



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: Point a Laser Beam at an Aircraft
Case No. 10-1682

Date/Time: March 6, 2010, 11:00 p.m.

Location: 1000 block of North Howland Street, Porterville

Involved Parties: Bert Coulson, age 49, Porterville Resident

Summary:

On March 6, 2010 at approximately 11:00 p.m. the Porterville Police Department helicopter was airborne in the area Howland Street and Mulberry Avenue. The pilot reported a subject shining a laser beam on to the helicopter. Patrol officers arrived in the area and contacted Bert Coulson.

Mr. Coulson was identified as the subject who had shined the laser beam on to the helicopter. Mr. Coulson was arrested without incident and booked into Tulare County Jail on the above charge.

Investigating Officer(s)
Officer Gray

Supervisor
Sergeant Mark Azevedo