



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 29th November 2007

### **EMAIL NEWS**

Email security vendors are warning that the number of spam and phishing messages will rise this Christmas.

Last year millions of mails were sent over the Christmas period, with both bogus sales offers and phishing attacks. There are also warnings of new kinds of social engineering attacks that consumers may be susceptible to.

The festive season represents a great opportunity for cynical fraudsters wishing to exploit novice online shoppers. There is usually a massive jump in spam and phishing in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

One method is to send a fake invoice via email and ask the recipient to confirm or cancel the order. In order to cancel the order users will have to input their credit card details so that their account can be credited.

This week a new phishing email for Ebay is circulating claiming that your winning bidder has been suspended and giving the usual link for you to give your log in details to a website in Columbia USA. The website appears to have been closed down but they will probably re-surface soon at a different site. As always Ebay never sends out emails requesting personal or log in details.

A very well set out email supposedly from Yorkshire Bank but the grammar is poor and it refers to Federal guidelines which require you to click on the link and update your account. The link leads to a website owned by a Neil Sharman in Suffolk.

### **BOGUS CALLERS**

In BROAD GREEN an elderly female had a white male call saying he was from Neighbourhood Watch and pointed to a white badge on his jacket. He claimed there had been a break in at her house and he needed to check her property. The victim allowed him in and he checked the windows and then asked her to check her valuables. The victim checked her bag which contained her pension money and then went back to her living room. When she went back to see the suspect he was going out the front door, later she noticed her bag was missing. The suspect was described as approx 20 years old 5'07" tall and wearing an off white baseball cap, red fleece with Neighbourhood Watch embroidered on the front. A similar case to this has previously happened in Coulsdon and as I mentioned then no one from Neighbourhood Watch would ever call and ask to check your house following a burglary. The only persons who would call would be a Police Officer to take details or a crime prevention officer, if requested. All of these would produce an identity card, if not in uniform, which has Metropolitan Police with a crest in white in a blue box at the top and their personal details underneath.

Please warn any elderly relatives or neighbours so that they can be aware of this new scam.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE MOVE**

The planned move to Kenley Police Station took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

The new address:

Kenley Police Station

94 – 96 Godstone Road

Kenley, Surrey, CR8 5AB

Telephone Number: 020 8649 0318

From Monday 26 November Sarah Gardener will be away from the office following a pre-planned operation and she will be absent for at least two months. The office will be manned part time by

temporary help (PC Sarah Cohen) and I will be in the office as usual on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please leave messages on the answer phone and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

The answer phone is for Neighbourhood Watch messages; please do not report any crimes on this number.

There are still problems with our broadband connection so no messages were sent last Friday as we have had no connection since the 21<sup>st</sup> up until today; we have a temporary connection only. Please be patient if your emails are not answered for a while.

## **POLICE APPEAL FOR MISSING WANTED MAN**

Police are appealing for information concerning the whereabouts of a black male, 29 years old with a scarred face and a short beard, wanted on recall to prison.

Yohan Clarke (Born: 24.9.78) was released on licence in late October this year having been convicted in 2005 for murder and arson with intent to endanger life. This was subsequently successfully appealed to manslaughter.

Clarke's recall was generated by Ministry of Justice after he broke the terms of licence, which was to live at a specified address in SE25.

He has not been seen since Tuesday (20.11.7).

Clarke is primarily associated with the Croydon and south Norwood areas, although officers believe he could be anywhere within London or the home counties.

He is described as approx 5ft 10in tall and of proportionate build. We believe he has no access to money or a change of clothing.

He has previously been convicted for a serious offence and is associated with violent actions, and therefore we advise members of the public not to approach him.

If they have information regarding his whereabouts they can contact Croydon CID on 020 8649 0088. Alternatively the Croydon control room is available 24hours a day on 020 86491386.