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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Police Department Identifies Person of Interest in Incidents Where Man Falsely Claimed to be Working With Police to Sell Advertising and Raise Money

Chatham County, GA (June 23, 2021)— The Chatham County Police Department (CCPD) has identified a person of interest in a series of incidents where a man approached businesses and falsely claimed to be working with CCPD to sell advertising to raise money for drug-awareness programs.

Officers want to speak with 23-year-old Lucas Williams in relation to the incidents.

On the afternoon of June 22, 2021, CCPD received information that a man had come into a Chatham County business claiming to be doing work for the Chatham County Police Department. The man attempted to sell the business an ad in a magazine for \$2,500, and claimed the money raised would go towards drug-awareness initiatives.

On the morning of June 23, 2021, a second business reported that a man came into their office claiming to be a representative of Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley, and attempted to sell a magazine ad. In both cases, the man left without receiving any money.

The Chatham County Police Department wants to make it clear that this is a scam, and that the person is in no way a representative of CCPD or Chief Jeff Hadley.

The Chatham County Police Department is not going door-to-door, or calling anyone, regarding any advertising purchases for a police publication. On the occasions when CCPD does reach out to the community for support of an event or program, our officers are dressed in uniform, driving a marked vehicle, and provide a business card. The Chatham County Police Department does not drop in on businesses to ask for monetary donations, and the department does not sell advertising.

If you are approached by a civilian claiming to work with CCPD who is trying to sell you something or asking for a donation, please call 9-1-1.

If you have information about these incidents that may be helpful in our investigation, please call our non-emergency number at 912-652-6500 or Crime Stoppers at 912-234-2020 where tipsters are anonymous and may qualify for a cash reward.

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