

# Ellensburg Police Department

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## Press Release

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The Ellensburg Police Department is aware of at least one video circulating on social media regarding an arrest on April 15, 2018 at 1 am in front of Club 301 located at 301 North Pearl Street. We are further aware of some misinformation being circulated regarding the arrest. Arrests for trespass and related public disturbances occur quite frequently in the downtown during heavy bar crowd times. For this reason, we routinely have Officers work foot patrol in the downtown area, especially on weekend nights due to large crowds coming and going from several downtown bars. Two foot patrol Officers were standing in the area of Third and Pearl (across the street from Club 301) when they observed a verbal altercation at the main doors into Club 301 between an employee of the club and a person standing in line, right in front of the main doors. The employee and person standing in line were arguing about whether or not he had cut in line. The club employee eventually told him he was not getting in the club and that he needed to leave the property. The area in front of the main doors is on private property. The foot patrol Officers approached the person refusing to leave and warned him that he would be subject to arrest for trespass if he did not leave. The person stated he would not leave. The Officers then attempted to arrest him for Criminal Trespass after he refused warnings by the Officers. The suspect initially resisted the Officers efforts to place him into custody but once he was in custody he was very calm and cooperative. However, the crowd outside Club 301 was becoming increasingly agitated over the incident and the arrest. The suspect even attempted to calm down some people in the crowd that were becoming unruly and asserting the arrest was racially motivated because the suspect is African-American. Due to his level of cooperation the suspect was cited and released for Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Obstructing, and not booked into jail.

In an effort to ensure accurate information is being discussed regarding this arrest we have elected to post relevant information on our web page, including: All Ellensburg Police Department reports, an in-car camera footage with audio and a surveillance video (no audio) from outside Club 301. These files can be accessed by click on the link below.

<https://www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us/779/Police>

### **Chief Ken Wade**

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#### ASSOCIATED INFORMATION:

Police Reports

<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=3038>

Witness Statement

<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=3039>

Club 301 Video

<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=3040>

In Car Video

<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/11269>