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This Just in from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.....

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A man posing as a County Attorney Investigator has been arrested by detectives from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today. Cosmon Williams, 47 (DOB 12/23/61), was arrested on March 11, 2009. The arrest follows a grand jury indictment and the issuance of an arrest warrant.

According to detectives in the County Attorney's office, the Phoenix Police Department and the FBI reported that on June 19, 2008, Williams arrived at Sky Harbor Airport allegedly representing himself as a County Attorney Investigator. At the time, Phoenix police acting on a tip from the FBI had in custody a prisoner with federal warrants for loan fraud which resulted from a recent FBI investigation. Williams is reported to have told Phoenix officers he was a County Attorney Investigator and requested they release their prisoner to him for transport to the FBI for self surrender. Phoenix police being suspicious of the encounter declined to release their prisoner and later notified the County Attorney's Office.

Following the execution of a search warrant of the FBI prisoner's home, the FBI discovered a photo of the prisoner, Williams, and two other men. Williams had a police badge visible on his lapel in the photo.

"Posing as a law enforcement officer is a serious allegation," said Thomas. "The prosecution of the resulting charges in this case will be equally serious."

In a February 26, 2009 indictment, Williams is charged with Impersonating a Police Officer, a class four felony, 1st Degree Hindering Prosecution, a class six felony, and False Information to Law Enforcement, a class one misdemeanor. He was arrested at a cigar shop near Tatum and Shea Boulevards.

Deputy County Attorney Scott Doering is prosecuting the case.

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