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### **ABI Arrests Phony Agent in Undercover Operation**

MOBILE — Agents assigned to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation office in Mobile arrested a 27-year-old Mobile man Friday for posing as an ABI agent following an undercover investigation.

Agents charged Alton Jerome Wilkes with impersonating a peace officer, a Class C felony, and placed him in the Mobile County Jail.

The investigation was initiated after ABI received complaints that an employee of Mobile County Emergency Medical Services was representing himself as an ABI agent. During the course of the investigation, Wilkes identified himself as an ABI sergeant to an undercover ABI agent, taking information from the agent ostensibly regarding a criminal matter.

The investigation is continuing.

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