



College Place Police Department

Media Release

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On the morning of October 13, 2018, city workers discovered vandalism within the restrooms located at the Kiwanis Park in the city of College Place. The vandalism consisted of graffiti sprayed on the floors and urinal of the restroom. The damage estimate and cleanup was assessed at \$450.

On Monday, October 15th, officers of the College Place Police Department accessed video footage from a park security camera. The video revealed a group of five kids entering the restroom at 11:13 PM on October 12th. Recognizing the kids were of middle school age, the video was shown to the School Resource Officer (Joey Langlois) who immediately recognized the children involved.

Parents were notified and the kids were interviewed by the SRO, which resulted in confessions from all involved. The children ranged from age 9 to 13. All five children were residents of College Place. Charges along with restitution will be sent to the Juvenile Justice Center for consideration.

The City of College Place recently installed the security camera at Kiwanis Park following a previous vandalism incident. Chief Tomaras says, "I am very disappointed in the actions of these kids". "We had our kids in mind when we built this park". The park was re-commissioned last September following several improvements to include the restrooms. The police department hopes the camera will continue to increase safety and deter crime and vandalism. Tomaras says the camera is an effort to embrace technology to help sustain our parks for future generations.

Informational video about POD camera at Kiwanis Park:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNUgjyyKBQE&feature=youtu.be>

