

Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report

Case Number: B2022-16584	Incident Type: Found Property
Date of Incident: May 4, 2022	Incident Address: 620 Mason Street
Complainant #1: Julie Hodges	Complainant #1 Address: 620 Mason Street
Complainant #2: Jeff Hodges	Complainant #2 Address: 620 Mason Street

On May 4, 2022, at approximately 1005 hours, Investigator Carrie Fitz responded to a call from homeowners Jeff and Julie Hodges at 620 Mason Street in the Shady Brush neighborhood. The Hodges advised they had been clearing the heavy vegetation around their property line and planting new bushes as a hedge that day. Mrs. Hodges was digging a hole and hit something hard with the shovel. A box covered in a plastic bag was uncovered. The Hodges opened the box and found a firearm and miscellaneous items inside. The Hodges then called the Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to report the finding. The Hodges moved into their home on 620 Mason Street in August 2021 from out of state.

The responding officer packaged the found property as it was originally located by the Hodges and departed from the scene.

Upon return to the Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office on May 4, 2022, the collected items were observed, documented, and inventoried (see table below). The responding officer observed a tattered black in color plastic bag was surrounding a black in color metal box with a latch. Upon opening the latch, within the metal box was a black in color firearm wrapped in a small white in color towel presenting reddish-brown in color stains. A black in color magazine was found inside the firearm which was observed to have no cartridges loaded. Loose inside the box, the responding officer observed seven stray unfired cartridges and two face masks appearing to resemble ghost heads, commonly seen in Halloween costumes. The responding officer observed the interior of the black in color metal box to consist of insulated material and cardboard. Given the nature of the collective items, Sheriff Leon Crowley advised that the collected items should be prepared for submission to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory for forensic testing.

Agency Item Number	Agency Item Description	Disciplines Requested
BCSO-1	(1) Tattered black in color plastic bag	Latent Prints
BCSO-2	(1) Black in color metal box with latch with interior containing insulated material and cardboard	Latent Prints
BCSO-3	(1) Black in color Glock 17 pistol, 9x19 mm caliber (S/N: obliterated) and (1) unloaded black in color Glock 9mm magazine	DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms
BCSO-4	(7) Stray bronze and silver in color 9mm unfired cartridges with Luger headstamp	Latent Prints, Firearms
BCSO-5	(1) Small white in color towel with reddish-brown in color stains	DNA
BCSO-6	(1) Black in color Halloween-type face mask with white in color eye rings	DNA
BCSO-7	(1) Black in color Halloween-type face mask with purple in color eye rings	DNA

The responding officer packaged the inventoried items and placed them in the responding officer's secured evidence locker.

On May 9, 2022, the responding officer transported the items to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory for forensic testing with each item's associated forensic testing request forms.

No further action taken.

Responding Officer: Investigator Carrie Fitz (#625)	Date of Report: May 9, 2022
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