



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 7th February 2008

EMAIL NEWS

An email from 'Caltex Group Ltd' inviting you to become a payment processor for the company who would send cash for you to pay into your bank then deduct 10% for your trouble. The balance is then to be sent by Western Union Money Transfer to their Financial Director! This appears to be a simple money laundering scam or if the certified cheque they send you is bogus the money you send them will come out of your bank account.

Another bogus lottery winner email from 'Luther Zihiri' on behalf of Mrs. Rose Wood the promotion coordinator to confirm that you have won the Euro million Loteria Espanol 2007 promotion and asking you to contact them and claim your prize. No doubt you will then be asked to send a processing fee to claim your winnings!

Two more Nigerian 419 scam emails this week, one from John Alozie offering 35 million US dollars to invest and another from Abubakar Yaradua offering 4.9 million US dollars, which is surplus to their military contract, for you subject to him receiving a percentage.

BOGUS CALLERS

In the WADDON area an elderly male victim had two white males call saying they were from the Water Board and that water was leaking down the outside wall of his flat. The first male went into the kitchen and loosened the pipe under the sink before saying everything was alright and then left the premises. Later the victim discovered that cash had been taken. The first male described as approx 28 years 6'02" tall of slim build with short black hair and brown eyes, he was wearing a blue top and bottoms. Second male approx 45 years old 5'11" tall, medium build with swept back grey hair and had blue/grey eyes which stood out.

Another water board bogus caller in SHIRLEY where the elderly occupier had a white male, approx age 30 years 5'07" tall with short brown hair and of stocky build, wearing a light brown cotton jacket, call saying he needed to check the water supply. While in the kitchen he managed to remove cash from the victim's handbag.

Not in Croydon but a recent bogus caller called at an address stating that he had run out of fuel in his car and asking to use the toilet. The house belonged to an elderly lady but fortunately her carer was there and refused to let the Asian male who was approx 35 years old into the house. The carer saw him then get into an older Audi saloon car and drive off, the carer had the presence of mind to note down the vehicle registration number which has since been checked and found to be a false number.

In SOUTH WEST LONDON a white male, described as approx 40 years old with black curly hair and with facial stubble called on a victim stating that he was a Police Officer and had arrested a rogue roofer who had been operating in the area and showed some form of ID, he was then allowed into the property, please be aware that this type of offence is still occurring and if you have any doubt about a caller they will not mind waiting while you phone and check if they are genuine.

CRIME HOTSPOTS

There has been an increase in daytime and evening burglaries in the SOUTH CROYDON, PURLEY and WADDON SNT areas. The burglaries often involve entry to the properties from the rear and handbags and other small property has been taken. Additional patrols are now operating in this area.

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE APPEAL

POLICE ON HUNT FOR TICKET MACHINE THIEVES WHO CAUSED £25K DAMAGE – SURREY

British Transport Police is appealing to members of the public for help in tracking down a group of thieves believed to be responsible for stealing a railway station ticket machine.

BTP Detective Constable Darren Stenning said the quick fare ticket machine was removed from Hurst Green Railway Station at 03.50am last Thursday (January 31).

"We believe at least two people were involved in theft after a 4X4 was used to drag the machine from the location. We feel confident that members of the public may have witnessed the incident and could hold vital information to assist us in our investigation. It's certainly not every day that you

see a ticket machine being dragged behind a vehicle.

“The machine was recovered in a field in Warlingham near the junction of Hesiers Hill and Chelsham Court Road, with the thieves making off with an unknown amount of money. However the damage to the machine has been estimated at £25,000.

“We’re appealing to any members of the public who may have witnessed a 4X4 dragging a machine from the station early on Thursday or residents who may have seen the machine being dumped in the field in Warlingham to contact us by calling the witness appeal line on 0207 391 5275 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

We are appealing for any witnesses to an incident in Croydon College, Croydon Road, east Croydon, on Monday 4 February.

An 18 y/o man was stabbed around 11.00 am inside the college. It took place near a toilet block on the ground floor, in the area near the catering unit. The victim received several stab wounds and was taken to a south London hospital where he received treatment and was later released.

It is believed there was one suspect, a young black man possibly aged 18 yrs.

The incident is being investigated by Croydon CID. DI Liz Baker said: “This is a very busy college and there would have been a fair number of people around. We are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or seen someone running away or anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious.

The number to ring with any information is 020 8649 0135 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you wish to remain anonymous.

THE SELSDON AND BALLADS SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM is collating information on the area bounded by Foxearth Rd, Kingsway Ave, Sundale Ave, Byron Road, Addington Road and Queenhill Rd.

They have had a number of reports from a variety of sources suggesting larger than usual groups of mainly young people gather around this crossroads, attracting 'stunts' from small motor cycles and the suggestion of drug and alcohol abuse.

This junction is a natural cross over point for school pupils on their journey home. It is also popular as a meeting place in the evenings and especially at weekends. The large groups are intimidating to local shoppers, businesses etc. There is some indication of a spate of small fires close to the proposed area.

A Dispersal Order is intended as a short term measure to reduce the numbers and frequency of the gatherings. Once individuals are identified, a variety of measures will be taken, including informing their school or college, parents or guardians.

This will be considered at the Agency Group (JAG) meeting on Wednesday 13th February 2008 at Croydon Town Hall. If you have any observations or are aware of other persons who may have an interest, please forward this to the Selsdon & Ballards SNT on 020 7161 9526. Email

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