

# Press Release

Date: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To: All Media Outlets

From: Ogdensburg Police Department

Subject: Gel Ball Blasters / ORBEEZ Guns

The Ogdensburg Police Department has been made aware of incidents involving gel ball blasters "Orbeez Guns" being used throughout the City of Ogdensburg. Firing hydrated gel balls or "water bullets" (thawed or frozen) at people, cars, and animals is against the law.

If you are a victim or see a gel ball blaster being fired maliciously, please call 911. Those firing gel ball blasters at all in the city are in violation of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code. Those firing gel ball blasters maliciously may be charged with disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, and, depending on injuries, assault.

The Ogdensburg Police Department strongly encourages parents to discuss these devices with their children. A toy gun stops being a toy when it victimizes others.

## **Section 153-6 - Discharge restricted**

**No person shall discharge any firearms, air guns, spring guns, sling shot or other instrument or weapon within the city.**

If you have any questions please call the Ogdensburg Police Department at 315-393-1551.

