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San Diego Police Arrest Man for Impersonating a Police Officer

San Diego – On February 12, 2026, at approximately 12 p.m., a man entered the McDonald's located at 4260 Nobel Dr. and grabbed the manager, a Hispanic male, from behind by wrapping his arm around the manager's neck. The man stated the manager was an "illegal alien" and he was being arrested, while leading him outside. Other McDonald's employees came to the aid of the manager and when security guards arrived on scene, the man left the store.

The San Diego Police Department was called, and officers detained the man. He has been identified as 40-year-old Joshua Cobb. It was determined Cobb was not a law enforcement officer. He was arrested for impersonating a police officer and for battery. No one was injured during this incident.

There are several videos of this incident circulating online. We understand how concerning this can be for members of our community. We want to assure residents that impersonating a law enforcement officer is a crime and the San Diego Police Department takes any reports of this nature very seriously.

If anyone has information related to this incident, please contact Detective Sergeant Nick Zastrow at 858 552-1756.

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