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Police Impersonator Arrest

On Saturday, September 22nd at approximately 11 AM, DFC Bryan Bittenmaster came into contact with an individual at the High's Gas Station & Convenience Store in Woodsboro who was wearing a black polo, black pants, and a black hat bearing the word "NARCOTICS" written across the front. The individual engaged in a conversation with DFC Bittenmaster and stated he was a police officer in Baltimore, but was trying to find a detective job in this area. DFC Bittenmaster noticed a black hat on his vehicle dash bearing the word "POLICE" and a gold police style badge hanging from the rear-view mirror of the truck. He asked the individual if he was armed, and he said he had a handgun on his right hip. When asked to show his law enforcement identification, the individual continuously flipped through his wallet but had no visible legitimate badge or law enforcement identification/carry identification.

It was at this time that DFC Bittenmaster placed the individual in handcuffs and retrieved the handgun from his right hip, and conducted a search of his person as well as the vehicle. Another handgun, a semi-automatic shotgun, several rounds of ammunition, a container with a green powdery substance (unknown suspected CDS), and non-prescribed Oxycodone were seized from this search. DFC Bittenmaster contacted the Maryland Gun Center and was advised that the individual was disapproved for a wear and carry permit in January of 2018.

DFC. Bittenmaster arrested **Dwayne Cochise Sines, 48, of Keymar, Md.**, and transported him to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on the following charges:

- 1.) Handgun on person**
- 2.) Handgun in vehicle**
- 3.) Disorderly conduct**
- 4.) False statement to law enforcement officer**

- 5.) Obstruct/hinder law enforcement officer**
- 6.) CDS possession not marijuana, schedule II Oxycodone**
- 7.) Impersonation of a police officer**
- 8.) Concealing a dangerous weapon**

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to always be vigilant in identifying legitimate law enforcement officers. All Frederick County Sheriff's Deputies are required to display or wear their badge of office when they are working and are required to provide you with their name and badge number if you ask. Always report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046 or the anonymous tip line at 301-600-4131.

Attached on the following page is Sines' booking photo as well as a photo of all items seized.

