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Former Security Guard Charged with Impersonating a Police Officer

SUFFOLK, VA (July 28, 2011) Suffolk Police have charged a man with impersonating a police officer and are investigating his possible connection to other crimes. Eugene Johnson III, age 22, of the 700 block of Eric Court, was arrested last night and has been charged with impersonating a police officer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, impermissible lights, and reckless driving.

On July 26th, a black Chevrolet Impala with a blue light activated was observed in the 1000 block of Hosier Road traveling at a high rate of speed and being operated in a reckless manner. The vehicle was traced back to Johnson. Johnson identified himself to police as a DCJS certified security officer.

Police investigation lead to the execution of a search warrant of the vehicle on July 27. Inside of the vehicle were items believed to be stolen, as well as a jacket with POLICE displayed on the back, a bullet proof vest and a portable radio. A firearm was located inside of Johnson's residence.

Police have confirmed that Johnson's DCJS certification has expired. They do believe he formerly worked as a security guard and for hotels in the Hampton Roads area.

Johnson is currently in Western Tidewater Regional Jail. He is being held with no bond. Police are continuing to investigate.

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