



PRESS STATEMENT

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Subject: Police Department Addresses Firearm Discharge Incident during Fourth of July Festivities

On July 5, 2023, a concerned person visited the Police Department to report an incident of individuals discharging firearms during the previous night's Fourth of July celebrations around 11:00pm in the area of Church St. Officers investigated the matter and discovered several shell casings at the property. After a thorough examination, it was determined that the individuals involved had fired shots into the ground and air as part of their festivities. No one was injured from this incident.

The Chillicothe Police Department wishes to remind the public that discharging firearms within city limits is strictly prohibited and poses a significant danger to the community. Firing guns into the air, especially during celebratory events, can have severe consequences, including injury or death to innocent bystanders and damage to property.

The individuals responsible for discharging the firearms into the air and ground have been identified and charged with discharging firearms within city limits.

The Police Department encourages everyone to celebrate special occasions and holidays safely and responsibly. Please refrain from discharging firearms in residential areas and within city limits. Instead, consider alternative forms of celebration that do not put others at risk. Fireworks displays, community events, and other sanctioned festivities provide excellent opportunities for enjoyment without endangering lives or property.

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