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NEWS



Todd McEwen / Northumberland News

Local police are warning residents of a circulating phone scam regarding gift cards.

Phone scam hits Halton Hills – again

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A Georgetown woman is warning others of a circulating phone scam after being targeted.

After visiting some family in Bracebridge, the woman received a call from her son explaining he had been in a car accident, and the police officer on site wanted to talk to her.

Soon, she was talking to her son's attorney, and he advised her son had been charged and in custody, so he was away from his cell-phone and other belongings.

The woman, who requested to be anonymous, was then advised the judge was hearing his case, and instead of direct payment through a credit card, he said the judge liked to donate to local charities, and gift cards would pay for her son to get out of jail.

The woman then visited a few local stores to purchase the gift cards, spending \$1,750.

At Shoppers Drug Mart and Walmart, the cashiers refused to sell her the gift cards, and she finally tried to call her son.

"He told me he was at work and in the middle of a

meeting," she said. "When I told him the story, he was so mad."

The woman went to the local Halton Regional Police Service detachment and spoke to officers. According to her, someone was just scammed last week.

Insp. John Van der Lelie commends the merchants at the aforementioned stores for knowing better and not selling more gift cards to the Georgetown woman, and encourages everyone to be on the lookout for people buying numerous gift cards at a high price.

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