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FROM/DE: Orillia OPP Detachment

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THE OPP INVESTIGATING INCIDENT WHERE LASER WAS AIMED AT HELICOPTER

(SEVERN TWP. ON) – The Orillia Ontario Provincial Police Detachment (OPP) is investigating an incident which occurred on Friday October 7, 2011 at approximately 9:40 p.m. in the north-west area of Severn Township involving the OPP helicopter while it was on patrol.

While the aircraft was flying above Severn Township it was twice struck with a very high intensity laser. The beam came from a north-westerly direction, possibly in the area of Telford Line, Maple Valley Road and Swift Rapids Road.

The OPP is reminding the public that misusing lasers in this fashion is considered a serious offence as it results in endangering the safety of aircraft as they have the potential to cause temporarily blindness and eye damage to a pilot .

The OPP is asking anyone with information in regards to this on-going criminal investigation to contact the Orillia OPP at 705-326-3536 or

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