

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP,
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PURGE AND
DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN POLICE EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY PURSUANT TO
DISTRICT ATTORNEY APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, the Police Department of Hopewell Township maintains custody of evidence, property, and materials collected in connection with criminal investigations and related police activities; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, certain evidence and property become eligible for destruction, disposal, return, or administrative purge because the applicable criminal proceedings have concluded, statutory retention requirements have expired, the items are no longer needed for evidentiary purposes, or the District Attorney has approved disposition; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police (or designee) has submitted a list and inventory of evidence and property recommended for administrative purge and destruction; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney of Beaver County has reviewed the proposed purge list and has authorized the disposition/destruction of the listed items pursuant to the attached approval letter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that authorizing the administrative purge and destruction of the approved evidence and property is in the best interests of the Township and consistent with applicable law, records retention schedules, and police department procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the administrative purge, destruction, disposal, or other lawful disposition of the evidence and property identified in the inventory and as outlined in the letter from the District Attorney
2. The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, is authorized and directed to carry out the destruction or disposition of the approved items in accordance with:
 - o applicable Pennsylvania law;
 - o Township policy;
 - o evidence retention procedures; and
 - o the authorization issued by the Office of the District Attorney.
3. Documentation of the destruction or disposition process shall be maintained by the Police Department, including inventories, photographs if applicable, witness signatures, and certificates of destruction where appropriate.
4. Any narcotics, firearms, hazardous materials, or sensitive evidence shall be disposed of only in accordance with all applicable federal, state, county, and departmental regulations and procedures.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 26TH day of MAY, .

Attest:



Jamie Yurcina, Hopewell Township Manager



Joe Kusnir, President

Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners

Nathan L. Bible
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



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Chief Donald Sedlacek
Hopewell Township Police Department
1700 Clark Boulevard
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Re: Administrative Purge Request for Hopewell Township Police Department

Dear Chief Sedlacek,

Please be advised that after considering your Administrative Purge Request, I have decided to approve your request. As a result of my approval, you may do the following:

1. Destroy any drugs and paraphernalia that is beyond the statute of limitations;
2. Purge any evidence provided that the following is satisfied:
 - a. The evidence is not related to an active case or case pending a PCRA or appeal;
 - b. The evidence is not related to any conviction for which the Defendant is still incarcerated;
 - c. The lead charge for the evidence is beyond the statute of limitations; and
 - d. The evidence is not a firearm or valuable.

If you plan on destroying or selling any firearms, you may not do so unless they have been submitted to Assistant District Attorney Connor Battin. You can contact him at cbattin@beavercountypa.gov should you have any questions or concerns. Additionally, If you have any cash or other valuables in your evidence locker, please do not purge them from your evidence room until after you have contacted Assistant District Attorney Max Schmierer at mschmierer@beavercountypa.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything in this letter, please contact Assistant District Attorney Connor Battin.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bible, District Attorney, Beaver County