



College Place Police Department

Media Release

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The College Place Police Department is investigating an unlawful discharge of a laser pointer toward one of their officers. The incident occurred around 8:30 pm on the evening of November 26th when Officer Bill Kelly was on routine patrol in the city of College Place traveling on SE 6th at College Avenue. As Officer Kelly approached the stop sign he observed the laser light being discharged northbound toward his vehicle when he was struck in the left eye causing a burning sensation. Officer Kelly was unable to locate the source of the laser.

Officer Kelly was later treated and released with a small burn of his cornea. Unlawful discharge of a laser at a law enforcement officer in the performance of their duty is a class C felony ([RCW 9A.49.020](#)). A Class C Felony conviction carries a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment up to five years. If anyone has any information in regards to this incident please call or contact Detective Roger Maidment at the College Place Police Department 509-394-8551.