



# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Update: Vehicle of Interest ref. Man Claiming to be Police Officer**

We have video of a white vehicle of interest. We don't know for sure whether this vehicle is connected to the illegal traffic stop, however it has been seen circling the same area where the stop occurred. Scroll down to read prior releases.

Video is attached.

If anyone has any information, please contact St. Petersburg Police 727-893-7780, or text SPPD plus your tip to TIP411. Case 2018-012781

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Working with the victim, we have been able to create this digital composite image of the man who stopped a woman last Thursday, March 22, 10:30 p.m., claiming to be a police officer. Image is attached.

The victim says the suspect, driving a white sedan, similar to an unmarked cruiser, pulled her over for a traffic stop in the area north of 5th Avenue South and west of 34th street. He is described as a muscular man, with dark skin, over 6 feet tall.

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Investigation Underway

SPPD is investigating a report of a possible police impersonator. Last night, on Thursday, March 22, a tall black man in a white police-style sedan made a traffic stop, asked for the driver's license and later drove off.

We strongly advise anyone who feels unsure about the identity of a police officer, to call 9-1-1, give them your location and the operator can verify whether or not it is a legitimate traffic stop.

If you have had a similar experience or have any information about this incident, please contact us at 727-893-7780.