

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – May 5, 2014

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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The Ottawa Police Service is asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspects of a distraction theft incident that occurred on April 3, 2014 in the parking lot of South Keys.

At approximately 5:00-5:30pm, a woman returned to her car and a male approached her and told her she had a flat tire on the rear passenger side of her car.

This male had a small compressor with him and offered to put air in her tire. Since the tire had a cut in it, the male was not able to put air in it. The male left, leaving the compressor behind, stating he would return soon. He never returned.

The woman soon noticed her purse was missing.

The male is described as a Caucasian male, possibly of Italian descent, 45-60 years old, and he spoke poor English. He was poorly dressed, wearing a black jacket and hat. (No photo available.)

A short time later, a female attempted to use the victim's debit card at a bank machine in the area. Images of the female were captured on security video and are available (on the OPS web site). She is described as a female of Middle Eastern descent, 5'3" to 5'5" tall (160-165cm), average build with long brown hair.

People are also reminded that, should they be in a similar situation, to keep an eye on their property and contact police should they suspect the persons involved may be attempting a distraction fraud or theft.

Anyone with information about the male and the female suspect in this matter is asked to call Ottawa Police East District Investigation, Detective Stephen Plummer at 613-236-1222 ext. 3415 or phone Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 or 1-800-222-8477.

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Le Service de police d'Ottawa sollicite l'aide de la population pour identifier les suspects impliqués dans un incident de vol par détournement d'attention survenu le 3 avril 2014 dans le parc de stationnement de South Keys.

Vers 17 h ou 17 h 30, une femme qui s'apprêtait à regagner sa voiture fut abordée par un homme qui lui fit remarquer que son véhicule avait un pneu à plat du côté passager arrière.

Cet homme avait avec lui un petit compresseur, et il proposa à la dame de male de remettre de l'air dans son pneu. Mais comme le pneu avait été coupé, l'homme ne parvint pas à le regonfler. L'homme s'en alla, laissant là le compresseur, indiquant qu'il serait de retour sous peu, ce qui n'arriva jamais.

Peu après, la femme réalisa que son sac à main avait disparu.

Le suspect a été décrit comme étant un homme de race blanche, possiblement d'origine italienne, âgé de 45 à 60 ans, parlant mal l'anglais. Il était pauvrement vêtu, portant un blouson noir et un chapeau (aucune photo n'est disponible).

Un peu plus tard, une femme essaya d'utiliser la carte de débit de la victime à un guichet automatique des environs. Des images de la suspecte furent captées par vidéosurveillance and sont disponibles (voir les photos sur le site web du SPO.) Elle a été décrite comme étant une femme d'origine moyen-orientale, mesurant de 1,60 à 1,65 m (5 pi 3-5 po), de carrure moyenne, avec une longue chevelure brune.

On rappelle aux gens que s'ils devaient se trouver dans une situation semblable, de bien garder l'œil sur leurs biens et de communiquer avec la police s'ils soupçonnent les individus impliqués de tenter une fraude ou un vol par détournement d'attention.

Toute personne détenant des renseignements concernant les suspects décrits ci-dessus est priée de communiquer avec le détective Stephen Plummer de la Section des enquêtes de la division Est du Service de police d'Ottawa en composant le 613-236-1222, poste 3415, 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.