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News Release

Police Continue Looking for Man Impersonating Police

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The Harrisonburg Police Department received a complaint of a man impersonating a police officer and multiple complaints of an individual trespassing into residences on Jan. 11 and Jan. 12.

In the early morning hours of Jan. 13, officers encountered a man, who matched the same physical description of the reported suspect in the impersonation incident.

The man was eventually arrested after he was identified as the suspect by a witness. The male also had items in his possession that matched similar descriptions, provided by the victims.

After the man was arrested, officers continued to follow-up on information and investigate this incident.

Officers were able to confirm that the man, who was arrested, was out of the area at the same time the incident took place on Friday night.

On January 14 the Harrisonburg Police Department and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office moved to have the charges nolle processed and the male was released from jail.

Police continue reaching out to the community for help in finding the man, who is responsible for posing as a law enforcement officer and entering homes.

The offender is described as a white male, who is 40 to 50 years old and is about five feet eight inches tall. He is of medium stature and was last seen wearing a black jacket and beanie-style hat. The suspect has also been identified as having a tattoo on his neck

On Jan. 11 around 8:30 p.m. a man entered the residence on East Grattan Street and posed as a law enforcement officer.

It is also believed this same suspect entered a home in the 400 block of South Mason Street on Jan. 11 around 7:10 p.m. A second home was entered by an unknown male around 8 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the 300 block of West Water Street. Additional address have been identified in the same area in which an offender attempted to enter residences during the same time period

Anyone in the community, who has information on this suspect, is asked to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Callers are able to remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).