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Media Release

Sheriff's Office Makes Arrest in False Impersonation of a Peace Officer February 23, 2010

Sheriff Keith Nygren announced today the arrest of Michael T. Spencer for a False Impersonation of a Peace Officer incident that occurred on May 15, 2009. On May 15, 2009 at approximately 2250 hours, a 15 year old female and a 16 year old male companion were parked along the roadway near the intersection of Streit Road and Lindwall Road in unincorporated Harvard and the incident unfolded further.

The Sheriff's Office investigated the incident and leads went dry. Crime Stoppers of McHenry County received a tip through the anonymous tip line which led investigators to reopen the case. Investigators developed further information which led to the arrest of Michael T. Spencer.

During the incident on May 15, 2009, a dark vehicle pulled up alongside the victim's vehicle. The suspect vehicle was driven by a female. A male suspect exited the suspect vehicle and approached the victim's vehicle and told the victims that he was a "McHenry County Sheriff's Officer" and began to ask them a series of questions.

The male suspect ordered the male victim out of the vehicle and began searching the vehicle's contents asking them if they had drugs or alcohol. After the vehicle was searched, the male suspect ordered both victims out of the vehicle and then proceeded to search both victims' persons. Both victims were told to take off their clothes by the male suspect. Also during the incident, the male suspect took the male victim's IL driver's license and punched the male victim in the face.

This investigation is ongoing and further arrests are pending. The McHenry County Sheriff's Office would like to remind residents of Crime Stoppers of McHenry County tip line (1-800-762- STOP (7867)) to report criminal activity or the location of fugitives. Crime Stoppers does not use caller ID.

Arrested:

Michael T. Spencer M/W 19 years of age
307 Garfield St. Harvard, IL

Bond: \$50,000

Court date: March 19, 2010

Charges:

Robbery Class 2 (Felony)

Burglary Class 2

Agg. False Impersonation of a Peace Officer Class 3

Agg. Battery Class 3

Criminal Damage to Property Class A Misdemeanor

Sheriff Keith Nygren

The charges against the individual(s) are merely allegations against them. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.