

Edgar County Sheriff Dept. News Release

On 2/17/18 at approx.. 0951hrs Justin A Hefner came to the front window of the Sheriff Dept and advised the dispatcher he was a officer with Department of Defense and asked to speak to a Deputy.

Deputy Smith and Deputy Burgin where alerted and came to the window. It was noted Hefner was wearing an outer vest with a badge (w/American flag covering part of it) and a holster with the butt of a pistol showing.

Hefner advised he was a federal officer with Department of Defense and requested assistance arresting some people in Paris. The deputies knew Hefner's history of possibly impersonating an officer.

The deputies convinced Hefner they believed he was an officer and talked him into locking his pistol in the gun vault before coming into the jail. Once he came through the locked door the deputies talked Hefner into removing his outer body armour (which was found to have ½ inch steel plates inside). He also had handcuffs and mace. The deputies noted he had another bullet proof vest on and convinced Hefner to remove it also.

The Deputies contacted Paris PD to send officers to help.

Once he removed all the body armour, mace and handcuffs he was taken into custody without incident.

Deputies found he had a white Hummer he drove to the jail. Upon searching it they found another badge, large package of zip ties, duct tape, a AR 15 equipped with optics, bump stock, quick magazine release and a bi-pod, they found a 100 round fully loaded drum magazine with several 30 round magazines, the vehicle had flashing lights in it and also a police dash cam.

Deputies found he had a page on Facebook – Constitutional Wounded Warriors where he expressed his plans on who he was targeting in Edgar County and Paris.

Hefner was charged with Impersonating a public officer, Unlawful Use of a Weapon & Unlawful Possession of Body Armour.

Bond was set at \$20,000.

We have notified the FBI and Homeland Security

Sheriff Jeff Wood
