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**Ibrahim Seraphin convicted of impersonating a police officer, pulling a realistic handgun out on two women**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 21-year-old Ibrahim Seraphin changed his plea and was convicted of criminally impersonating a police officer and menacing after he pulled out a police-style vest and pointed a replica firearm at two women in southeast Portland.

Seraphin was put on 24 months of bench probation with court-imposed rules that he not be in possession of weapons, real or fake, have no contact with the victims, not impersonate a police officer, and perform 40 hours of community service.

This investigation started on July 29, 2018 when Portland Police learned that a man, later identified as Seraphin, was in the area of Southeast 122<sup>nd</sup> and Southeast Market Street in Portland, Oregon sitting on the back of his vehicle with a gun in his hand. The 9-1-1 caller reported that she heard Seraphin tell two women that he was a police officer.

An officer with the Portland Police Bureau responded and learned that the two women had recently left a bar and stopped their vehicle because one of them needed to use the restroom. While the women were stopped, Seraphin stopped his vehicle, exited and told one of the women that what she was doing was illegal.

Seraphin was not wearing a police uniform but told the victims that he was an officer with the Portland Police Bureau. Both victims told the responding PPB officer that they questioned Seraphin as to whether he was actually a police officer because his vehicle appeared beat up to them.

When the women questioned Seraphin, he walked to his vehicle, opened the trunk, removed a vest that said "police" and showed the women the vest. Seraphin then showed them a black handgun and that he swung the handgun toward one of the women and that he pointed it the other victim's face.

Both women told the actual police officer who responded that they were scared when the handgun was displaying.

Seraphin told law enforcement that he was a security guard and was in the hiring process with an out-of-state police agency.

Officers with PPB were given consent to search Seraphin's vehicle and located an exterior body armor police vest with two big "Police" patches on it. Seraphin had a "duty belt" with an empty gun holster and a black handgun laying out of the holster.

PPB determined the handgun was an exact replica of a Glock 17, which a firearm model used by law enforcement, and that Seraphin, at the time of his arrest, was a certified unarmed security officer with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

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