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News Release

Police Arrest Man on Recent Impersonation and Breaking into Homes

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On Thursday, January 17, the Harrisonburg Police Department arrested a male for recently breaking into homes and impersonating a police officer. The reported incidents occurred between January 11 and January 14.

Officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department began receiving complaints of a male who was entering residences and on January 11 impersonated himself as a police officer. Similar types of incidents continued to occur through the early-morning hours of January 14.

On January 17, Charles E. Whitney, 44, of Harrisonburg was charged with the following:

1. One misdemeanor count of impersonating a police officer (VA Code Section 18.2-174.
2. Five felony counts of breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny (VA Code Section 18.2-91.

An arrest photo is available through the Rockingham County Jail.

Anyone in the community who has additional information on these cases or the suspect, is asked to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Callers are able to remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).