

Police discover lost stun gun part

POLICE have recovered a stun gun component lost by an officer while on patrol.

Cheshire Police issued an advice warning to the public after the Taser cartridge was misplaced some time between 10am and 6pm on Wednesday, October 2.

The cartridge was attached to the equipment vest of an officer but became detached during the course of his shift, which involved extensive duties across the county.

Police said the potential risk to the public was very low, but advised the public to be aware

'While not harmful, we issued advice to the public'

and not to tamper with the cartridge if found.

The cartridge has now been safely recovered after being found in a lay-by on the A534 over the weekend.

Cheshire Police spokesman Louise Hughes said: "A Taser cartridge lost in the course of duties has been found by police over the weekend.

"The piece of equipment was recovered by officers in a layby

on the A534 on Saturday, October 5. While not harmful, Cheshire Police issued advice to the public last week in order for them to be aware after the cartridge was lost."

Taser cartridges house barbs which are fired into a target and wires which connect them to the weapon's hand-grip.

Tasers fire barbs which conduct a 50,000-volt electric shock that cause temporary paralysis in a target. The weapon's generator is contained in the hand-grip, not the cartridge.

Cartridges can be inadvertently discharged by a build-up of static.

Mermaid in Blue Planet fishbowl

AN AQUARIUM will play host to a real-life mermaid later this month.

The mermaid in question is Dr Daniela Rodler, whose spectacular underwater performances have produced rave reviews across Europe.

It is the first time Germany-based Daniela has made an appearance in England and staff at Blue Planet Aquarium expect her daily dive shows will prove particularly popular with younger visitors.

"Daniela will be making regular appearances, alongside our team of divers, on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 10-21," said Blue Planet's Rebecca Collins.

"We're delighted she has agreed to use Blue Planet as the venue for her first ever displays in England and they're certain to be a spectacular added attraction to our visitors.

"It will also be fascinating to see how the sand tiger sharks and rays react when they come face-to-face with a real mermaid!" she added.

As well as her role as a mermaid, Daniela is a former international swimmer and a qualified vet who is currently lecturing at the University of Munich.

She is also a choir soprano singer who performed at the *Lord of the Rings* Symphony in Munich, Nürnberg and Stuttgart, and in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* Symphony at the Munich Philharmonic.

In addition to that she recently completed a fantasy film which has just been released in Germany, has done modelling work and is a proficient free diver.

Mrs Collins added: "Dr Rodler is a totally unique character who has achieved so much in her life to date. The fact that she is also a mermaid only adds to the fascination."



■ 'Mermaid' Dr Daniela Rodler is performing at Blue Planet Aquarium.



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