



PRESS RELEASE

Warren Police investigate shooting of 3-year-old caused by unsecured handgun

The Warren Police Department is providing updated information regarding an accidental shooting that occurred on the evening of January 20, 2026. As of this morning, the three-year-old child remains hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

At approximately 10:15 p.m. last night, Warren Police officers were dispatched to Henry Ford Warren Hospital regarding a child with a gunshot wound. Upon arrival, officers identified the three-year-old male child with a gunshot wound to his hand. The child was accompanied by his mother, a 24-year-old Warren resident.

The preliminary investigation revealed that this incident occurred at the family's residence at The Cove Apartments in Warren. Investigators learned that the child located an unsecured semi-automatic handgun inside the apartment and discharged a single round, striking himself in the hand. No other injuries were reported.

Investigators subsequently executed a search warrant at the apartment, where they recovered the unsecured firearm and other evidence consistent with the accidental discharge. Investigators are processing additional evidence and working to interview another adult who may have information about what led up to this incident.

Upon completion of the investigation, the findings will be submitted to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office for a formal review and determination of potential criminal charges. Potential charges include violations of Michigan's Safe Storage Law passed in 2023.

"This is a heartbreaking incident that underscores the critical importance of secure firearm storage," said Warren Police Commissioner Eric Hawkins. While we are relieved the child is in stable condition, this tragedy was entirely preventable. We urge every gun owner to use gun locks and safes to ensure that weapons never fall into the hands of a child. We will continue to investigate this matter thoroughly to ensure accountability and to protect the safety of our community's children."

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