



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 15th May 2008

EMAIL NEWS

Another money laundering job offered this week by a 'David Robben' headed 'Looking for a great personal assistant' which entails receiving and making payments also receive and forward letters for which you will receive lucrative pay! There has been a short news item recently regarding one of the spammers who send out this type of email being found guilty by the New York County Court and he is now awaiting sentence.

A Mr. Maxwell Cole is offering you fifteen million US dollars which he has found in Dubai and asks you to contact him to arrange transfer; no doubt he will require you to send him cash first so that he can make the arrangements.

Nat West Bank targeted by an email claiming that there has been unauthorized use of your account and asking you to click on the link which leads to a website 'Tsn.cc' owned by Saunders Properties Pty in New South Wales, Australia, possibly another hijacked website.

A new variation on the Nigerian 419 scam this week with an email from Mrs. Smith headed 'Hello can you handle this' asking if you can accept five million US dollars as the next of kin of a deceased businessman from America who was killed in air crash. The email asks for your full names, mobile and home phone numbers, profession, age and country of residence. If you contact Karen Smith she will inform you of how the money can be released to you, no doubt involving you send a fee to her first!

BOGUS CALLERS

In UPPER NORWOOD an elderly female had a white male call stating he was from the water company and needed to turn off her water supply. He entered the premises and asked to see the kitchen, the victim left the front door open. It is believed another suspect entered while victim distracted and cash was taken from the bedroom. The male was described as approx 25 years 5'02" tall with short fair hair and he was wearing a beige horizontally striped t-shirt, blue jeans and trainers.

Also in UPPER NORWOOD another elderly female awoke in the morning to find her bathroom window had been removed and her handbag and other items missing, she had not awoken during the night and there is no description of the suspect.

NEW SCAM?

The Croham SNT have reported that a lady in their Ward has received a note pushed through her door saying that there has been a mistake and a parcel would be delivered to her address. The parcel would be addressed to a David Edwards. Could she take the parcel in and then telephone Mr. Edwards on his mobile phone. Shortly afterwards the postman knocked as he had three parcels for Mr. Edwards. The lady refused them as she did not know what they contained, the postman said don't worry we have a sack full of these parcels that have been refused, they contain mobile phones.

Later that day a big built African male, approx 5'10" tall, with short black hair wearing a purple t-shirt, and approx 35 years old called. He was accompanied by an African female, also well built and about 5'07" tall, approx 40 years old wearing a denim t-shirt with "If your single I am hot" written on the front. The lady explained that she had not taken delivery of the parcels and the post office had taken them back. The SNT advice is not to sign for anything if it is not yours and you do not know what it contains. If the lady had signed for the phones and then handed them over she could have been invoiced for them and as she had signed for the she would have had to pay. They could also possibly be stolen goods obtained by 'cardholder not present' fraud.

PROTECT YOUR SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

In-car satellite navigation systems are the new "must have" for motorist and for thieves.

Croydon police has noticed an increase in these types of thefts and believe they are going to be on increase as more people invest in them.

Hiding the system in the glove box or under the seat is simply not enough - this is the first place thieves will look if they break into your vehicle.

Satellite navigation systems are small, hand-held devices that are easily transportable - take them with you when you leave your vehicle, as you would the fascia of your car stereo. Consider placing a prominent notice in your car stating that the system has been removed

Where possible, do not even leave the cradle for the system on display and remember to wipe clean the mark left on the windscreen where the cradle was. If you have to leave the cradle for the system in your car, make sure it is marked overtly with poster or UV paint.

Mark your Satellite navigation system with your postcode and house number or your vehicle registration number, using special UV security markers. These pens are readily available from any good hardware store.

Never leave anything on view in your car. Thieves are opportunist; make sure to always lock all doors, windows and sunroofs. The effects of having your vehicle broken into is not only time consuming but can also increase the cost of your car insurance."

CRIME HOTSPOTS

Thefts of catalytic converters in the South of the Borough and in the neighbouring Surrey Police area have re-started again this week with a gang operating overnight, stealing the catalytic converters from underneath Ford Transit vans and other large vehicles such as 4 x4's where it is easy to get underneath the vehicle without using a jack. They use pipe cutters to avoid making any noise, if you see or hear anything suspicious involving these types of vehicles **do not** approach the vehicle but call 999, if any vehicles are seen to be involved a note of the registration number will greatly help the Police.