

## **Police Impersonator Arrested**

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The Hall County Sheriff's Office is investigating a Monroe man for impersonating a police officer and is asking the public to come forward if they have been stopped or approached by him.

On Friday, April 27, 2012, Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black Dodge Charger on Brown's Bridge Road after receiving a lookout for a possible police impersonator. Deputies immediately noted that the car was equipped to appear like an unmarked law enforcement vehicle and that the driver was dressed in BDU trousers with a U.S. Department of Justice shirt.

Closer inspection revealed that the vehicle was equipped with tinted windows, emergency lights, false antennas, a camera system, laptop computer, and a police-style seat organizer containing gear commonly used by law enforcement officers. Additionally, Deputies discovered weapons, an ATF badge, ballistic vests, and multiple law enforcement t-shirts. There were also two German Shepherd dogs inside the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that the driver was not employed or affiliated with any type of law enforcement agency, but was instead employed in the construction industry.

Deputies arrested 32 year-old Nicholas Clayton Wilbanks without incident and booked him into the Hall County Jail, where he was charged with Impersonation of a Police Officer, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, No Emergency Light Permit, and two tag violations.

The Hall County Sheriff's Office is requesting that anyone who believes they may have had contact with this individual in a situation where he presented himself as a law enforcement official to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 770-531-6879. The arrestee resides in Monroe and has family in Forsyth County. Being employed in the construction industry, he may have traveled widely.

The incident remains under investigation by the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division.