

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE**

**Owatonna Police Department  
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## **For Release Immediately**

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The Owatonna Police Department is currently investigating an incident where a man pulled over a juvenile male and impersonated a police officer.

The incident occurred in the City of Owatonna on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at approximately 9:00 PM on Grove Avenue near the intersection of East Fremont Street.

The suspect was described as a white male and approximately 6'-2" inches tall. He was described as having a deep voice and a youthful type haircut. The suspect was described as wearing an untucked, black matte colored shirt and black pants. The suspect had a badge clipped to a shirt pocket. The suspect had the youth step out of the vehicle and perform some type of field sobriety test before releasing him.

The suspect vehicle was described as an older police sedan, possibly a Ford Crown Victoria. The suspect vehicle was equipped with interior flashing lights. The color of the vehicle is unknown.

In Minnesota, it is a crime to falsely impersonate a police officer, military officer or public official with intent to mislead another into believing that the impersonator is actually an officer.

Anyone who may have been stopped by the man, seen this traffic stop take place or who might have information is asked to call the Owatonna Police Department at 507-451-8232.

If you are pulled over, you're allowed to ask to see the officers' identification and verify that they are a law enforcement officer.

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