

Fake cop may have pulled stop in Lee: Police investigate link to Rochester incidents

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LEE — A possible police impostor that has pulled people over in Rochester may have been in town on Tuesday.

Police received information on Wednesday from a man who thinks he witnessed the impostor in action on Tuesday afternoon at the Lee Marketplace. The witness didn't think anything about it at the time but decided to report the incident on Wednesday after seeing news reports about the police impostor in Rochester, according to Lee Police Sgt. Thomas Dronsfield.

Dronsfield said the witness was parked near RadioShack and heard an air horn. He then saw a dark blue Ford Crown Victoria pull over a black Hyundai Sedan with four college-aged individuals inside.

The man then exited the Crown Victoria and made contact with the individuals in the Sedan for about 30 seconds before getting back into his car and driving away, leaving by the Route 4 exit of the plaza.

The man is described as a white male, 6 feet 3 inches, and was wearing a dark blue stocking cap. The witness said the man may have had a goatee but wasn't sure, Dronsfield said. The Crown Victoria reportedly had a spotlight and a light bar in the window, Dronsfield said.

The description given by the witness in Lee is similar to reports Rochester Police have been getting about a possible police impostor in their city.

In those cases, two women were reportedly pulled over by an older model Ford Crown Victoria with dim blue lights on its grill.

The suspect in the Rochester incidents is described as a white male, between the ages of 35 and 45, approximately 6 feet 3 inches tall, of average build and clean-shaven with dark brown closely cropped hair. He was reported wearing a light blue jacket or windbreaker and blue jeans both times, police said.

"There are some similarities, I would say," Dronsfield said.

Dronsfield has been in contact with Rochester detectives about the incident.

Dronsfield urged residents to be vigilant if they get pulled over.

"Usually an officer that pulls you over will be in full uniform," he said. "Very few

departments use unmarked vehicles like that in traffic enforcement."

Police are hoping to hear from the four individuals who were pulled over at the Lee Marketplace on Tuesday and anyone else who had an encounter with this vehicle. Those calls can be directed to Sgt. Dronsfield at 659-5866.

The incidents in Rochester are still under investigation and anyone with information about those incidents is asked to contact police at 330-7127 or the Rochester Crimeline at 335-6500. The Crimeline is anonymous and cash rewards can be awarded for information leading to an arrest.