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False Impersonation of a Peace Officer

During the past two days, the San Jose Police Dept. has received two complaints from citizens in South San Jose, saying that they were stopped by a suspect or suspects representing themselves to be police officers. In one case, a young woman was stopped in her vehicle by two males, who searched her and her vehicle. In the other case, a male detained and tried to handcuff another male but fled when the victim asked to see his identification. The suspect and vehicle description is different in both cases, but both cases had a similar m/o and occurred within a few blocks of each other. The victims provided the following information:

Case #04-108-0457

SUSPECT VEHICLE: A black Ford Crown Victoria with tinted windows, partial plate -GMD---

SUSPECT #1: A White male adult, 30-35 years old, 6', average build, light brown hair, bushy mustache (possibly fake), wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

SUSPECT #2: An African-American male adult, 30-35 years old, 6'1", 190 lbs., short hair, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

On Friday, 4-16-04 at 9:00AM, the 20-year-old victim was driving in the area of Kooser Dr. and Meridian Ave. when she was pulled over by the suspects in what she described as a black unmarked patrol vehicle. Suspect #1 approached her vehicle and asked for her license and registration. When the victim asked why she had been pulled over, suspect #1 told her to shut up. She then asked to see his identification and he quickly showed her a badge on his belt. He then accused her of smoking dope and told her that he had to search her car. She objected to the car search but he insisted that he had the right to search both her and her car. She stepped out of her vehicle and suspect #1 conducted a pat-down on her and handcuffed her. He told her to sit on the curb as he searched her vehicle. Suspect #2 stood at the side of her car during the stop and then helped suspect #1 search the victim's vehicle. The victim said that the vehicle search took approximately twenty minutes while she sat on the curb. After the suspects finished their search, they approached the victim and took the handcuffs off. They told her that she was free to leave. She again demanded to see their identification and suspect #1 again showed her a badge on his belt. When she asked for further identification the suspects got into their vehicle and drove away. The victim said that suspect #1 showed her a gold colored shield type badge on his belt. She drove away and later discovered that a small amount of money was missing from the interior of her vehicle. She believes that the suspects stole her money during the search of her vehicle.

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Case 04-108-0780

SUSPECT VEHICLE: A white Ford Taurus 4-door, partial plate 4---211

SUSPECT: a White male adult, 20-30 years old, 5'4" 150 lbs., wearing a blue and white sweatshirt and green shorts.

On 4-17-04 at 3:50PM, a 38-year-old male had just finished shopping at Costco, 5301 Almaden Blvd. He was putting some items into his car when he saw the suspect drive by in a white Ford. He noticed that the suspect was talking on a walkie-talkie. As he continued putting items into his car the suspect suddenly approached him and asked to see his driver's license. When the victim asked why, the suspect said that he was an officer and could handcuff him. The victim still refused to show the suspect his license unless the suspect showed him some identification. The suspect then got nervous and jumped into his vehicle and drove away. The victim was able to get a partial plate on the vehicle as it left the scene.

San Jose Police Communications has broadcast a countywide APB for the suspects and vehicles in both of these cases. However, at this time we have not yet been able to locate and identify these suspects. We ask that anyone that might know who they are to call our investigators immediately. It is also possible that there are additional victims in this case that have not yet come forward.

Citizens are reminded that plainclothes San Jose Police Officers in unmarked cars always carry silver star badges with their badge number clearly visible and a picture identification card with the corresponding badge number. Plainclothes officers also wear a vest or jacket during enforcement stops with their name and badge number clearly visible.

Anyone with any information on these cases is urged to call the San Jose Police Dept. Robbery Unit at 408-277-4166. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

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