

Officer Safety Alert - CCW Necklace

I received the following message from the Dayton FOP as one of their members learned of a CCW incident. This may serve all law enforcement as a reminder to thoroughly frisk individuals. Perhaps we could post it on the website.

Joe Ross

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A subject was arrested in Stillwater, OK on drug related charges. During the "routine" pat down for weapons before he was placed in the seat behind the officer for transport to the jail, the officer located a very small .22 caliber handgun on a necklace around the suspect's neck. The arrest came after a foot pursuit earlier in the night when the adrenalin tends to cause officers to rush things, but in this case the officer did a good job of conducting a thorough pat down. The officer involved was Greg Calloway who is a department defensive tactics instructor. It pays to practice what you preach!! This had disaster written all over it, but the officer involved probably saved his own life by taking the time to do as he trains.

I've attached some photos of an officers wearing the suspect's gun as he wore it last night as an example of how easy it is to hide a gun from officers.

Thanks,

Jeff Dillon
Stillwater Police Department

Photos courtesy Stillwater PD, Oklahoma

