

Press Release

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IMPERSONATION OF A PEACE OFFICER

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 11000 Block of E. 24th Lane, Yuma, AZ

YUMA, ARIZONA, JANUARY 28, 2010: On 1/27/10 at approximately 1525 hours, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a subject attempting to impersonate a Sheriff's Deputy.

A female victim called the Sheriff's Office to report an unidentified white male was at her door and had identified himself as a Sheriff's Deputy. The victim stated the subject was in civilian clothes and told her he was there to investigate a disturbance. He also asked if she was home alone. The victim said the suspect was attempting to gain entry into her home but she did not open her door. She asked him for ID and when the suspect refused, she called the Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded however the suspect was gone when they arrived. The victim also believed there was a second suspect present, hiding around the corner. She said she saw the tips of his shoes.

The victim described the suspect as a white male, in his mid to late twenties. He had dark hair and clean shaven. He was wearing a baseball cap and sunglasses, a striped button up short sleeve shirt with a white long sleeve t-shirt underneath and blue jeans. He was approximately 5'10" and of medium build. The victim did not see a vehicle. The victim said she initially doubted his claims of being law enforcement since his clothes were extremely wrinkled.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the community that legitimate peace officers will always identify themselves with a badge and department issued identification. The Sheriff's Office also commends the victim in this case for

her appropriate response when the suspect refused to provide identification. The motives of the suspect in this case are unknown, however the potential for a home invasion robbery or other violent crimes are being considered a possibility.

Anyone with any information concerning this case is asked to contact Investigator Sal Perez at 783-4427.

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