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Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictment Charging Man with Impersonation of a Federal Officer

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Louisiana

SHREVEPORT, La. – Acting United States Attorney Alexander C. Van Hook announced that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging **Jason Beau Dark**, 42, of New Orleans, with two counts of false impersonation of a federal officer and one count of possession of counterfeit seal of an agency of the United States.

The indictment alleges that on or about July 7, 2025, on two separate occasions in both West Monroe and Ruston, Louisiana, Dark knowingly and willfully falsely assumed and pretended to be an officer and employee of the United States, that is, a Special Agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

It is alleged in the indictment that Dark first displayed a counterfeit DEA special agent badge to a motorist in an attempt to intimidate the victim. Following the encounter, when officers with the Ruston Police Department confronted Dark, he identified himself as a Special Agent with the DEA, displayed a counterfeit DEA badge to them, and also presented counterfeit DEA credentials in an attempt to the investigation.

If convicted, Dark faces a sentence of 3 years in prison, 1 year of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000, for false imprisonment of a federal officer. Dark faces a sentence of up to 5

years in prison, 3 years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000 for possession of a counterfeit seal of an agency of the United States.

An indictment is merely an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, and Ruston Police Department, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Seth D. Reeg.

If anyone has information concerning a similar incident involving this defendant, please report to DOJ-OIG by going to: https://oig.justice.gov/hotline.

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