

## Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – August 20, 2012

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### 1. Beware of scam

The Ottawa Police Service would like to warn the public to beware of purchasing goods from members of the public out of the trunk of a car in a local parking lot.

If you are approached by someone who wishes to sell you anything: clothing, carpets, electronics, etc., you are placing yourself at risk for being defrauded. The items are often not what they are presented to be (fake) or stolen and you will be left with no recourse.

This past week, a local man was randomly approached and purchased three leather jackets after being provided a very slick and seemingly true story about the reason they were for sale. The value of the goods was far less than what was represented.

The suspect is described as: White, 5'8"(1,73 m), in his 50's, short balding dark brown hair, clean cut, an Italian accent, fluent in English, French and Italian, small hands with a scar on one thumb.

This same type of scam has been reported in Ottawa in the past and is well documented throughout North America as well.

The Ottawa Police reminds everyone to exercise caution and due diligence when purchasing items from non legitimate business vendors and over the internet as well.

If you have been approached, or are the victim of this or any other similar scam, report the incident to police so that the trend can be tracked and followed up by investigators.

### 2. Man charged with robbery

The Ottawa Police Service Robbery Section charged a man in relation to a robbery that occurred on August 18, 2012 in the 100 block of Stafford Road.

At about 7:30 p.m., a man entered the store and waited in line with customers. He produced a knife and demanded money. He fled by vehicle with an undisclosed amount of cash.

There were no injuries.

The suspect was located by police a short time later and arrested.

Scott RICHARDS, age 46, of Ottawa is charged with Robbery and Possession of a weapon.

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- 1. En garde au sujet d'une arnaque**
- 2. Homme inculpé de vol**

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### 1. En garde au sujet d'une arnaque

Le Service de police d'Ottawa conseille à la population de se méfier avant de faire l'achat d'articles offerts par des particuliers à partir d'un coffre de voiture dans un parc de stationnement.

Si vous êtes approché par un individu désirant vous vendre quoi que ce soit, vêtements, tapis, appareils électroniques, etc., vous courez le risque d'être victime d'une fraude. Dans bien des cas, les articles en question sont, quoi que puisse en dire le vendeur, contrefaits ou volés, et vous vous retrouverez sans le moindre recours.

La semaine dernière, un homme de la région fut abordé au hasard et fit l'achat de trois blousons de cuir après qu'on lui ait offert une explication très bien ficelée et fort plausible des raisons de leur mise en vente. La valeur réelle des biens s'avéra bien inférieure à celle qui avait été prétendue.

Le suspect fut décrit comme étant un homme de race blanche mesurant 1,73 m (5 pi 8 po), dans la cinquantaine, à la chevelure brun foncé courte et fuyante, rasé de près, accent italien, parlant couramment l'anglais, le français et l'italien, petites mains avec une cicatrice à un pouce.

Ce même type d'arnaque a été signalé à Ottawa par le passé et son existence est également bien documentée à travers l'Amérique du Nord.

La Police d'Ottawa rappelle à chacun l'importance de faire preuve de vigilance et de diligence raisonnable avant de se porter acquéreur de biens offerts par des vendeurs non légitimes, que ce soit en personne ou en ligne.

Si vous avez été abordé, ou si vous avez été victime de cette arnaque ou de tout autre arnaque semblable, signalez l'incident à la police, ce qui permettra aux enquêteurs d'en savoir plus long sur la tendance et à en faire le suivi.

### 2. Homme inculpé de vol

La Section des vols du Service de police d'Ottawa vient d'inculper un homme relativement à un vol survenu le 18 août 2012 dans le bloc des 100 du chemin Stafford.

Vers 19 h 30, un homme se présenta dans le commerce et se joignit aux clients dans la file d'attente. Son tour arrivé, il montra un couteau et exigea de l'argent. En possession d'un montant d'argent comptant, qui n'a pas été divulgué, il prit la fuite à bord d'un véhicule.

Personne ne fut blessé.

Le suspect fut localisé un peu plus tard et appréhendé par la police. Scott RICHARDS, un homme d'Ottawa âgé de 46 ans, est inculpé de vol et de possession d'une arme.

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Key Ottawa Police Service numbers:

- \* Life threatening emergency assistance or to report a crime in progress .. **911**
- \* Other emergency ..... **613-230-6211**
- \* Non-emergencies and general inquiries ..... **613-236-1222**
- \* To have the police attend your location ..... **613-236-1222**  
**ext. 7500**
- \* To make a police report ..... **613-236-1222**  
**ext. 7300**

OPS and By-Law services base their work on call statistics. The more calls that you make, the more neighbourhood services we receive. There are three steps to making the call:

**a) Deciding which number to phone.**

If you have an emergency or see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If your car was broken into or you need police to attend another non-urgent situation, please call the "other emergencies" number (613-230-6211). To report an incident after it occurred without police attending the scene, please call 613-236-1222 – ext. 7300. You can reach by-law services at 3-1-1.

**b) Getting a report number.**

When the dispatcher answers, it is a good idea to ask for a report number immediately. We've found that dispatchers sometimes hang up before we get to ask for a number or we forget. Asking for a report number right away solves these problems.

**c) Share your report number and incident.**

Please e-mail your report numbers and a brief description of the incident to your Block Captain (if you have one), or directly to us.

**Importance of Reporting Prostitution and Problem Addresses**

Neighbourhood Watch members can support the police by writing down and phoning in important information such as: vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers (specify Ontario or Quebec) of anyone soliciting prostitutes, descriptions of drug dealers and addresses of crack houses.

**Graffiti**

If you spot graffiti, call 3-1-1. Graffiti kits are available from your city councillor.