

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – March 4, 2013

This bulletin is prepared by the Wellington Community Police Centre (1064 Wellington St., 613-236-1222 ext. 5870) for distribution to area residents to promote safety and security in our neighbourhoods. Please distribute it to anyone who might be interested. Any questions or information concerning safety or security issues in your neighbourhood may be forwarded to wellingtoncpc@gmail.com.

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1. Scam surfacing in British Columbia

The following is a recent CBC report from the Okanagan in B.C. There have been earlier reports of this scam being perpetrated elsewhere.

“The virus, which is a form of malware, displays a pop-up message telling users that the RCMP or other government agencies are investigating illegal computer activity. People are then urged to pay a fee to fix the problem.

The [first examples of the scam in Canada](#) surfaced earlier this year and is believed to be a variation of the Reveton Trojan which, once downloaded and activated, causes computers to seize and display a fraudulent message purporting to come from the RCMP, CSIS, FBI or some other law-enforcement agency.

Paying the fee doesn't free up the computer, which remains infected with malware. People whose computers are infected with the Trojan will need to find and remove the software or get a computer technician to assist them before the computer can resume operation.

RCMP Const. Kris Clark says more than 250 people have contacted the Kelowna detachment about the scam.

"The switchboard is frustrated with the number of calls they've been fielding. Certainly been inundated with calls," said Clark.

Police are warning residents not to send money through the payment provider. Computer users should contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud agency at 1-888-495-8501 and only call the RCMP if they have paid the scammers and are now victims of fraud.

The following are tips from the RCMP on how to protect yourself:

- Never click on a pop up that claims your computer has a virus

- Update your anti-virus software often and scan your computer for viruses regularly
- Don't click on links or attachments in e-mails sent to you by someone you don't know
- Turn on your browser's pop-up blocking feature
- Never download anti-virus software from a pop-up or link sent to you in an e-mail"

2. Seeking bank robbery suspect

The Ottawa Police Service Robbery Unit is currently investigating a series of bank robberies and is seeking the public's assistance in the investigation.

On February 5, 2013, at approximately 2:45 pm, a lone male suspect entered a bank situated along the 800 block of Bank Street. The suspect produced a note and made a demand for cash. The suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed quantity of cash. There were no injuries and no weapon was seen.

On February 11, 2013, at approximately 1:15 pm, a lone male suspect entered a bank situated along the 300 block of Elgin Street. The suspect produced a note and made a demand for cash. The suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed quantity of cash. There were no injuries and no weapon was seen.

On February 22, 2013, a male suspect walked into the same bank, having his face concealed with clothing. The suspect turned and walked out immediately thereafter.

On February 23, 2013, a lone male suspect entered a bank situated along the 400 block of Bank Street. The suspect produced a note and made a demand for cash. The suspect fled the scene empty handed. There were no injuries and no weapon was seen.

The suspect is described as being male, with olive colored or tanned skin, thin to medium build, 30-40 years of age, brown eyes, 5'10" to 6'1"(178 cm to 185 cm

Anyone with information with respect to these robberies, or any other robbery, is asked to contact the Robbery Unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

1. Suspect recherché à la suite d'un vol de banque

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L'Unité des vols de la Police d'Ottawa fait présentement enquête sur une série de vols de banque et sollicite l'aide de la population dans le cadre de cette affaire.

Le 5 février 2013 vers 14 h 45, un suspect entra seul dans une banque du bloc des 800 de la rue Bank, où il présenta un billet indiquant qu'il exigeait de l'argent comptant. Le suspect obtint un montant en espèces, qui n'a pas été divulgué, et s'enfuit à pied. Aucune arme ne fut aperçue, et personne ne fut blessé.

Le 11 février 2013 vers 13 h 15 pm, un suspect entra seul dans une banque du bloc des 300 de la rue Elgin, où il présenta un billet indiquant qu'il exigeait de l'argent comptant. Le suspect s'enfuit des lieux en emportant un montant d'argent en espèces, qui n'a pas été divulgué. Aucune arme ne fut aperçue, et personne ne fut blessé.

Le 22 février 2013, un suspect entra dans la même succursale bancaire, le visage masqué par des vêtements. Puis il tourna les talons, quittant immédiatement les lieux.

Le 23 février 2013, un suspect entra seul dans une banque du bloc des 400 de la rue Bank, où il présenta un billet indiquant qu'il exigeait de l'argent comptant. Le suspect s'enfuit des lieux sans obtenir quoi que soit. Aucune arme ne fut aperçue, et personne ne fut blessé.

Le suspect a été décrit comme étant un homme au teint olive ou bronzé, de carrure mince à moyenne, âgé entre 30 et 40 ans, les yeux bruns, mesurant entre 1,78 m à 1,85 m (de 5 pi 10 po à 6 pi 1 po).

Toute personne ayant des renseignements pertinents ces vols, ou à tout autre vol, est priée de communiquer avec l'Unité des vols au 613-236-1222, poste 5116, ou avec Échec au crime au 613-233-8477 (TIPS) ou sans frais au 1-800-222-8477.

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.