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**Man Sentenced to Jail and Probation for Impersonating a Police Officer**

Antonio Marcus Arbogast was sentenced Friday to 60 days in jail and two years' probation for impersonating a police officer in connection with an incident last year in which he followed a female motorist in his vehicle in Aurora.

Adams County District Judge Francis Wasserman also ordered that Arbogast undergo mental health evaluation and treatment.

Arbogast (DOB 08/16/92) was convicted August 10 of impersonating a peace officer (F6) and harassment (M3) after a two-day trial in Adams County District Court prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Josh Raaz and Deputy District Attorney Lara Jimenez.

"This is a serious public safety issue when we have people impersonating police officers," District Attorney Dave Young said. "This can lead to a situation where a citizen may question a legitimate police officer who is doing his job. I hope this sends the message that we take these cases seriously and will hold those responsible accountable for their actions."

Arbogast began following the 24-year-old woman in the early morning hours of May 18, 2015 near Central Park Boulevard and East Montview Boulevard. She called 911, telling police that she saw an "old blue car" next to her at the light that got behind her and continued to follow her as she continued driving in Aurora, making multiple turns. She reported to police that she the car had flashing lights and was trying to pull her over, and that she did not believe she was being followed by a police officer.

Arbogast was driving a 1991 Subaru Legacy. The woman drove to East Colfax Avenue in Aurora, attempting to find a police station. The car continued to follow her with flashing lights. The woman told police she was in fear of her life. Police caught up to them at East Colfax Avenue east of North Sable Boulevard. Police said that when they arrived, the woman was terrified, trembling and crying hysterically.

Judge Wasserman noted that the woman was still traumatized when she testified at the trial more than a year after the incident. The judge noted that at one point Arbogast pulled up next to her when she stopped at a traffic light and followed her when she accelerated through a red light in an attempt to get away from him, convinced that he was not a police officer. "That would have scared me to death," the judge said.

Arbogast told police that he was working for US Security Associates at Wal-Mart patrolling the parking lot. He was in uniform and on his way home from work when he said he saw the woman “driving erratically.”

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