



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Property Crimes Bureau / Zone Investigations Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Impersonation of an Officer Date: 9/20/2021 Time: 3:11 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: Area of Cleveland Avenue & 270 Zone: 1 Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 210713508 Cruiser District: 14

Victim: Name Withheld	Sex: M	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Dawayne M. Mitchell	Address: 863 E. 12 th Avenue
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M Race: B Age: 20

Charges: Impersonation of an Officer

Suspect: Tracy R. Murray	Address: 300 N. Southampton Avenue
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M Race: B Age: 23

Charges: Impersonation of an Officer

Incident Summary: On September 20, 2021 at approximately 3:11 a.m. two suspects wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks approached the front door of a residence. The first suspect, later identified as Mr. Mitchell, knocked on the door and stated several times that he is CPD (Columbus Police). Mr. Mitchell asked the resident to open the door to ask him some questions. Mr. Mitchell has what appears to be a semi automatic handgun in his possession. The resident questioned Mr. Mitchell's identity through the Ring doorbell and asked to see a badge. Mr. Mitchell advised the resident that he is not required to show a badge and again asked the resident to open the door. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Murray then switched positions. Mr. Murray then also stated, "CPD open the door." The resident did not open the door and the suspects walked away.

Det. Watkins was assigned to the case and, with the help of an Intelligence Analyst, was able to identify both suspects. Det. Watkins issued a summons for both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Murray for one count of Impersonation of an Officer.

The Ring Camera footage can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/GyaibBzz-r4>

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Assignment: ZIU Sergeant

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Assignment: Investigation Support