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CRIME

**PHONE SCAM
 WOMAN LOSES
 'SEVERAL THOUSAND
 DOLLARS'**

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Torstar file photo
 A Georgetown woman was recently the victim of a phone scam.

Halton Regional Police are reminding Halton Hills residents to be aware of a strange but effective phone scam that recently saw an elderly Georgetown woman defrauded of thousands of dollars.

Staff Sgt. Paul Davies said the "victimized" woman had her credit card account drained of "several thousand dollars."

Over the course of two days a man called the woman and said he worked in the security department of her bank, telling her that her credit card had been compromised.

This scammer gave specific instructions for the woman to attend three different pharmacy locations in Halton Hills and purchase thousands of dollars in Google gift cards, Davies said in a news release.

If she was asked the reason for the pur-

chases by store clerks, she was told to reply that the cards were for a wedding.

Once at home with the cards, the scammer had the woman reveal the code written on the back. With that information, the crook was able to buy goods, police said.

"Financial institutions, security departments and law enforcement agencies will never ask clients or the general public to directly assist in fraud investigations involving their own accounts, especially over the phone," Davies said, adding that seniors should be especially aware of this as scammers take advantage of their "well-intent" to help.

"Families should ensure their elderly relatives are aware of such scams," he said.

If you suspect such a scam over the phone, hang up and report the issue to your financial institution.

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Under the direction of the Fleet Supervisor and Senior Mechanic, the successful applicant will perform regular maintenance and repairs on Public Works and Parks related vehicles and equipment; as well as small to mid-sized paratransit vehicles.

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Student Labourer Applications will be accepted until February 7, 2020.

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