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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A private investigator and bail enforcement agent has surrendered his state licenses as part of a plea agreement with the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office.

Kory Farmer, 34 of Derby, pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor false impersonation on Wednesday before District Court Judge Christopher Magana. Farmer was granted probation for one year. If he violates his probation, Farmer could serve a six-month jail sentence.

As part of the plea, Farmer agreed not to work in the areas of private investigations, bond agent, fugitive recovery, bail enforcement, private security, corporate security, law enforcement, bounty hunting or any related field. Farmer also agreed to sell a vehicle used in his business and forfeit ownership of several firearms that he owned. Farmer previously held licenses with the State of Kansas as a private investigator and bail enforcement agent.

The case was investigated by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's department after two sheriff's investigators in an unmarked vehicle observed Farmer pursuing another vehicle near Kellogg and Hillside last November. Farmer was driving a pickup truck equipped with red emergency lights and a siren. When contacted by the sheriff's investigators, Farmer claimed to be a warrant officer for the District Attorney's office. Investigators determined that Farmer was not employed as a warrant officer and was not authorized to conduct vehicle pursuits with red lights and siren.

Prosecutors dismissed four additional counts of false impersonation as part of the plea agreement.

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