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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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On March 14, a Caldwell community member reported a tip to the Caldwell Police Department about a suspect impersonating a police officer in the city of Caldwell.

That same day, members of the Caldwell Police Departments' Operation Safe Streets, followed up on the tip and subsequently investigated it with patrol officers. Shortly thereafter, officers located a white Dodge Charger which matched the description of the suspect vehicle.

An undercover investigation ensued, and the suspect utilized forward-facing red lights (commonly found on emergency vehicles) and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on an undercover Caldwell Police Officer who was driving in an unmarked police vehicle.

The suspect, who was later identified as a juvenile, was detained and arrested without incident during this operation.

Police impersonation poses a serious threat to public safety and undermines the trust between law enforcement and our community. Such behavior will not be tolerated. If you have been contacted or observed this vehicle in our City, please call non-emergency dispatch at 208-454-7531.

"We simply have the best community who trusts its' police department to keep them safe and I am so proud of them for coming forward to report this. I am also extremely proud of our team who acted swiftly and used intelligence based policing and good old fashioned police work to stop this child from continuing his actions," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.



*All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

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