Dangerous Weapons and Fireworks,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 708-30, “Fee Associated with Return of Firearm,” to recoup the expenses incurred by the City in processing the requests of firearm owners for the return of firearms, including verification of firearm ownership, right to own a firearm, and confirmation that the weapon is not associated with outstanding crimes.

Sponsors: Keating

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ADJOURNMENT

202307193

Date: December 6, 2023

To: Councilmember Liz Keating

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Gun Legislation Reporting Stolen Guns

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Chapter 915, “Weapons Offenses,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Sections 915-1-F1, “Forthwith,” 915-1-K, “Knowingly,” and 915-7, “Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordnance,” to require reporting of firearm losses or thefts to law enforcement authorities to improve community and neighborhood safety, and **MODIFYING** Chapter 1501, “Code Compliance and Hearings,” by **AMENDING** Section 1501-9, “Class D Civil Offenses,” to add a violation of Section 915-7 to Section 1501-9.

EESW/CNS(dmm)
Attachment
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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

CNS

JTSW

An Ordinance No. _____ - 2023

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WHEREAS, more Ohioans died from firearms in 2021 than almost any year on record, according to Ohio Department of Health data; and

WHEREAS, gun violence has continually plagued our city and has robbed us of our most valuable assets, our people; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice 2016 Survey of Prison Inmates found that more than half of inmates who reported possessing a gun during their offense reported using a stolen or illegally obtained gun in their crime; and

WHEREAS, in a February 2021 interview with Local 12, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost stated, “Stolen guns are used in crimes on the street. They make our cops and our neighbors and our communities less safe. Everything we can do to push information out, empower the people to help control and reduce the flow of stolen weapons onto the street is a good step.”; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021, Attorney General Yost launched the “Ohio Stolen Guns Database” to allow persons to quickly check whether a gun has been reported stolen in Ohio’s Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS); and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, Council passed Resolution No. 11-2022, expressing Council’s “commitment to reducing the prevalence of gun violence in our City and protecting citizens from gun violence” and Council’s belief that gun violence is a public health crisis in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released mortality data in 2022 that showed 45,222 firearm-related deaths occurred in the United States, which is a new high in deaths related to guns; and

WHEREAS, according to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in 2020, “firearm-related injuries surpassed motor vehicle crashes to become the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 19 years in the United States”; and

WHEREAS, both state and federal law require reporting of the loss or theft of firearms from a person’s possession; and

WHEREAS, the safety of City residents is of paramount importance and requires Council to act to curb access to lost and stolen firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department encounters gun violence and works through targeted programs to combat gun violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department Crime Analysis and Problem Solving Unit uses data to understand the root of the gun violence epidemic in our community and to generate effective solutions to a systemic problem; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department Crime Gun Intelligence Center uses extensive knowledge, data, and expertise to solve the complex challenges and cases regarding gun violence in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Department of Law works meticulously with the City's data and the extremely limiting firearm laws set by the Ohio State Legislature to craft legislation to help save the lives of Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, Council appropriates significant resources funded by taxpayers to combat gun violence - and particularly youth gun violence - to save the lives of Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's office works closely with community advocates and non-profit partners to reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these efforts make an impact in reducing gun violence and saving lives in Cincinnati, but more is needed from the Ohio State Legislature to help save the lives of citizens and ensure a brighter future for our youth; and

WHEREAS, the attachments show examples of how the Ohio State Legislature can save lives and promote happy, healthy, lively futures for our youth; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Sections 915-1-F1, "Forthwith," 915-1-K, "Knowingly," and 915-7, "Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordnance," of Chapter 915, "Weapons Offenses," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is enacted as follows:

Sec. 915-1-F1. – Forthwith

"Forthwith" means immediately, promptly, or without delay.

Sec. 915-1-K. – Knowingly

"Knowingly" shall have the same meaning as in Ohio Revised Code Section 2901.22.

Sec. 915-7. Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordnance.

- (a) *Conduct Prohibited.* No person shall knowingly fail to report to law enforcement authorities forthwith the loss or theft of any firearm or dangerous ordnance in the person's possession or under the person's control.
- (b) *Reporting Requirements.* A report to law enforcement authorities of the loss or theft of any firearm or dangerous ordnance in the person's possession or under the person's control shall include both the serial number of the firearm or dangerous ordnance and the date of acquisition of the firearm or dangerous ordnance. A person who fails to include both the serial number of the firearm or dangerous ordnance and the date of acquisition of the firearm or dangerous ordnance on the report may be subject to a civil fine, as detailed in subsection 915-7(e).
- (c) *Severability.* If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of the provisions of this section is for any reason declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this section.
- (d) *Event Causing Section 915-7 to Become Inoperative.* In the event the Ohio General Assembly codifies changes to the Revised Code which prohibit local legislation of firearm loss or theft reporting requirements, Section 915-7 immediately shall become inoperative.
- (e) *Violations and Penalties.*
 - (1) Violation of subsection 915-7(a) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
 - (2) Violations may also be cited as a Class D civil offense pursuant to Section 1501-9.

Section 2. That Section 1501-9, "Class D Civil Offenses," of Chapter 1501, "Code Compliance and Hearings," is amended as follows:

Sec. 1501-9. Class D Civil Offenses.

A person who violates a standard of conduct set forth in a provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code listed below is liable for the civil fine specified in § 1501-99 for a Class D Civil Offense. If the provision is listed under paragraph (a) below, the otherwise applicable civil fine is reduced by 50% if the person charged shows in accordance with § 1501-15 that the violation has been corrected. If a person has previously been found to have violated the same provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code within one year that person may be charged as a second offender and on being found to have committed a second or subsequent offense

is liable for the civil fine for the subsequent offense provided below, which fine is specified in § 1501-99 and is not subject to reduction for correction of the violation.

(a) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 720-13	Private Facilities	Class E
(2)	§ 720-45	Notice of Violations	Class E
(3)	§ 720-69	Notice to Correct Drainage	Class E
(4)	Chapter 855	Rooming Houses	Class D
(5)	Chapter 895	Outdoor Advertising Signs	Class D
(6)	Chapter 1101	Administration, Cincinnati Building Code	Class E
(7)	Chapter 1106	General and Specialty Contractors	Class E
(8)	Chapter 1107	Elevator and Conveyer Equipment	Class E
(9)	Chapter 1117	Housing Code	Class E
(10)	Chapter 1119	Building Hazard Abatement Code	Class E
(11)	Chapter 1127	General Inspection Programs Code	Class E
(12)	Title XIV	Zoning Code	Class E
(13)	§ 1201-21	Maintenance	Class D
(14)	§ 1201-33	Evacuation	Class D
(15)	§ 1201-35	Spills and Leaks	Class D
(16)	Chapter 1235	Detectors, Early Fire Warning Systems	Class D
(17)	§ 1123-11(a)	Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration - Failure to register a vacant, foreclosed property.	Class E
(18)	§ 874-07(a)	Failure to Register Residential Rental Property	Class D
(19)	Chapter 1109	Flood Damage Reduction	Class E

(b) Class D Civil Offenses With Civil Fines Not Subject to 50% Reduction for Correction of Violation:

			Civil Fine for Subsequent Offense
(1)	§ 718-25	Secret Street Uses	Class E
(2)	§ 721-59	Taking Material from Streets	Class E
(3)	§ 729-71(c)(2)	Personal Property Left Abandoned on Streets and Sidewalks - 4 or more items	Class D

(4)	§ 761-14	Eviction or Retaliation by Landlord	Class E
(5)	Chapter 891	Home Improvement	Class E
(6)	§ 1201-47	Failure to Comply with Orders	Class D
(7)	§ 1219-21	Causing Fire Through Negligence	Class D
(8)	Chapter 1251	Fire Starting Apparatus	Class D
(9)	§ 759-4	Use of a Motor Vehicle to Facilitate a Drug Related Crime	Class D
(10)	Chapter 722	Management and Control of the Use of the City Right-of-Way	Class E
(11)	Chapter 730	Commercial Waste Franchises	
(12)	§ 856-25(c)	Violation of Limitations on Operators or Operation of Short Term Rentals	Class D
(13)	§ 1125-17(1)	Failure to Register a Vacant Building	Class E
(14)	§ 1601-57	Enforcement of Emergency Orders	Class D
(15)	§ 1601-59	Enforcement of Health Orders	Class D
(16)	§ 723-79	Failure to Obtain Streetcar Power-Down or Shutdown Work Permit	Class D
(17)	Chapter 811	e-Scooter Rental Franchises	Class D
(18)	§ 915-7	<u>Mandatory Reporting of Loss or Theft of Firearm or Dangerous Ordinance</u>	<u>Class D</u>

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to take action to mitigate the impacts of gun violence on the health and safety of the residents of and visitors to the City.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Deletions are indicated by strikethrough; additions are indicated by underline.

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PO Steven Lutterwiler D4
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2/17/23

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetgs,

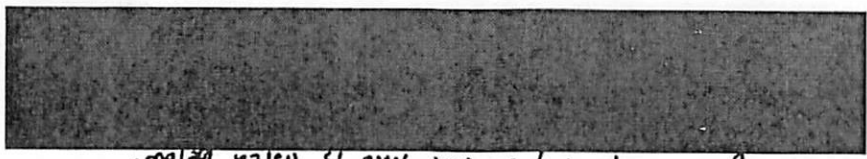
I had a firearm stolen from my vehicle on 11/8/22 in Downtown Cincinnati. My girlfriend and I went to eat dinner at the restaurant "Sotto" and when I walked my truck someone broke into my vehicle and stole my Sig Sauer pistol. I noticed that I had been robbed as soon as I got back into my vehicle to leave because everything that is normally in my console was on the floor. I immediately called the police to file the stolen firearm report.

The officer that filed the report called me a little over a week later and informed me that the suspect that stole the firearm had been arrested in possession of my firearm. He told me that my gun was going to be used in court proceedings for the next few weeks and after that was complete, I could reclaim my firearm.

I had not heard from anyone for a few months so I called the Cincinnati Police Department and the referred me to "Property". From there Melissa Powers informed me that my firearm was located in Property and provided me with the instructions for writing this letter.

Please see below for firearm details:
Make: Sig Sauer - P320 gun
Type: Handgun
Serial Number: [redacted]

I do not have the receipt from the purchase, but I do know that I bought it about 2 years ago at Sportsman's Warehouse in Crescent Springs, KY. I also do not have a physical copy of the police report but I am guessing that you all will be able to pull that up?
Thank you for your help. My contact info is listed below:



21020617
PO Brennan Hiatt
NICS ✓ dk

Dear, Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A,
Theetge, Interim police Chief

Today I'm writing you because my firearm was stolen out of my car and was retrieved by Cincinnati police. The firearm was stolen from my vehicle from a Kroger parking lot while I was shopping. The firearm that was stolen has the following details

Serial Number: [REDACTED]

Make/Model: Sig Sauer P365 9mm S.A.S edition

Appearance: The weapon is all black with an integrated green dot iron sight

Purchase Location/Date: Point Blank Firing range 10930, Deerfield Rd, Cincinnati OH 45242, On 3/21/2021

I also still have the original carrying case and locking mechanism. Thanks for taking the time out of your day and I hope you and your family has been well throughout these tough times. If anymore information is required please feel free to contact me via Email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Cincinnati Police Department
ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Interim Police Chief
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214**

My gun was stolen out of my vehicle the morning of October 27, 2021, around 2:30am. I thought I had locked my vehicle, but I guess that I didn't, I later found out that my key fob battery had died. Someone came and knocked on my door that morning saying their vehicle was broken into and that my door was open on mine and I needed to check which I did and the first thing I looked for was my gun and it was gone. I immediately called the police dept. to make a report, and officer came out around 10:30 am on October 27, 2021, but I never received a copy of the report.

**S&W shield M2 .380 pistol
Serial number- [REDACTED]**



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Feb. 9, 2022

Cincinnati Police Department
Attn: Colonel Eliot Isaac, Police Chief
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

I brought my gun with me to the hotel I was staying in, but I knew I would not be able to take it in to the musical I was attending so I left it in the room in the bed side drawer. When I checked out the next day, I forgot it. When I called they said they were going to turn it in to the police.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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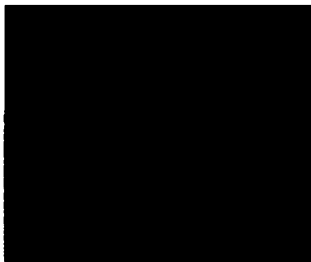
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Chief Isaac,

I am writing you in regards to my S&W 380 Body Guard. Serial number [REDACTED] On February 12th 2022, we visited Cincinatti for a night and stayed at the Holiday Inn Hotel. I am a CCW carrier and brought it for my own safety, I put it away in the hotel drawer and checked out of the hotel on February 13th, 2022, and left without it. Upon calling and finding out where my property was, I was told to send you a letter explaining why my property is there at your PD. I look forward to hearing back from you, and getting this resolved.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Regards,



2/24/22
emailed to CPU

DATE RECEIVED	TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED	TOTAL ITEMS
02/15/2022	\$0.00	5

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22010472
PO Daykesha Collins P3
NICS ✓ = OK

Return of Firearm

Brief Description

I accidentally left my firearm at a restaurant called Incline Public House on a chair beside me. I went back the following day. The manager told me that I my firearm was taken by a police officer.

Type of Firearm

Ruger 380 Auto LCP with a long clip in a holster. Serial number is [REDACTED].

Contact Info

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date: 6-28-2022

2201576
PO Timothy Campbell 02
NICs ✓ dk

Date: July 31, 2022
To: Dear Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge,
Interim Police Chief
From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Return of Firearm: Glock 17, Generation 2
(Serial Number: [REDACTED])

I am writing to request the return of my licensed firearm: Glock 17, Generation 2 (Serial Number: FID20110255). On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, around 9:00am was getting my 8-year-old daughter ready for summer camp. As I was loading my daughter and various items into the car, I placed the firearm on top of the car to assist my daughter as she was having challenges getting into the car with her belongings. This resulted in me getting distracted and leaving the firearm on top of the car while driving en route to our destination. Thereafter, I realized that my firearm was missing and took immediately acted by retracing my steps to recover it. Once I was unable to locate the firearm, I filed an in-person report with the Forest Park Police Department. In speaking with Officer Massaro on Thursday, July 14th I was happy to learn that the firearm was found that same day; he informed me that I would need to write a formal letter to request the return of my firearm.

As a licensed firearm holder, I understand the responsibility and importance of gun safety. This incident was an isolated one and I take full accountability for my actions. I seek your concurrence in the return of my firearm with a commitment to you that this will never happen again.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Acc # 23003341
PO K. KERREGAN D-4
NCIC ✓ = OK MP



2-24-2023

P.O.K. Kerregan



801 Linn St

Cincinnati, OH 45203

Dear P.O.K. Kerregan

I apologize so much for killing my dog in the basement, she attacked me and locked on to my hand (left) and wrist. I shot her three times and it took a major mental toll on both me and my son [REDACTED]. Since then, we've both been seeking consoling because of the major lost in our family. I broke a secrete bond within us three. Even my ex-girlfriend was surprised. I apologized again or wish I could the neighbor upstairs for her daughter seeing me naked; butt naked outside. I believe I was drunk . I had my dog for more then 8 years and knew to put her out because their territorial animals, chained up to a tree. I was hesitant because she got bucked by a dear and was injured badly to where it took her about a month to recover, maybe even longer. I politely ask in the matter my I receive my 9mm Hand gun back, It's a Smith and Wesson SDV9.

Sincerely



72012366
PO Cam Blackwell dt
Nics ✓ = ok

Lieutenant Colonel
Teresa A. Theetge
Interim Police Chief
310 Ezzard Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

On July 23rd I was taking care of
my father and I left my gun at his
house because I couldn't take it to work with me.
Which in time there was a fight that
resulted in the gent. man. damaging the
gun in my father's hands and that's when
the police had a warrant to search my
father's house for the gun the gent. man
had gave him and that's when they retrieved
my gun

Tarus PT 111 G2A

S/N [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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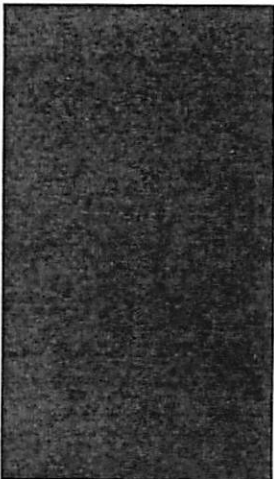
Cincinnati Police Department
ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A Thetge, Interim Police Chief
300 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

Dear Police Chief,

My name is [REDACTED] I lost my gun,
a Sig Sauer P 380 9mm, Serial Number [REDACTED]

In a friends car on accident, officer used their
car to go to the range. This gun was offered
to me by my father [REDACTED], who is the
registered owner. (This can be verified by contacting
him and by letter signed by both parties).

My contact information will be listed below
If you would like that verification by my father,
I am requesting to get my property back if
possible,



77004321
PO Corey Gould CGW
NICS V de

Dear ,Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge

Hello Lieutenant, I'm writing you today in regards to a firearm that was confiscated by an emu officer. I was unaware at the time that my brother was at my mom's house on the emu box. I took My fire arm there Simply because i had no where else to put it. Then I dropped it off at around 3 am at my moms an Went to a hotel by 10 am i was getting a call saying the police had arrested my Brother for my firearm.

Firearm info:

[Redacted]

Contact info:

[Redacted]

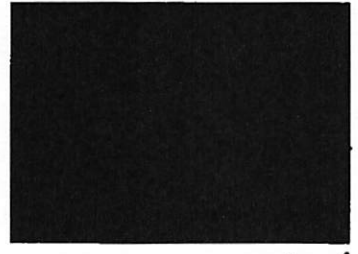
Thank you

[Redacted]

22013908
PO Bryan Detk 03
Nils V. de

To: Colonel Theresa Therger
My name is [redacted] born August 21 1982
I live at [redacted] number is [redacted]
[redacted] took my phone

gun and shot a house up, I was waiting for
his final court date, but he unfortunately killed
himself, I bought that gun for protection with
my income tax money, I'm hoping I can please
have it back. The gun is a tik 45 gmm USA
Flac" [redacted] and
has an American flag on it. The gun was [redacted]
He took the gun without my permission. Feel free
to call me anytime.



Acc # 21014025

PO Burroughs D-3

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4/29/2023

Dear Chief Teresa A. Theetge

My name is [REDACTED]

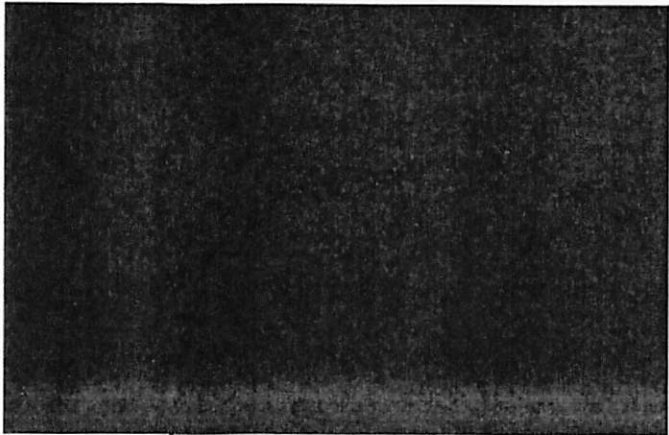
And I'm writing you in regards to my personal hand gun.

My gun was stolen from me on 8/7/2021 by my grandson while he and his mom were staying with me. My gun was locked in a case and not loaded at the time but the clip was also in the case, I had no knowledge of him taking my gun or firing it until the police knocked on my door at about 2am in the morning. Its been 2 years and my daughter and her son has moved. I'm writing to ask for my gun back I'm a single woman and would like to have my gun for my own protection.

The gun is a Walker P99 40 Caliber serial number [REDACTED]

I would like to thank you for

PS
The produce says to
Describe why you are arm
was taken I have no clue
of why he took it or how he
knew where it was (in my closet
on the top shelf under a shoe
box).



once again my name

~~John~~
taking the time to read
my letter.

4/29/2023

Ace # 23002270
PO Jordan D-3
NCIC ✓ = OK MP

[REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I'm requesting the return of my firearm,
which is a ~~SA&W~~ S&W M&P 15 223R
On 2/7/23 it was taken into Police Custody.
It was first taken by my minor sister who
struggles with mental health. Unfortunately,
she took my keys while I was asleep and
took my gun. I'm thankful and grateful for
the police officers who were notified and
~~ended~~ ended up stopping her. I'm also thankful
~~that~~ that no charges were filed against her
due to her mental health. Since then she
was hospitalized and sent to inpatient care
and is continuing seeking the necessary help
that she needs. I'm the proud big brother
to say she is graduating on 5/10/23 and
that I would never put my loved ones in
harm's way. I do have a safe for it and
now know to have the key separated from
my other keys. I've invested a lot of my
hard earned money into purchasing this
~~firearm~~ firearm. I'm asking for its return,

PLEASE AND THANK
YOU 05/5/23

210042885
PO Raymond Marsh P4

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:56 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: [External Email] Re: Gun Return Request

Nics V=OK

FYI: update

[Redacted]

External Email Communication

Make: Taurus
Model: G3 9mm
Serial number: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

My fire had got taken because I left it in a friend car, I had call him to tell him that I left it and can he bring to me. He said he was busy and will bring it soon, but he got pullover traffic stop

Sent from my iPhone

[Redacted]

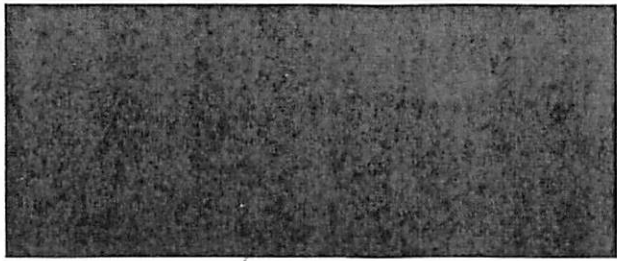
Good morning [Redacted]

In order to begin processing your gun return request, we will need more information from you. Please provide us the following information:

1. Full description of the firearm (make, model, serial number) and the legal owners complete contact information (name, mailing address, phone number).
2. Brief description of the incident that caused your firearm to be lost, stolen, or taken.

You can provide us that information in an email if you'd like, but we cannot begin the process until we have it. Also, it is important to note that once we begin processing your request, it can take anywhere from 3 to 8 weeks to complete. You will receive a letter from the police department advising you when it is time to pick up your firearm. I hope that you find this information helpful and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



SINCERELY

I WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY THE TRENTON OHIO
POLICE DEPT. THEY ADVISED ME THAT ONE OF MY
STOLEN GUNS HAD BEEN LOCATED. THE NAME
OF THE GUN HAS BEEN VERIFIED, AS HAS THE SERIAL
NUMBER. IT WAS STOLEN BY MY OLDEST GRANDSON
WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE AT THE TIME. HOW
HE MANAGED TO GET THE COMBINATION TO
GET MY GUN SAFE, I JUST DON'T KNOW
HE NO LONGER LIVE IN MY HOUSE. HE WAS
PROSECUTED BY ME, TRIED AND CONVICTED.
HE SPENT 12 MONTH IN THE LOUDY JAIL.
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY GUN BACK.
ANY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THIS MATTER
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. I AM WELL
VERSED IN GUNS AND GUN SAFETY

ATT. Chief ISAAC

2/02/2021
PO William Godtz
NICS ✓ = dx
dx

JANUARY 20, 2022

My firearm was taking Because my Aunt Foster
Kid stole it out of my Room and fired it in the Backyard
the officer told me he was bringing it back and never did
Almost a year now



01/30/2025

Cincinnati Police Department
Attn: Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Threlge,
Interim Police Chief
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati Ohio, 45214

My firearm was in my boyfriend's
backpack and he went to jail
Springfield Armory XD-9mm 3" SC
DICKS Pistol HC, Serial No: [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED]. current
address is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. cell phone number is [REDACTED]

I am trying to retrieve my firearm
what steps do I need to take to re-
trieve it?

202302794
Date: December 6, 2023

To: Councilmember Liz Keating
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Gun Legislation Charging Fees**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING Chapter 708, “Dangerous Weapons and Fireworks,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 708-30, “Fee Associated with Return of Firearm,” to recoup the expenses incurred by the City in processing the requests of firearm owners for the return of firearms, including verification of firearm ownership, right to own a firearm, and confirmation that the weapon is not associated with outstanding crimes.

EESW/CMZ(dmm)
Attachment
39084

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

CMZ

FEW

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

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WHEREAS, more Ohioans died from firearms in 2021 than almost any year on record, according to Ohio Department of Health data; and

WHEREAS, gun violence has plagued our nation and our city, robbing us of our most valuable assets, our people; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, Council passed Resolution No. 11-2022, expressing Council’s “commitment to reducing the prevalence of gun violence in our City and protecting citizens from gun violence” and Council’s belief that gun violence is a public health crisis in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released mortality data in 2022 that showed 45,222 firearm-related deaths occurred in the United States, which is a new high in deaths related to guns; and

WHEREAS, according to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in 2020, “firearm-related injuries surpassed motor vehicle crashes to become the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 19 years in the United States”; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) takes possession of guns in the course of arrests and criminal investigations, and CPD receives requests from individuals claiming ownership of and the lawful right to possess such guns, asking that the guns be returned to them; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 2923.13 and CMC 915-5 limit who may legally own or possess firearms, and CPD must confirm that the person requesting the return of the firearm is the legal owner of the firearm and is legally permitted to have the gun before returning the firearm; and

WHEREAS, CPD therefore must verify whether an individual requesting return of a gun in CPD’s possession owns the gun and whether that person is legally allowed to possess the gun; and

WHEREAS, CPD incurs costs in processing such requests to ensure that such guns are returned only to their rightful and legally authorized owners; and

WHEREAS, as of the passage of this ordinance, CPD calculates the costs of processing such requests as approximately \$200; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that such costs should be borne by gun owners seeking return of their weapons, unless such weapons were stolen from the owners; and

WHEREAS, the safety of City residents is of paramount importance and requires Council to act to ensure that any guns that come into CPD's possession are returned only to their rightful, legally authorized owners; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department encounters gun violence and works through targeted programs to combat gun violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department Crime Analysis and Problem Solving Unit uses data to understand the root of the gun violence epidemic in our community and to generate effective solutions to a systemic problem; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department Crime Gun Intelligence Center uses extensive knowledge, data, and expertise to solve the complex challenges and cases regarding gun violence in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Department of Law works meticulously with the City's data and the extremely limiting firearm laws set by the Ohio State Legislature to craft legislation to help save the lives of Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, Council appropriates significant resources funded by taxpayers to combat gun violence - and particularly youth gun violence - to save the lives of Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's office works closely with community advocates and non-profit partners to reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these efforts make an impact in reducing gun violence and saving lives in Cincinnati, but more is needed from the Ohio State Legislature to help save the lives of citizens and ensure a brighter future for our youth; and

WHEREAS, the attachments show examples of how the Ohio State Legislature can save lives and promote happy, healthy, lively futures for our youth; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 708-30, "Fees for Return of Certain Firearms to Owners," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is enacted as follows:

Section 708-30. -- Fee for Return of Certain Firearms to Owners.

- (a) An owner of a firearm may request the return of the owner's firearm from the police department when the police department is in possession of the firearm and the firearm is not held as evidence or otherwise required by the police department for official use. The owner shall pay a fee of \$200 at the time the owner requests the return of the firearm to the owner to cover the city's costs associated with the testing of the firearm, verification of ownership, any necessary background check of the owner or person designated by the owner to possess the firearm on behalf of the owner, and processing the request for the return of the firearm. The fee is nonrefundable and shall be paid regardless of whether the firearm is returned.
- (b) This section does not apply when:
 - (1) The person requesting the return of the firearm is the verified owner of the firearm who is permitted to acquire, have, carry, or use any firearm pursuant to federal, state, and Cincinnati law; and the firearm was stolen from the verified owner; and the owner reported the firearm as stolen to the appropriate local authorities as required by Ohio law or the Cincinnati Municipal Code; or
 - (2) State law or a court order specifically requires the police department to return the firearm to the verified owner without the owner paying a fee.
- (c) Procedures for Return of Firearms.
 - (1) The chief of police shall establish an appropriate procedure for the destruction or use for appropriate law enforcement purposes of any unclaimed firearm provided that appropriate notice requirements have been met. This procedure shall include an appropriate procedure for tracking confiscated firearms that are used for law enforcement purposes.
 - (2) The chief of police shall determine and annually adjust the structure and amount of fees charged pursuant to this section, provided the aggregate annual revenue from such fees is based on recovering the projected costs of processing the request for the return of the firearm, including the cost of testing of the firearm, verifying firearm ownership, any necessary background check of the owner or person designated by the owner to possess the firearm on behalf of the owner, processing the request for the return of the firearm, and all other direct services and related administrative, educational, technological, and incidental services.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to take action to mitigate the impacts of gun violence on the health and safety of the residents of and visitors to the City.

Passed: _____, 2023

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Attest: _____
Clerk

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PO Steven Lutterwiler 04
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2/17/23

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetgs,

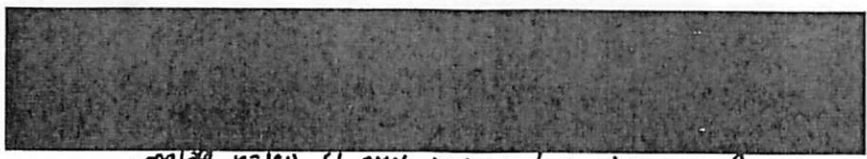
I had a firearm stolen from my vehicle on 11/8/22 in Downtown Cincinnati. My girlfriend and I went to eat dinner at the restaurant "Sotto" and when I walked my truck someone broke into my vehicle and stole my Sig Sauer pistol. I noticed that I had been robbed as soon as I got back into my vehicle to leave because everything that is normally in my console was on the floor. I immediately called the police to file the stolen firearm report.

The officer that filed the report called me a little over a week later and informed me that the suspect that stole the firearm had been arrested in possession of my firearm. He told me that my gun was going to be used in court proceedings for the next few weeks and after that was complete, I could reclaim my firearm.

I had not heard from anyone for a few months so I called the Cincinnati Police Department and the referred me to "Property". From there Melissa Powers informed me that my firearm was located in Property and provided me with the instructions for writing this letter.

Please see below for firearm details:
Make: Sig Sauer - P320
Type: Handgun
Serial Number: [redacted]

I do not have the receipt from the purchase, but I do know that I bought it about 2 years ago at Sportsman's Warehouse in Crescent Springs, KY. I also do not have a physical copy of the police report but I am guessing that you all will be able to pull that up? Thank you for your help. My contact info is listed below:



2102-0617
PO Brennan Hiatt
NICS ✓=ok

Dear, Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A,
Theetge, Interim police Chief

Today I'm writing you because my firearm was stolen out of my car and was retrieved by Cincinnati police. The firearm was stolen from my vehicle from a Kroger parking lot while I was shopping. The firearm that was stolen has the following details

Serial Number: [REDACTED]

Make/Model: Sig Sauer P365 9mm S.A.S edition

Appearance: The weapon is all black with an integrated green dot iron sight

Purchase Location/Date: Point Blank Firing range 10930, Deerfield Rd, Cincinnati OH 45242, On 3/21/2021

I also still have the original carrying case and locking mechanism. Thanks for taking the time out of your day and I hope you and your family has been well throughout these tough times. If anymore information is required please feel free to contact me via Email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Cincinnati Police Department
ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge, Interim Police Chief
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214**

My gun was stolen out of my vehicle the morning of October 27, 2021, around 2:30am. I thought I had locked my vehicle, but I guess that I didn't, I later found out that my key fob battery had died. Someone came and knocked on my door that morning saying their vehicle was broken into and that my door was open on mine and I needed to check which I did and the first thing I looked for was my gun and it was gone. I immediately called the police dept. to make a report, and officer came out around 10:30 am on October 27, 2021, but I never received a copy of the report.

**S&W shield M2 .380 pistol
Serial number- [REDACTED]**



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Feb. 9, 2022

Cincinnati Police Department
Attn: Colonel Eliot Isaac, Police Chief
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

I brought my gun with me to the hotel I was staying in, but I knew I would not be able to take it in to the musical I was attending so I left it in the room in the bed side drawer. When I checked out the next day, I forgot it. When I called they said they were going to turn it in to the police.

[REDACTED]

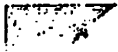
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Thank you,

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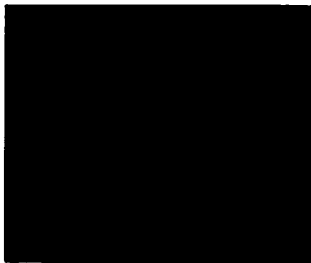


Chief Isaac,

I am writing you in regards to my S&W 380 Body Guard. Serial number [REDACTED] On February 12th 2022, we visited Cincinatti for a night and stayed at the Holiday Inn Hotel. I am a CCW carrier and brought it for my own safety, I put it away in the hotel drawer and checked out of the hotel on February 13th, 2022, and left without it. Upon calling and finding out where my property was, I was told to send you a letter explaining why my property is there at your PD. I look forward to hearing back from you, and getting this resolved.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Regards,



2/24/22
emailed to CPU

PROPERTY RECEIVED FROM CITY OFFICER	DATE RECEIVED	TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED	TOTAL ITEMS
	02/15/2022	\$0.00	5
			rPropSht

22010472
PO Daycena Collins P3
NIC5 ✓ = OK

Return of Firearm

Brief Description

I accidentally left my firearm at a restaurant called Incline Public House on a chair beside me. I went back the following day. The manager told me that I my firearm was taken by a police officer.

Type of Firearm

Ruger 380 Auto LCP with a long clip in a holster. Serial number is [REDACTED].

Contact Info

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date: 6-28-2022

2201576
PO Timothy Campbell 02
NICs ✓ dk

Date: July 31, 2022
To: Dear Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge,
Interim Police Chief
From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Return of Firearm: Glock 17, Generation 2
(Serial Number: [REDACTED])

I am writing to request the return of my licensed firearm: Glock 17, Generation 2 (Serial Number: FID20110255). On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, around 9:00am was getting my 8-year-old daughter ready for summer camp. As I was loading my daughter and various items into the car, I placed the firearm on top of the car to assist my daughter as she was having challenges getting into the car with her belongings. This resulted in me getting distracted and leaving the firearm on top of the car while driving en route to our destination. Thereafter, I realized that my firearm was missing and took immediately acted by retracing my steps to recover it. Once I was unable to locate the firearm, I filed an in-person report with the Forest Park Police Department. In speaking with Officer Massaro on Thursday, July 14th I was happy to learn that the firearm was found that same day; he informed me that I would need to write a formal letter to request the return of my firearm.

As a licensed firearm holder, I understand the responsibility and importance of gun safety. This incident was an isolated one and I take full accountability for my actions. I seek your concurrence in the return of my firearm with a commitment to you that this will never happen again.

Thank you,

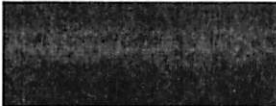
[REDACTED]

Acc # 23003341
PO K. KERREGAN D-4
NCIC ✓ = OK MP



2-24-2023

P.O.K. Kerregan



801 Linn St

Cincinnati, OH 45203

Dear P.O.K. Kerregan

I apologize so much for killing my dog in the basement, she attacked me and locked on to my hand (left) and wrist. I shot her three times and it took a major mental toll on both me and my son [REDACTED]. Since then, we've both been seeking consoling because of the major lost in our family. I broke a secrete bond within us three. Even my ex-girlfriend was surprised. I apologized again or wish I could the neighbor upstairs for her daughter seeing me naked; butt naked outside. I believe I was drunk. I had my dog for more then 8 years and knew to put her out because their territorial animals, chained up to a tree. I was hesitant because she got bucked by a dear and was injured badly to where it took her about a month to recover, maybe even longer. I politely ask in the matter my I receive my 9mm Hand gun back, It's a Smith and Wesson SDV9.

Sincerely



72012366
PO Cam Blackwell dk
Nics ✓ = dk

Lieutenant Colonel
Teresa A. Theetge
Interm Police Chief
310 Ezzard Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

On July 23rd I was taking care of
my father and I left my gun at his
house because I couldn't take it to work with me.
Which in time there was a fight that
resulted in the gentleman damaging the
gun in my father's hands and that's when
the police had a warrant to search my
father's house for the gun the gentleman
had gave him and that's when they retrieved
my gun

Tarus PT 111 G2A

S/N [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

21011097
PO Cathy Pagan DS
NLS ✓ JK

10/17/22

Cincinnati Police Department
ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A Thetge, Interim Police Chief
300 Ezzard Chrysler Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

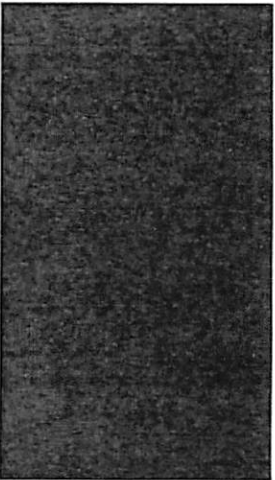
Dear Police Chief,

My name is [REDACTED] I lost my gun,
a Sig Sauer P 320 9mm, Serial Number [REDACTED]

In a friends car on accident, after used their
car to go to the range. This gun was gifted
to me by my father [REDACTED], who is the
registered owner. (This can be verified by contacting
him and by letter signed by both parties.)

My contact information will be listed below

If you would like that verification by my father,
I am requesting to get my property back if
possible,



Dear ,Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. Theetge

77004321
PO Corey Gault CGW
NICS ✓ dk

Hello Lieutenant, I'm writing you today in regards to a firearm that was confiscated by an emu officer. I was unaware at the time that my brother was at my mom's house on the emu box. I took My fire arm there Simply because i had no where else to put it. Then I dropped it off at around 3 am at my moms an Went to a hotel by 10 am i was getting a call saying the police had arrested my Brother for my firearm.

Firearm info:

[REDACTED]

Contact info:

[REDACTED]

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Po Bryan Detk D3
Nics V: dk

TO: Colonel Theresa Theetoe

My name is [REDACTED], born August 21 1982
I live at [REDACTED] My phone
number is [REDACTED] Took my
gun and shot a house up. I was waiting for
his final court date, but he unfortunately killed
himself. I bought that gun for protection with
my income tax money. I'm hoping I can please
have it back. The gun is a G1K 45 9mm USA
Flac. [REDACTED] and
has an American flag on it. The gun was [REDACTED]
He took the gun without my permission. Feel free
to call me anytime.

[REDACTED]

Acc # 21014026

PO Burroughs D-3

NCIC ✓ = OK MP

4/29/2023

Dear Chief Teresa A. Theetge

My name is [REDACTED]

And I'm writing you in regards
to my personal hand gun.

My gun was stolen from
me on 8/7/2021 by my grandson
while he and his mom were
staying with me. My gun was
locked in a case and not loaded
at the time but the clip was
also in the case, I had no
knowledge of him taking my gun
or firing it until the police
knocked on my door at about 2am
in the morning. Its been 2 years
and my daughter and her son has
moved. I'm writing to ask for
my gun back I'm a single woman
and would like to have my gun
for my own protection.

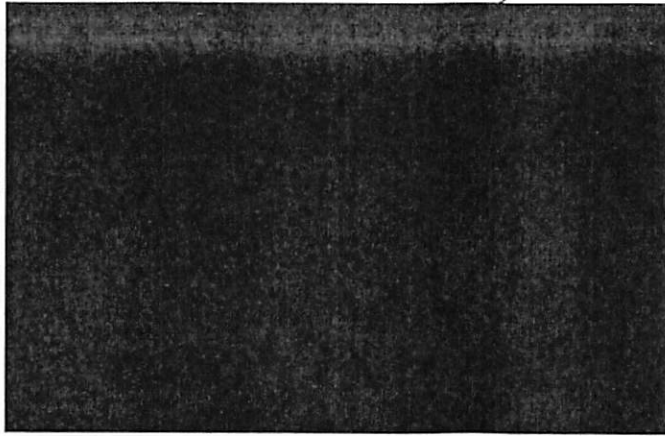
The gun is a Walker
P99 40 Caliber serial number [REDACTED]

I would like to thank you for

4/29/2023

~~John~~
Taking the time to read
my letter.

Once again my name



P.S

The procedure says to
Describe why the Fire Arm
was taken I have no clue
of why he took it or how he
knew where it was (In my closet
on the top shelf under 2 shoe
boxes.

Ace # 23002270
PO Jordan D-3
NCIC ✓ = OK MP

[REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I'm requesting the return of my firearm,
which is a ~~6P~~ S&W M&P 15 223R
on 2/7/23 it was taken into police custody.
It was first taken by my minor sister who
struggles with mental health. Unfortunately,
she took my keys while I was asleep and
took my gun. I'm thankful and grateful for
the police officers who were notified and
~~ended~~ ended up stopping her. I'm also thankful
~~for~~ that no charges were filed against her
due to her mental health. Since then she
was hospitalized and sent to inpatient care
and is continuing seeking the necessary help
that she needs. I'm the proud big brother
to say she is graduating on 5/10/23 and
that I would never put my loved ones in
harm's way. I do have a safe for it and
now know to have the key separated from
my other keys. I've invested a lot of my
hard earned money into purchasing this
~~firearm~~ firearm. I'm asking for its return,

PLEASE AND THANK
YOU 05/5/23

21004285
PO Raymond Marsh P4

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:56 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: [External Email] Re: Gun Return Request

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FYI: update

[Redacted]

External Email Communication

Make: Taurus
Model: G3 9mm
Serial number: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

My fire had got taken because I left it in a friend car, I had call him to tell him that I left it and can he bring to me. He said he was busy and will bring it soon, but he got pullover traffic stop

Sent from my iPhone

[Redacted]

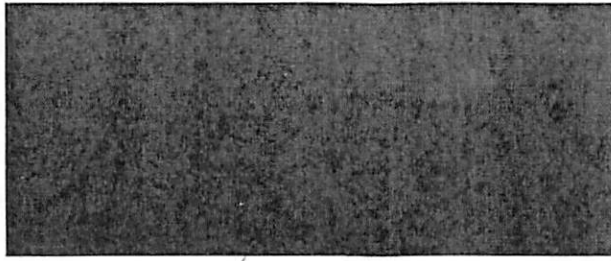
Good morning [Redacted]

In order to begin processing your gun return request, we will need more information from you. Please provide us the following information:

1. Full description of the firearm (make, model, serial number) and the legal owners complete contact information (name, mailing address, phone number).
2. Brief description of the incident that caused your firearm to be lost, stolen, or taken.

You can provide us that information in an email if you'd like, but we cannot begin the process until we have it. Also, it is important to note that once we begin processing your request, it can take anywhere from 3 to 8 weeks to complete. You will receive a letter from the police department advising you when it is time to pick up your firearm. I hope that you find this information helpful and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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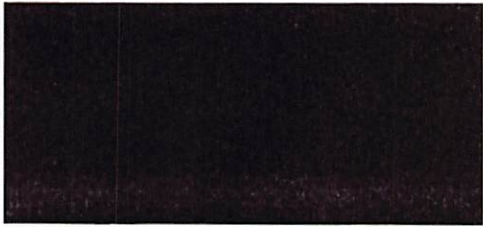
I WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY THE TRENTON OHIO
POLICE DEPT. THEY ADVISED ME THAT ONE OF MY
STOLEN GUNS HAD BEEN LOCATED. THE NAME
OF THE GUN HAS BEEN VERIFIED, AS HAS THE SERIAL
NUMBER. IT WAS STOLEN BY MY OLDEST GRANDSON
WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE AT THE TIME. HOW
HE MANAGED TO GET THE COMBINATION TO
GET MY GUN SAFE, I JUST DON'T KNOW
HE NO LONGER LIVE IN MY HOUSE. HE WAS
PROSECUTED BY ME, TRIED AND CONVICTED.
HE SPENT 12 MONTH IN THE LOUDY JAIL.
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY GUN BACK.
ANY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THIS MATTER
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. I AM WELL
VERSED IN GUNS AND GUN SAFETY

ATT. Chief ISAAC

1/20/2022
PO William Godtz
Miss V = dr
DT

JANUARY 20, 2022

My firearm was taking, Because my Aunt foster
Kid stole it out of my Room and fired it in the Backyard
the officer told me he was bringing it back and never did
Almost a year now



01/30/2025

Cincinnati Police Department
Attn: Lieutenant Carol Teresa A. Threlge,
Interim Police Chief
30 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati OH, 45214

My firearm was in my boyfriend's
backpack and he went to jail
Springfield Armory XD-9mm: 3" SC
Black Pistol HC, Serial No: [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED], current
address is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], cell phone number is [REDACTED]

I am trying to retrieve my firearm
what steps do I need to take to re-
trieve it?