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## **BLENDON TOWNSHIP AND CONNOR GRUBB AGREE TO PART WAYS**

(BLENDON TWP., OH) - Blendon Township today announced that it has agreed to part ways with Connor Grubb. Under the joint agreement, Grubb will resign from the Blendon Township Police Department. The Township will make a payment of \$150,000 to Grubb to cover lost benefits and potential backpay claims he could have made.

A Franklin County jury acquitted Officer Grubb of all criminal charges following a trial that concluded on November 21, 2025. Separately, on December 29, 2025, after carefully reviewing evidence from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), a five-member Use of Force Review Board—composed of law enforcement professionals from outside agencies in Franklin County and one outside township trustee—unanimously determined that Grubb did not violate Blendon Township Police Department policy.

Despite that, Grubb and the Township jointly recognized that his return to active duty in Blendon Township could present challenges. Given the sustained public attention surrounding this case, both parties agreed that Grubb's presence on the force could be a distraction to department operations and, more importantly, could create officer safety concerns for him or his fellow officers. Those concerns—not any question of Officer Grubb's conduct or qualifications—drove this decision.

“This was not an easy decision, but it was the right one for Officer Grubb, for our officers, and for this community,” Blendon Township Administrator Pat Myers said. “Officer Grubb was cleared of wrongdoing through both the criminal and administrative processes, and we respect that. At the same time, we have an obligation to ensure that every officer on our force can do their job safely and effectively. Both parties believe this agreement allows everyone to move forward.”

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