

On September 15, 2006 I was patrolling one of our elementary schools. I walked into the main office to notify the principal that I was in his building when I noticed someone speaking to the secretary. I wouldn't have payed much attention to this individual except he was giving me that "feeling." I attempted to get a better look at him and noticed that he began to look away. The more I tried to see him, the more he avoided me. I know that it isn't against the law to avoid police officers, but I thought "why don't I introduce myself." I greeted the gentlemen and shook his hand. He did his best "I didn't notice you noticing me" impression and then said, "I know you." I immediately recognized this individual as someone that I transported to prison about five years ago. More importantly, I remembered his offense: Rape of a child. He was a sex offender. I informed the principal and learned that he was asking the secretary about obtaining hats, shirts, coats etc. with our school insignia on it. He said that he wanted to support the school. I believe that he wanted to blend in. More importantly, I think he was possibly looking for more victims. No matter what his intentions were, the school was very grateful that I removed a sex offender before anything happened. He was arrested for violating the terms and conditions of his parole and is currently in our county jail. I asked his parole officer if he had any similar conduct since his release from prison and he told me that it was too early. I asked when he was released and he told me September 8, 2006. One week prior to this happening.

Sincerely,

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