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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Arrest Pickens Man Posing as Law Enforcement Officer

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has charged a Pickens County resident following his arrest late Sunday afternoon for *Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer*.

A Sheriff's Deputy was on routine patrol at approximately 4:20pm when he observed a suspicious vehicle with no visible markings attempting to stop a motorcycle by use of a flashing blue light on Pendleton St. near Pickens City Hall.

The deputy observed the vehicle which was a gray Chevrolet Malibu to have a North Carolina license tag and as the deputy drove towards the suspicious vehicle it sped off leaving the motorcycle on the side of the road.

The vehicle turned onto a side street and was stopped by the deputy in order to investigate further.

Mark Michael Church Landmeier (21yoa) was placed under arrest after confirming that he was not a law enforcement officer and that the vehicle which is registered to a third party in North Carolina is not a law enforcement vehicle.

Blue lights, an audible siren, a PA or public address system, and a CB radio were found to be hard wired into the vehicle and subsequently collected as evidence.

A Ruger .22 caliber pistol along with a gold colored badge with the words "*Police Officer*" in large font and the word "*Explorer*" in smaller print were also found in the vehicle.

Landmeier is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention Center where he has been arraigned on the following charges:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
<i>Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer</i>	2018A3910100872	\$2,500.00	07-22-18
<i>Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol</i>	2018A3910100873	\$2,500.00	07-22-18

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone that may have had a previous encounter with someone operating an unmarked, gray Chevrolet Malibu as a law enforcement vehicle to please call the Pickens County Sheriff's Office at (864) 898-5500.

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