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Classification : Impersonation of a Peace Officer

Incident Date : February 21,
2012

Author/Date/Time : 9:20 AM

Incident Time : 9:20 AM

Incident Location : Lawndale, California

C/P Location : N/A

Victims : N/A

Suspects : Male White, 35-40

South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station detectives are investigating the report of an individual believed to be impersonating a motorcycle enforcement deputy sheriff.

On Tuesday morning February 21st, a man driving a motorcycle equipped with flashing blue and red lights stopped a motorist near the area of 147th Street and Inglewood Avenue in the City of Lawndale. The man, described as a 35-40 year old white male, was wearing a tan uniform shirt and green pants similar to those worn by Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs however; the badge he was wearing appeared to be a fake. When the motorist asked the man what sheriff's station he was assigned to, the individual remounted his motorcycle and rapidly sped off.

People who impersonate peace officers erode the public's trust in law enforcement and undermine the authority of legitimate peace officers. Although the probability of being pulled over by someone impersonating a peace officer is remote, the following tips can help ensure the legitimacy of the stop:

- Try and stop in a well lit area, or in an area that can easily be seen by the general public.
- Ask for the officer/deputy to identify him or herself, especially if the person is wearing civilian clothing (all deputy sheriffs are required to carry their (department issued identification card while on duty).
- Take note of any unusual or odd uniform markings.
- Be aware of any strange requests or overly personal questions being asked.
- When in doubt, ask to speak to a supervisor.
- Trust your instincts.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to call the South Los Angeles Station Detective Bureau at (323) 820-6700. Information can also be reported anonymously by calling LA

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