

Ontario SPCA warns of 'imposter officers' in Sault area

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The Ontario SPCA is warning residents in Sault Ste. Marie to be vigilant after concerns were reported that individuals have been impersonating an Ontario SPCA officer.

Witnesses have reported two women and a man dressed in dark blue uniform-like clothing driving a dark-coloured van with yellow lettering or a logo, and a white van with an Ontario SPCA-type logo. The logo on the white van had baby blue-coloured letters stating "OSPCA" and an image of a cat and dog.

These individuals are alleged to be approaching homes in the area, asking the homeowner for information about their dogs and attempting to coerce the owner into surrendering ownership of their animals.

"It is an offence to impersonate a peace officer," says Lynn Michaud, senior inspector, Ontario SPCA. "If you are approached by an Ontario SPCA officer and you are in doubt about their identity, we encourage you to request to see their identification card."