



LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Woman Stopped By Police Impersonator

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*February 13, 2013*) – On Monday, February 11, 2013 at approximately 9:00 P.M., a female resident of Lower Providence Township was driving on Evansburg Road in the Evansburg section of the Township when she was stopped by an individual who was impersonating a police officer.

The individual activated a blue light that was mounted on the dashboard of his vehicle. The female pulled into a lot at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Evansburg Road. The individual approached the female and engaged her in conversation. There was no attempt to have the female exit her vehicle and there was no physical contact between the individual and the female. After a brief conversation, the suspect returned to his vehicle and both the suspect and the female drove from the area.

The female contacted the Lower Providence Township Police Department on Tuesday evening, February 12, 2013 and reported the incident of the previous evening.

The suspect is described as a white male in his fifties, with short brown hair, approximately 5'11", 190 pounds, wearing a dark Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) style uniform with a circular patch on the left sleeve. There was no badge displayed on the uniform.

The vehicle being operated by the suspect is described as a small four door tan vehicle with tinted windows and a blue dashboard mounted light.

A composite sketch of the suspect is to be produced on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and will be distributed to the media upon its completion.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the Lower Providence Township Police Department at 610-539-5901.

The Lower Providence Township Police Department would like to advise motorists that vehicles equipped with only blue lights are not authorized to effect vehicle stops in Pennsylvania. Police vehicles in Pennsylvania, both marked and unmarked, must be equipped with a combination of red and blue emergency lights. Also, if you are being signaled to stop by an unmarked vehicle that you believe may not be a police vehicle you may continue to drive at a slow speed to a safe, well lit, populated area before pulling over. You may call 911 and advise them that you are

being stopped by a vehicle that you believe may not be a police vehicle and the dispatcher may advise the officer of the reason that you are not stopping. Once you have stopped for an officer in an unmarked car, you may request that a marked police unit respond, as well, to confirm that the unmarked police vehicle is legitimate.

Chief Francis L. Carroll
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