



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 13th September 2007

EMAIL NEWS

Attempts to phish bank details from Nat West customers with a request that you complete and mandatory Online Banking Customer Form by clicking onto a link which takes you to a website owned by letvot5.cn in China. A similar email for customers of The Royal Bank of Scotland which has now had the link closed down by the Bank.

BOGUS CALLERS

Eight bogus callers this week. In Addiscombe a white male called on a victim saying that her neighbour was having a new fence erected and he needed to measure up. Victim took him to the back garden, later in the day she realized that jewellery had been taken from the bedroom. The suspect is described as approx 26 years old, wearing a suit, shirt, tie and jumper. Second suspect was not seen.

In Norbury a white male suspect told the two victims that one of his tools had been thrown into their back garden. Both victims went with him into the back garden to look for it but could not find it. Later one victim realized that her handbag, in the front room, had been opened and cash and keys had been taken. The male described as approx 35 years old, 5'10" tall with a shaven head, he was wearing a T shirt and jeans. Again the second suspect was not seen by the victims.

In central Croydon a dark skinned European male knocked on front door and stated that his son had kicked a ball into the garden. Victim said she would look for the ball herself and shut the door but did not put the chain on. Victim has walking problems and took some time, when she returned victim had gone. Later the suspect came down the stairs and left the house. Victim found that cash and a watch had been taken. Suspect described as approx 5'09" tall about 30 years old and wearing grey jeans and a shirt.

In Thornton Heath a white male called saying he was repairing pipes next door; he was allowed to enter the property. Then a second male appeared and they checked the water pipes. After they left the victim's found that the upstairs bedroom had been searched and cash taken. The first male described as approx 20 years old 5'06" tall, wearing dark blue/light blue striped long sleeved jacket. Second male was approx 22 years old 5'06" tall, wearing a beige/yellow horizontal striped long sleeved top, jeans and white cotton gloves.

In South Norwood the victim was at home when the flat intercom buzzed. She let the Asian male suspect into the communal entrance. He said he was from the water board but when asked for ID he had left it in his van! In spite of this he was let into the flat and he asked the victim to turn on the taps in the bathroom. During this time the suspect had emptied her purse containing a large amount of cash and then left.

In Shirley the milkman was delivering when a white male pushed past him, took the milk and pushed past the elderly and infirm occupants and went into the kitchen. He was carrying a number of papers and said he was a rat catcher as next door had reported rats in their garden. He handed some papers to one of the victims who could not read them due to poor eyesight. The suspect snatched the papers back and then left, nothing was taken.

POSSIBLE BOGUS CALLER IN THE SHIRLEY AREA

There have been reports of an unknown male knocking on doors of elderly residents late at night offering to carry out tree work. Unfortunately no clear description of the male yet. The Shirley Safer Neighbourhood Team are aware and additional patrols will be made in the area.

HARVEY INVESTMENT COMPANY

Following my report at the end of August regarding the above company sending job emails. This week further similar emails from Harvey Investment Company again offering you a job as a customer service associate to make transfers of cash through your personal bank account. The company will pay you 10% of each transaction. There is a link to a website listing several jobs in Switzerland but only the customer service job has an online application form for you to enter your details. Again it does not explain why an Investment Company in Switzerland would need to transfer cash through a personal bank account in the UK? This appears to be an identical set up by the same people to obtain bank details or con people into cashing bogus cheques and forwarding their own cash before the cheque is found to be forged. The website belongs to a Vitaliy Shevchenko based in Union City, USA. There are reports on the internet that various sites have been registered on the internet as part of this scam and that a genuine company of this name operates in America who are not part of this attempt at cashing bogus cheques etc.

A WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME OF HIGH-PROFILE EVENTS IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE AUTUMN TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT'S BEING DONE TO TACKLE CRIME IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

Not In My Neighbourhood Week will run from Monday October 15 to Sunday October 21 – and it's hoped Neighbourhood Watch groups will play a part.

Sarah Taylor from the Home Office Crime and Strategy Unit said: "The Home Office would like to invite Neighbourhood Watch organisations across England and Wales to work with their local crime fighting agencies to participate in the Week.

We will encourage all CDRPs (Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships) to work with their local Watch organisations leading up to, and during the week. We will be providing information on how Neighbourhood Watch groups can become involved in due course".

One of the themes of the Week will be a celebration of the good work of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers since it was formed 25 years ago.

The Home Office will be working hard to grab the media's attention and report on the positive things being done by neighbourhood police teams, local councils and various other agencies.

Sarah Taylor said: "This dedicated Week is an excellent opportunity for local agencies to demonstrate to local people the work being done in the area to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and drug and alcohol misuse."