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# MO Highway Patrol Warning Residents

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## MO Highway Patrol Warning Residents

Missouri - The Missouri State Highway Patrol is warning residents about a person or persons impersonating an officer.

MSHP Corporal Dustin Reed said there has been two similar reports of someone impersonating an officer, and they have an active investigation going.

On June 8 at 9:41 p.m. a 24-year-old woman was driving southbound on U.S. 67 in Jefferson County when an unknown model, dark-colored passenger car began to follow her and activated alternating red and blue flashing lights.

Thinking it was a police officer, the woman stopped on U.S. 67 at Buck Creek Road and the suspect approached her vehicle trying to open the rear door of the car. She described the person as approximately 5'10 in height with a stocky build, wearing a black ski mask, gloves and a dark hoodie.

The woman was able to grab her pistol and point it at the man. The person went back to their own vehicle and when he opened the door the dome light came on and illuminated a person in the front passenger seat as well. The man then drove off north on Buck Creek Road.

Another report was made of a similar incident on June 10 at 4:40 a.m. This time a 19-year-old girl was driving east on Highway 32 in St. Francois County when an unknown

model white or silver SUV or passenger vehicle pulled behind her near the intersection of Route B.

The driver of the other vehicle activated alternating red and blue flashing lights and, thinking it was a police officer, the girl stopped on Highway 32 just east of Route B.

The young woman saw the person in the car with the lights approaching her car and he was wearing a black ski mask, red hoodie and possibly gloves, and was holding a large flashlight.

The suspect was described as being about 5'11 tall with a stocky build. She drove off quickly but saw the suspect make a U-turn and head west on Highway 32.

Reed said as of Friday it was an ongoing investigation, and warned if someone does encounter someone they think might not be a real police officer, they should slow their speed, turn on their hazard lights and call 911.

If anyone has any information on either incident, or may know who was involved, they are asked to contact a local police or sheriff's department.

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Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces the Patrol's participation in Operation Dry Water. Operation Dry Water is a national campaign in which marine law enforcement officers from across the country coordinate special patrols to keep our waterways safe from boaters operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This year, June 30-July 2 has been designated as Operation Dry Water weekend. As a partner in this national campaign, troopers will focus their efforts on detecting and apprehending impaired boat operators.

Missouri boat operators found to have a blood alcohol content of .08% or greater will be arrested for boating while intoxicated. Intoxicated boat operators endanger themselves, their passengers, and other boaters utilizing our many waterways.

“Missouri is blessed with a variety of water-related recreation opportunities,” said Col. Karsten. “Floating, swimming, and boating activities should be fun, safe experiences. When your family or friends plan a water outing, make sure safety is part of the discussion. Life jackets save lives. Consuming alcohol and then operating a vessel puts

lives at risk. The Missouri State Highway Patrol joins its Operation Dry Water partners in stressing the importance of being sober when in and around water. Please don't operate a vessel if you've consumed alcohol."

Last year, 538 local, state, and federal agencies participated in a weekend long event of heightened BWI enforcement known as Operation Dry Water. Officers removed 367 intoxicated boat operators from the water. In addition, law enforcement officers made contact with over 131,054 boaters concerning BWI or boating safety enforcement and awareness. United States Coast Guard 2015 data reveals that alcohol use remains the primary known contributing factor for recreational boater deaths.

In 2016, troopers arrested a total of 11 people statewide for boating while intoxicated, contacted 661 vessels and 2,000 boaters, and issued 114 boating violation summonses and 613 warnings on Missouri waterways. Marine operations troopers also issued 176 summonses for non-boating violations during the 2016 Operation Dry Water weekend. Special enforcement operations will continue throughout the summer months. Boaters are reminded that designating a sober operator is always the safest bet if alcohol is going to be included in their boating experience.

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# Replica of the Nina to Dock at Riverfront Park

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## Replica of the Nina to Dock at Riverfront Park

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Want to step back in time to the year 1492 when Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

A replica of the Nina one of Christopher Columbus' ships that sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discover of the new world will dock at Riverfront Park in Cape Girardeau.

The Nina will there Friday, September 29, 2017 and depart early Tuesday morning on October 3, 2017.

The Pinta will join the Nina in her travels. While in port you are encouraged to visit this sailing museum, walk-aboard.

The cost for adults is \$8 to tour, \$7 for seniors (60 and older), and \$6 for students ages 5 to 16. Children under the age of 4 are free.

The ships will be open everyday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No reservation is needed.

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# Summer Begins With National Daylight Appreciation Day

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**NATIONAL DAYLIGHT APPRECIATION DAY and FIRST DAY OF SUMMER**

National Daylight Appreciation Day is observed each year on June 21. This day recognizes summer solstice (the longest day of daylight in the northern hemisphere) and encourages people to celebrate the many benefits of the sun.

National Daylight Appreciation Day is also a day to learn more about the importance of daylighting. Daylighting is using skylights, windows and other architectural openings to natural light interior spaces. Doing so helps not only to reduce energy consumption but may also have health benefits.

Some areas are designed with automatic dimming systems when natural light is present, which reduces the amount of artificial light required. The process is known as daylight harvesting.

Daylight has positive psychological effects; it can boost your mental health and help to lower depression as well as help with increased energy levels. The Vitamin D that we naturally get from the sun has many health benefits for us.

Enjoy the summer solstice, enjoy the sunshine and let the sunshine into your home! And enjoy #DaylightAppreciationDay all day!

## HISTORY

National Daylight Appreciation Day is sponsored by Solatube International, Inc., a manufacturer of Tubular Daylighting Devices.

## SUMMER BEGINS

The longest day of the year marks the Beginning of Summer in the Northern Hemisphere which starts on June 20th, 21st or 22nd. It is also known as the Summer Solstice.

Summer Begins on different dates depending on times zones, the latest start date occurring on June 22nd.

Since ancient times, the summer solstice has been marked on calendars with celebrations honoring the sun and as a way to mark the seasons.

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## Route F in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route F in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

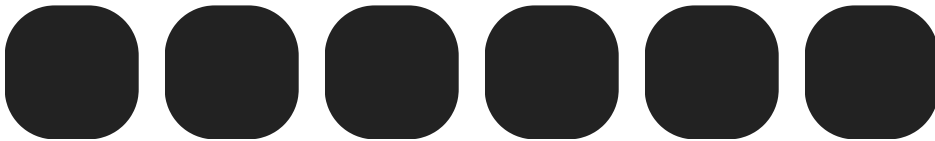
This section of roadway is located from Route 60 to Route J.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, June 20 through Thursday, June 29 from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

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