



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

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Deputy Injured by Laser Shined in his Eye

Summary of Event

A Washington County Sheriff's Deputy was recently injured when an unknown suspect shined a laser in his eye. The Deputy was not able to locate the suspect at the time. The Deputy suffered an injury to his eye and it is unknown at this time if the damage is permanent.

Full Details

On July 17, 2010, at about 10:42 p.m., Deputy Glenn Howard was sitting in his patrol car parked in the Riverwood Heights apartment complex located at 2070 SW Fischer Road in unincorporated Washington County, near the City of Tigard. Deputy Howard had just finished an unrelated call and was preparing to leave the area when he noticed a green laser shining in the car and hitting him in the face.

Deputy Howard is aware that many firearms have laser systems mounted on them as targeting systems. His initial thought was that someone was pointing a gun at him. He quickly opened the door and exited the car in order to take cover and defend himself. He said the laser followed him and continued to shine in his face.

Deputy Howard said at one point he could feel laser hit his left eye and he could feel a burning sensation in his eye. He said he was able to see that the laser was coming from the direction of Building "N" and was probably 75-100 yards away from him at the time. He could also tell that the suspect was moving by the way the light was moving quickly out of the area.

Deputy Howard, and a Tualatin police officer who responded to cover him, attempted to locate the suspect, but were unable to find anyone.

Deputy Howard went to the emergency room after the incident. Doctors told him he had damage to his left eye, but they would not know the extent until his eye heals completely.

At this time investigators are asking the public's help in locating the person responsible for shining the laser at Deputy Howard. The Sheriff's Office is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in this case. Please call (503) 629-0111 with any information and refer to incident #101981238.

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