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## Easley Man Arrested for Attempted Carjacking and Impersonation of Greenville County Deputy

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance call on February 13<sup>th</sup> at a residence on Pope Field Rd in Easley following reports of a suspicious male attempting to take a vehicle by force.

Deputies responding to the scene located a male matching the description given by callers walking on Pope Field Rd just a short distance from the location of the disturbance. Deputies initiated a field interview with the person at which time he was identified as Alan Jacob Gunter. Mr. Gunter produced a Greenville County Sheriff's Office Deputy's badge and identified himself as an employee of the Sheriff's Office.

A Deputy at the scene of the original call made contact with a victim that advised that the same man had attempted to take his vehicle from him by physical force after reaching into the window of the vehicle and grabbing the driver by the arm. Gunter proceeded to yell for the owner to surrender the car but the driver was able to break free and call for help. No injuries were sustained during the encounter.

Alan Jacob Gunter was arrested at the scene and charged with *Attempted Carjacking* and *Impersonating a Police Officer* after it was confirmed that Gunter is not an employee of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

**Alan Jacob Gunter(23yoa)** was taken to the Pickens County Detention Facility where he is currently being detained with bond set on the following charges:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Date of Arrest:</u>
Impersonating a Police Officer	2016A3910100148	\$5,000.00	02-13-16
Attempted Carjacking	2016A3910100149	\$45,000.00	02-13-16

The Greenville County badge was seized and turned over to Greenville County authorities who are conducting their own investigation in an effort to determine how Gunter gained possession of the badge.

Copies of the Arrest Warrants and a mug shot have been attached to this release.

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