

**Subject: FW: Fraud Alerts On North Shore**

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This message is passed on to you courtesy of Ernie Crist and welcome to the new and improved Liberal Party created society. No offence intended to the good and honest members of the Liberal Party.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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The North Vancouver RCMP's ECU (Economic Crime Unit) has recently surfaced ongoing scams that appear to be targeting businesses in the area. The first scam involves a suspect calling a retail or dining establishment claiming to be a representative of one of the major credit card companies. The suspect tells the merchant that there is a problem with the last credit card purchase (ie. Visa) and requests for all of the information that the merchant processed for that purchase. Once the suspect has that particular victim's credit card information it is used for fraudulent purposes.

Businesses are warned to not give out credit card information over the phone. If they think that they are receiving a legitimate call from a credit card company, they should request the caller's info, and then call the company back themselves so they know for sure that they are speaking to a proper representative.

In another scam that has been identified by the ECU the suspect uses mail or email to perpetrate their crimes. There has been a significant number of reports from businesses receiving emails with a suspect trying to obtain banking account information. The emails are usually penned by a "Doctor", who states that he/she is an executive member of some sort of African bank/company/or agency. This "Doctor" also states that they have a large amount of cash (usually in the millions of US dollars) that needs to be transferred into Canada, OR, has a large contract to award and has decided to use the recipient's company. More details are promised if "they are interested". If the recipient responds, the suspect then demands their bank account info claiming that they will transfer a large amount of cash into it. Obviously, this is a scam to obtain the company's account information for fraudulent use and businesses are being warned to be wary of any such mailings, often referred to as "The Nigerian or African Letter" as they are frequently linked to Africa.


Businesses should look out for the following : These emails often originate from a Yahoo or Hotmail account (should be your first warning sign) and promise extremely large amounts of cash even though they have never met yourself or anyone involved in the company. Ask yourself, does this sound like something a legitimate company would do? There is also never any mention of a lawyer in the correspondence. Millions of dollars would never change hands without a corporate lawyer involved.

The North Vancouver RCMP would like business owners and managers to be

vigilant in watching out for these types of frauds, and also to practice common sense when receiving these inquiries. If you do receive any of these types of fraudulent inquiries you are asked to contact your local RCMP or police agency. The North Vancouver RCMP's non emergency number is 604-985-1311.

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