

## T. L. Staub

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**From:** T. L. Staub  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** Jarrod Bruder  
**Subject:** RE: Donated Drones

The drones were loaned to us to try and if we liked them, we would purchase them or send them back in 90 days.

**Major T.L. Staub**  
**Georgetown County Sheriff's Office**  
**Main: : (843) 546-5102**  
**Office: (843) 436-6054**

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**From:** Jarrod Bruder [mailto:jbruder@sheriffsc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** T. L. Staub  
**Subject:** Re: Donated Drones

To be clear, the drones you refer to below were donated, correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2020, at 4:06 PM, T. L. Staub <tstaub@gtcounty.org> wrote:

Information on drones /did not go through first time

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**From:** T. L. Staub  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** JBruder@sheriffsc.com.  
**Cc:** Wayne Owens  
**Subject:** FW: Donated Drones

**The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office received 2 drones this month**

**Below is the information**

DJI "Disaster Relief Program" - DRP

Drones received from DJI affiliate retailer  
DRONE NERDS INC  
5553 ANGLER AVE SUITE 109  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33312

Shipped overnight on 4/1/2020, received on 4/2/2020

Number of drones received: (2)

Manufacturer: DJI

Model: Mavic 2 Enterprise Zoom

Serial Numbers: 276DFAJ001H6E7 & 276DFB9001YJSU

DJI Point of Contact for DRP program:

Wayne Baker

*DJI* - Director of Public Safety Integration

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+1 (650) 353-2751 (cell)

**Please let me know if you need anything else.**

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**From:** Carter Weaver

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:08 PM

**To:** T. L. Staub

**Subject:** Fwd: Donated Drones

Please be advised.

Carter Weaver, Sheriff

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office

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Georgetown, SC 29440

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jarrod Bruder <jbruder@sheriffsc.com>

**Date:** April 22, 2020 at 12:06:17 PM EDT

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**Subject: Donated Drones**

Sheriffs,

As you may have seen on the news, a China-based company named DJI (Da Jiang Innovations) has donated roughly 100 drones to law enforcement entities through the United States in recent weeks. Supposedly, law enforcement agencies in South Carolina are included in the recipient list for those drones. These drones are suspected to be "spy" drones and may be collecting/reporting information directly to China. If you are in receipt of one of these devices, please let me or Chief Keel or Attorney General Wilson know. It's sad to say, but donations in this day and time – even to law enforcement agencies – must be vetted thoroughly before we receive and implement the goods or services. Here are a few articles that have been pushed out on these drones.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-dji-spying-americans>

<https://enterprise-insights.dji.com/blog/us-covid-19-relief-program-update>

<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/chinese-company-suspected-of-spying-on-u-s-citizens-donates-police-drones-to-22-states/>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!  
Jarrod

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