

Goodyear Police Department

Internal Affairs Unit

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ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION

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Complaint Date and Location:

January 14, 2026,
Goodyear Police Department Property and Evidence
2711 South La Luna, Goodyear, AZ 85338

Investigator:

Sergeant Sarah Cannon #1155
Internal Affairs Unit
Goodyear Police Department

Subject Employee Name(s):

Andrea Gamez
Property and Evidence Supervisor
Goodyear Police Department

Witness Name(s):

Detective Noah Yeo #1167
Special Victims Unit
Goodyear Police Department

Jennifer Calovini
Support Services Manager
Goodyear Police Department

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Property Employees:

Employee Name	Date of Hire	Termination Date	Reason for termination
Lori Ohrt	05.09.05	11.29.21	Voluntary
Elizabeth Raisor	06.06.16	03.24.17	Involuntary
Bruce Gillum	07.17.17	10.14.22	Voluntary
Casie Phillips	030.2.20	10.31.23	Involuntary
Andrea Gamez	09.13.99		On city paid leave
Rachel Tarasewicz	10.13.25		Active
Courtney Hamaker	01.12.26		Active
Carl Aftosmes	02.07.22		Active

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Policy Violation(s) Allegations:

- **Mishandling Documents / Property.**

Mishandling, misplacement, or reckless loss of documents or property.

CLASS 2

- **Improper Handling of Evidence.**

Personnel shall not convert to their own use, manufacture, conceal, falsify, destroy, remove, damage, tamper with, or withhold any property or evidence in connection with an investigation or other police action except in accordance with established agency procedures.

CLASS 2

- **Failure to Supervise.**

Inadequately or failing to supervise per the standards outlined in City and Department policy and Department expectations.

CLASS 2

- **Other Policy Violation.**

Any knowing or negligent violation of the provisions of the Department and City policy, operating procedures, or other written directive of an authorized supervisor that is not otherwise covered in this section.

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- **Jeopardizing Integrity / Security.**

Any action by an employee that jeopardizes the integrity or security of the Department which calls into question the employee's ability to perform effectively and efficiently in the employee's position or casts doubt upon the employee's integrity.

CLASS 2

- **Unsatisfactory Performance.**

Any employee performance not listed above, including, but not limited to, careless work, failure, incompetence, inefficiency, or delay in performing and/or carrying out proper orders, work assignments, or following instructions without reasonable and bona fide excuse.

CLASS 0

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On January 15, 2026, the Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) received notification from the Chief's Office that an internal complaint was received regarding City of Goodyear Property and Evidence Supervisor, Andrea Gamez. It was on January 14, 2026, when it was learned that questionable, and possible improper packaging and/or re-packaging techniques, and date and time manipulation on the back end of the property and evidence database was being practiced by Gamez and the other property and evidence technicians. This was discovered by Detective Noah Yeo while he was in trial regarding case #2017-0006390.

On January 15, 2026, Property and Evidence Supervisor, Andrea Gamez, was then placed on paid administrative leave by the Office of the Chief, pending further investigation.

The issues identified by Detective Yeo are as follows:

- Conflicting or discrepancies with property entry dates and times
- Property showing as destructed, but later found and still housed in Property and Evidence
- Re-packaging and re-taping evidence without proper documentation
- Property and evidence technicians' ability to manipulate dates and times of property entered within the database without documentation
- Possible errors within the software system used by the Goodyear Police Department
- Logging of evidence viewed by the "system" (RMS)

Based upon the initial information given to the Office of the Chief, Internal Affairs conducted initial fact finding with Detective Yeo and Jennifer Calovini in order to gain a better understanding of the concerns brought up by Detective Yeo.

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Summary of interview with Detective Yeo (witness):

On January 23, 2026, Internal Affairs Sgt S. Cannon #1155 and Lieutenant J. Bayer #1208 conducted an audio recorded interview with Detective Noah Yeo #1167 in the Internal Affairs office. Detective Yeo declined to have an employee representative with him. Prior to the interview, Detective Yeo was issued his Notice of Investigation (NOI) and Garrity rights.

Detective Yeo has been with the Goodyear Police Department for just over 18 years. Detective Yeo has been a detective since 2014. While working in the Criminal Investigations Bureau, he has been in the Special Victims Unit since 2020.

Detective Yeo was asked to describe how all this information came about during his trial. Detective Yeo said he had a defense interview in May of 2025 which was conducted by the defense attorneys involved in this case. He recalled one of the defense attorneys asking questions about property items numbered 103 and 104. The item number listed as #103 is a Blackberry and item #104 is an I-phone 6S. These items belong to the defendants in this case and were initially seized on February 12, 2017.

The question asked by the defense attorney was regarding the chain of custody for these items. The defense attorney wanted to know why on March 9, 2017, item #104 shows a 0100 hours sign out time. At the time, Detective Yeo answered that he wasn't sure why it showed this time frame for the property entry. Yeo further stated he had a search warrant for the purposes of extracting the information from the phone and he actually received the phone on March 9, 2017, at approximately 1316 hours from the property custodian, Elizabeth Raisor (Raisor is no longer employed with the City of Goodyear). The chain of custody then went from Detective Yeo to Detective McCure who received it at approximately 1330 hours.

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Detective Yeo and Detective McCure both documented the phone retrievals in supplemental reports and there is also chain of custody documentation.

After being asked this question by the defense attorney, in May of 2025, Detective Yeo returned to the Goodyear Police Department and met with Gamez. Yeo asked Gamez why the property showed it was signed out at 0100. Gamez responded by saying she wasn't sure and maybe it could have been her (Elizabeth Raisor) "fat fingering" the time entry. At the time of their discussion, Yeo thought it was possible as well because of the times both involving 1 o'clock.

Yeo continued by saying he was also asked by the defense attorney why it shows the phone being turned in on the 13th of March when he entered them on the 10th. Detective Yeo was able to explain this by the fact that the 10th was a Friday when McCure turned them in and they were then entered by property and evidence on the following Monday, which was the 13th at approximately 1100.

Detective Yeo continued by talking about the phone and the number of times it was signed out and the reasons why. Detective Yeo had the phone extracted three times, which is why the phone was checked out. Yeo said most of the time discrepancies can be explained by the property being secured in an evidence locker by an officer or detective after hours and the property technician wouldn't retrieve and then enter the property until the following business day.

The next issue that came up was when one of the phone forensic specialists was on the stand and photographs of the package for item 104 (white I-Phone 6S), were being shown to the court. Detective Yeo noticed the package had the tape with initials for every investigator who opened the package to retrieve the phone except for one strip of tape at the top of the package. This tape was red and white striped, and

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it did not have any initials on any part of it. Yeo didn't remember seeing this tape any other time prior to the start of trial. Detective Yeo was able to produce the photographs taken of the package prior to opening and after opening, for each person who accessed it for the purposes of this case. At this time, it is unknown who placed the red and white striped tape on the package. The time frames below show when the phone was signed out and by who. Photographs of these times when the phone was checked out and to who show initials on all the clear tape by the appropriate investigators, but nothing on the red and white striped tape.

- March 09, 2017- Phone signed out by Detective Noah Yeo (with issues of times of sign out)
The package was sealed with clear tape, and it was initialed by Detective McCure. There is no red and white striped tape on the package.
- April 26, 2017- Phone signed out to have USA Forensics extract information.
The package was sealed with clear tape, and it was initialed by Kathy Enriquez. There is no red and white striped tape on the package.
- September 01, 2017, the package shows being moved by Lori Ohrt (previous supervisor, has since retired) at 0420 hours. There is no documentation for this other than the entry into the system.
- The next time the phone was checked out was on October 17, 2018. The phone was signed out to Scott Keely from RMIN to have him extract information. The photograph taken of the package at this time shows red and white striped tape on the edge of the package with no initials. There was, however, clear tape sealing the package and initialed by the forensic examiner, Scott Keely.

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Further review shows there is no documentation for when this striped tape was applied to the package. To clarify, sometime between April 26th of 2017 and October 17th of 2018 is when the red and white striped tape was applied to the package, however there is nothing to show who did this or when this occurred.

Yeo continued by pulling up RMS which is the system the Goodyear Police Department uses to house digital records and everything involving property and evidence. Yeo accessed his case in the system and pulled up the tab labeled, "Property Room History". Yeo points out that on multiple occasions, the property is showing it checked out at all different times in the early morning hours when no one is working, such as 0100, 0300 etc.

Another issue noted by Detective Yeo is when someone returns the property back to the property room, it doesn't show when the property was returned. Yeo explained the reason for this is, all that is required to return evidence items is filling out a piece of paper and putting the evidence back in an evidence locker, for retrieval by the Property and Evidence technician. This can be seen in the chain of custody tab in RMS.

Yeo stated he further recalled that in May of 2025 when he attended an "evidence viewing" for his case, the property in RMS shows Gamez signed out the evidence items as one bulk item. Yeo was viewing the sign out times for this property, and he noticed it shows the property being signed out on March 09, 2017, at 0100 hours, but then again at 1316 hours on the same day when he picked up the property.

On January 14, 2026, Detective Yeo met with Gamez and told her about what he had discovered. When Gamez was asked why all these items were showing so many strange times of being checked out as well as the actual times they were checked out, Gamez stated this has been an ongoing issue for several

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years and the “wacky” times have been in the system for years. She continued by telling Yeo that she thought it was a software issue and that IT had been involved a couple of times where they tried to duplicate the problem, but they couldn't. Gamez also stated several people knew about this issue including Mark Moncada who conducts the non-audits of property and evidence and Greg Garner (former Lieutenant over property, has since retired). Gamez said she did not know why those times were there and they are incorrect. Gamez told Yeo the problem was fixed when the department went from LERMS to RMS. When Yeo showed Gamez the times for the property that was checked out in May of 2025, she had no idea as to how it could have happened. That is when Yeo asked Gamez if the property technicians have access and the ability to change the times and dates within the chain of custody. Gamez told Yeo they have administrative rights and can and have changed times on the chain of custody in the system. Gamez continued by saying there have been times when they have changed times to match the officers report.

This made Yeo look deeper into his case and the evidence logs and found that items 103A and 104A showed that they had been destroyed. Yeo showed Gamez that on November 26, 2025, items 103A and 104A showed they had been listed for destruction and should no longer be in the property room. He asked Gamez to check to see if the items were there. The items were still in the property room, and nothing had been destroyed. At this time, it is unknown how or who listed these items as destroyed.

Yeo advised Gamez she might want to notify her supervisor and that this was going to cause a major issue. After Yeo left, he remembered the red and white tape on the package that was in question, so he called Gamez on his way to court. He asked Gamez if Property and Evidence Technicians identify evidence packaging that is falling apart or damaged, do they add additional tape or re-package the item? Gamez said

yes, and that it's a common thing they do. Yeo continued by asking if they initial or document when they have added tape or additional packaging to evidence in the property room and she said they do not.

- Detective Yeo advised the prosecutors involved in this case of the information he had discovered. Since this issue was identified, a temporary hold has been placed on anyone from Goodyear Police Department testifying.

While in trial, Detective Yeo said another issue about property was brought up by the defendant, who stated her phone had been “tethered” sometime in June of 2017. It is unknown what exactly the defendant meant when she stated the phone had been “tethered”. Referring to the departments property room entries, there is nothing to show that this phone, item 104 was signed out for any reason, moved or even scanned during the time frame of April of 2017 until October of 2018. It is unknown at this time if the phone has been “tethered”.

Detective Yeo has not observed any other issues like this involving property and evidence from any of his other cases.

Summary of interview with Jennifer Calovini (witness):

On January 22, 2026, Internal Affairs Sergeant S. Cannon, #1155 and Lieutenant J. Bayer #1208, conducted an audio recorded interview with Jennifer Calovini in the Internal Affairs office. Jennifer declined to have an employee representative with her. Prior to the interview, Jennifer was issued her Notice of Investigation (NOI) and Garrity rights.

Jennifer Calovini started as an Administrative Services Manager in 2024 in the Goodyear Police Department. While in this position, she oversaw Property and Evidence, Records, Municipal Securities and

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Administrative Functions within the Goodyear Police Department. In August of 2025 this position changed to being called the Support Services Manager, but her duties are still the same.

Calovini stated she received a phone call from Chief Issitt the night of January 14th, 2026, who advised her that issues with Detective Yeo's case came to light during his trial. Calovini met with the Chief, Commander Lowe, Lieutenant Hardin, and Detective Yeo to discuss what the issues were the following day. Calovini said she believes the issue is that the property division has procedures that they do, but these procedures are not documented in any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or Policy. In other words, they are operating outside of their SOP's. According to Calovini, she could not find anything in any SOP or Policy which gives instructions regarding re-packaging and documenting.

When Calovini was made aware of the issues in this case, she started looking into the back side of the property system entries within the database. Calovini said the audit system shows Gamez as the property officer involved with Yeo's case. There is one item Calovini mentioned that shows Gamez receiving property from Detective Yeo on May 29, 2025, at 0300 hours. The audit logs actually show it being entered by Gamez on May 30, 2025, at 0608 the following morning. This shows that Gamez modified the evidence log for an unknown reason. There is also no supplement report, status notes or any type of documentation by Gamez, that Calovini was able to locate. Calovini added this is the case for several pieces of evidence as if there was a mass update completed by Gamez that was not documented.

This raised the question as to why property and evidence employees can change dates and times to property entries, and why they are not using the scanner. Calovini said she spoke to the other technicians and she was told, using the scanner is not their practice, they are manually entering the property in.

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Calovini then raised the issue with the system being used, RMS, that doesn't allow for a bulk release or entry when using the scanner. She stated the scanner will not take the dates and times with a bulk entry, therefore, they must enter the dates and times manually. The items Calovini checked were the same items that were discussed in Detective Yeo's interview which confirmed the discrepancy of the dates and times entries.

Calovini was able to elaborate on the property (Item 104A) that showed it had been destroyed. According to Calovini, item number 104A showed on November 26, 2025, as being destroyed and another entry right after this which said, evidence has been located and was inappropriately marked as destroyed. It is unknown why this is occurring, but Calovini said it does involve the actual system that the Goodyear Police Department is using, which is RMS.

Calovini said since February 13, 2024, which was when the Goodyear Police Department switched from LERMS to RMS, this specific issue of property showing destroyed when it had not has been a re-occurring issue. Calovini re-stated this is a system error and they have also continued to see property showing 0000 hours entry times. Calovini stated the system is logging a "view" of these items as well. This has also occurred in Detective Yeo's case. This shows as "system" in the log, which means it's the system showing a view of the property, and not a specific person. Tyler Technologies has been asked to explain why this is occurring; however it has not been resolved.

Calovini also confirmed that the red and white striped tape was added to item 104 without any documentation anywhere to identify who added the tape. Another piece of evidence that had the red and white striped tape in this case was an envelope with documents. This tape had initials of a former employee,

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Casie Phillips, however there is no documentation showing when or why this was done. Calovini said she assumed that the employees in the property division were using the industry standard which requires initialing and documenting changes made to property items stored within the property room. Calovini said she does not know if there were any other issues with Yeo's case other than what Detective Yeo already discussed.

Calovini could only think of one other issue involving property and evidence. In this case, which she did not have a case number for, Gamez checked out two weapons and issued both of them to one individual instead of issuing each of them to two separate individuals. This was a "human error" and Calovini addressed this issue with Gamez.

Calovini advised the property room gets quarterly audits conducted by the internal affairs unit. This audit consists of 25 items from cash, 25 items from guns and 50 items from drugs. The only issues of note that have come up are items being chronologically wrong in the same box or the item being found in another box. The items have always been found. The last formal audit was in 2017. According to Jennifer, the standard time frame for property room audits is every three years and when there is any sort of turnover. For example, when the previous supervisor, Lori Ohrt retired, there should have been a formal audit. The last audit, completed in 2017, only showed issues regarding cameras, adding scanners and maintaining video footage longer than they had. There was no mention of items missing or being packaged incorrectly. Annual inventories occur every year, with the last annual completed in 2022. Currently there is an annual inventory underway.

According to Calovini, the property technicians are required to get their International Association

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of Property and Evidence certification within one year of becoming a technician. Calovini does not know if the supervisors over property are required to have any specific training. Calovini said she asked the technicians if they have attended any trainings and they advised her they had not been to much training. Calovini also said the previous supervisor was not big on getting additional training.

It should be noted, Gamez has been the supervisor since the year 2021 and prior to her the supervisor was Lori Orht.

Conclusion:

Based upon the initial fact-finding interviews, it is recommended that further investigation be conducted regarding the Goodyear Police Department, Property and Evidence Unit.

Attachments:

2017 Audit

Policies 1.13, 4.08

SOP 2014, 2010

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