A sign on the side of a road

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Someone — vandal, elf or imp — has added a little holiday cheer to many of the deer-crossing signs posted in Limestone County: A small red reflector on the tip of the deer silhouette’s nose.

And if you ever saw one, you would even say it glows.

The culprit's identity is a Christmas mystery that has piqued the curiosity — and tickled the funny bones — of local residents.

City officials and law officers were surprised to learn of the mysterious sign modifications, and many responded to the news with a spontaneous but quickly stifled chuckle.

However, they had a serious answer to the question: Is turning a deer on a sign into Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer a crime?