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PRESS RELEASE
GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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On 07/22/09 at approximately 10:54 a.m. Garfield County Emergency Communications advised the Garfield County Sheriff's Office of a fight in progress near the 3.5 mile marker of Eastbound Hwy 82. They advised Deputies that a male party had run the reporting party off the road and had identified himself as a law enforcement officer.

Garfield County Deputies responded to the area and contacted the reporting parties. They stated they had been driving down Hwy 82 and were having mechanical problems with their vehicle. As they were traveling near the intersection of Hwy 82 and County Road 154, a green Subaru wagon pulled up along side their vehicle. The driver began yelling at the reporting party to pull over, and repeatedly yelled that he was "a cop". When the reporting party refused to pull over, the suspect allegedly ran their vehicle off the road and blocked it from leaving with his vehicle.

The suspect allegedly then exited his vehicle and displayed a badge contained in his wallet, and a black T-shirt with a State Patrol emblem embroidered on it as further identification. The reporting party called dispatch and after a brief altercation, the suspect left.

During their investigation, Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies were able to positively identify the suspect as Mr. John E. Dalessandro, 51 of Basalt, CO. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and on July 26th, 2009 at approximately 9:15 a.m. Mr. Dalessandro was apprehended near the Hot Springs Pool in Glenwood Springs, CO by Sheriff's Office Deputies. In his possession was a fake law enforcement badge. Mr. Dalessandro was arrested and charged with 18-8-112 Felony Impersonation of a Peace Officer (F6). He was also charged with harassment, false imprisonment, reckless endangerment, reckless

driving, and Driving Under Revocation. He was transported to the Garfield County Jail, and is currently being held on \$50,000.00 bond.