

**For immediate release**

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**Contact Person**

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**Subject**

Sheriff's deputy impersonator attempts to pick up a young boy

**Text**

The Sutter County Sheriff's Department is investigating a report of an unidentified man who impersonated an off-duty sheriff's deputy and attempted to pick up a 16-year old Yuba City boy last night (10-11-05) at approximately 7:00 PM, in the South Yuba City area.

The incident occurred in the 1400 block of Jodi Drive. The boy had driven to a friend's house in the area. As he stopped his car, he observed a maroon colored, newer model mini-van stop behind his vehicle. The suspect approached the victim and identified himself verbally as an off-duty sheriff's deputy. The suspect was holding a flashlight and repeatedly shined the light in the victim's face.

The suspect accused the victim of speeding and demanded that the victim provide his personal information including his name, address and telephone number. The victim refused to give his personal information and the suspect became upset. At one point, the suspect asked the victim to follow him (the suspect) to his house. The victim refused to comply and the suspect then returned to his personal vehicle and drove off, turning southbound on Yolanda Drive. The victim called his mother and told her of the incident. The mother immediately called the sheriff's department and reported the incident.

The suspect is described as a male, approximately six foot tall, with grey hair and a grey mustache. The suspect was also described as having a large belly and walked with a slight limp using a cane.

Anyone with information concerning the identity of this suspect is asked to immediately contact the sheriff's department at (530) 822-7307. The public is also advised to ask to see the valid identification provided by a law enforcement agency of anyone claiming to be an off-duty peace officer and to contact their local law enforcement agency if they have concerns about the validity of the officer's identification.