



# Wadesboro Police Department

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TO: Mayor Thacker, Town Council, and Interim Town Manager Allen  
FROM: Chief Thedis L. Spencer  
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REF: Found Property/Guns

An unclaimed firearm means a firearm that is found or received by a law enforcement agency and that remains unclaimed by the owner.

The Wadesboro Police Evidence Room was a high priority in the moving of the Police Department. We have two Evidence Custodians whom are Sergeant E. Davis, and Detective T. Ricketts. They both have received training in the management of the evidence room. No one else is authorized to have access to the evidence room, which includes the chief of Police. All evidence from the Police Department move has been logged and accounted for.

A large issue for the Police Department is found property. Found Property such as unclaimed firearms, not confiscated, or seized for trial evidence.

Detective T. Ricketts is here today to explain to you some options for the destruction of found guns stored in the evidence room.

With your memo, you have a copy of unclaimed property of guns, a copy of guns that we definitely destroy without serial numbers, and a copy of guns that are unsafe.

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**APRIL 7, 2018 MINUTES**

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The following firearms are to be disposed of in the following manner:  
Official use or sale, trade, exchange to a federally licensed firearm dealer in accordance with all applicable state and federal firearm laws, within the agencies discretion.

1. Taurus .45 Caliber Handgun (S/N: NNK15027)
2. GT-27 Model 25 (S/N: M15704)
3. Taurus Model Ultra-lite Revolver (S/N: AP43220)
4. Helwan 9MM (S/N: 1071446)
5. Beretta Model New Puma (S/N: A13337)
6. New England Firearms 12 Gauge (S/N: NX524289)
7. Lorcin Model L9MM (S/N: L109422)
8. Hi-Point Model JCP (S/N: X744558)
9. Smith & Wesson .32 Long (S/N: 571852)
10. Colt .22 Short Revolver (S/N: 129846)
11. Smith & Wesson Model SW40VE (S/N: PDC1740)
12. Hi-Point 9MM Handgun (S/N: P794977)
13. Winchester Shotgun (S/N: N914700)
14. Derringer .38 SPL (S/N: L64315)
15. Rock Island Armory .45 Caliber Handgun (S/N: 889722)
16. Cobra CB9 (S/N: CT089051)
17. Mossberg 500 (S/N: K842697)
18. Taurus PT24/7 PRO DS (S/N: TCR61021)
19. Marlin .22 Rifle (S/N: 194 62194)
20. Taurus .357 Revolver (S/N: 5206849)
21. Taurus Model PT145 Pro (S/N: NAT60214)
22. Ruger Ranch Rifle (S/N: 582-70953)
23. Taurus .38 Revolver (S/N: KB82169)
24. Ruger Mini-14 (S/N: 18744019)
25. Taurus Ultra-Lite (S/N: DM76587)
26. Titan .25 Caliber (S/N: A03382)
27. Harrington & Richardson's 12 Gauge (S/N: 204199)

The following firearms are unsafe for use because of wear, damage, age, or modifications made to the firearm:

1. Sears Model M200 (S/N: KB82169)
2. Iver Johnson Cadet Pistol (S/N: G6215)

The following firearms do not bear a legible unique identification number:

1. JC Higgins Model 1017 Shotgun
2. Springfield Model 120 Rifle

**§ 15-11.2. Disposition of unclaimed firearms not confiscated or seized as trial evidence.**

(a) **Definition.** - For purposes of this section, the term "unclaimed firearm" means a firearm that is found or received by a law enforcement agency and that remains unclaimed by the person who may be entitled to it for a period of 30 days after the publication of the notice required by subsection (b) of this section. The term does not include a firearm that is seized and disposed of pursuant to G.S. 15-11.1 or a firearm that is confiscated and disposed of pursuant to G.S. 14-269.1.

(b) **Published Notice of Unclaimed Firearm.** - When a law enforcement agency finds or receives a firearm and the firearm remains unclaimed for a period of 180 days, the agency shall publish at least one notice in a newspaper published in the county in which the agency is located. The notice shall include all of the following:

- (1) A statement that the firearm is unclaimed and is in the custody of the law enforcement agency.
- (2) A statement that the firearm may be sold or otherwise disposed of unless the firearm is claimed within 30 days of the date of the publication of the notice.
- (3) A brief description of the firearm and any other information that the chief or head of the law enforcement agency may consider necessary or advisable to reasonably inform the public about the firearm.

(c) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-158, s. 2, effective September 1, 2013, and applicable to any firearm found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that date and to any judicial order for the disposition of any firearm on or after that date.

(d) **Disposition of Unclaimed Firearm.** - If the firearm remains unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the publication of the notice, then the head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall order the disposition of the firearm in one of the following ways:

- (1) By having the firearm destroyed if the firearm does not have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for use because of wear, damage, age, or modification and will not be disposed of pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection. The head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall maintain a record of the destruction of the firearm.
- (2) By sale, trade, or exchange by the agency to a federally licensed firearm dealer in accordance with all applicable State and federal firearm laws or by sale of the firearm at a public auction to persons licensed as firearms collectors, dealers, importers, or manufacturers. The head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall dispose of the firearm pursuant to this subdivision only if the firearm has a legible, unique identification number.
- (3) By maintaining the firearm for training or experimental purposes or transferring the firearm to a museum or historical society.

(e) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-158, s. 2, effective September 1, 2013, and applicable to any firearm found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that date and to any judicial order for the disposition of any firearm on or after that date.

(f) **Disbursement of Proceeds of Sale.** - If the law enforcement agency sells the firearm pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, then the proceeds of the sale shall be retained by the law enforcement agency and used for law enforcement purposes. The receiving law enforcement agency shall maintain a record and inventory of all firearms received pursuant to this section, as well as the disposition of the firearm, including any funds received from a sale of a firearm or any firearms or other property received in exchange or trade of a firearm. (2005-287, s. 2; 2013-158, s. 2; 2013-410, s. 17(a); 2014-115, s. 2.)