



College Place Police Department

Media Release

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On April 02, 2017, at around 4:00 PM, College Place Police Officer, Tanner Harris responded to a car prowling in progress within the 200 block of Birch Street. Upon arrival Officer T. Harris apprehended a 29 year old male rummaging through a vehicle. The male claims to be a transient who had been living in the area. The suspect was booked into the Walla Walla County jail for Vehicle Prowling and Criminal Trespass.

The College Place Police Department responded to five separate car prowls over the weekend. It's unknown if the incidents were connected. If you have any information or want to file a report please contact the College Place Police Department.

Tips for preventing car prowls:

- 1) Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables.
- 2) Make your vehicle less appealing by removing contents from eyesight.
- 3) Park in well-lit and heavily traveled areas.
- 4) Avoid placing items in trunk after parking. Someone could be watching for opportunities. Plan your storage of items ahead of time.
- 5) Use a car alarm.
- 6) Park in areas with video surveillance system.
- 7) Keep vehicle within secured garage while home.