Police search puts schools in hold-and-secure Thursday

Halton Police had issued a "hold and secure" to Georgetown South area schools for about 20 minutes Thursday morning due to a search in the area for a person in a vehicle that had been involved in a verbal altercation.

Sgt. Chantal Corner said there was no threat to public safety.

"The schools were notified due to an increased police presence in the area and we contact them to keep the kids inside the building as a precaution," said Corner.

At publication time police had no details on the outcome of the search and if an arrest was made.

POLICE WARN OF SCAM

Halton Police would like to inform the public about the increase in immigration, hydro and Revenue Canada scams that are occurring.

According to the Regional Fraud

Unit, there has been an increase in calls in relation to immigration scams, hydro scams and Revenue Canada scam, all operating along the same line with payment demanded in the form of prepaid credit cards. As an example, the caller claims to be from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The caller "spoofs" the telephone number and it appears they are calling from a legitimate government agency.

The caller reports the victim's documents are not in order and there is a financial penalty or arrest is imminent.

The caller remains on the line with the victim throughout the entire process, sometimes for several hours.

The caller continues to demand payment in the form of preloaded credit cards. The victim is directed to purchase these cards and provide the caller with the pin number located on the back. These funds can be accessed almost immediately by the caller and will often demand more money, again in the form of the prepaid credit cards.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada will never request payment in this manner nor will they ask for personal information such as credit card, bank account, passport numbers, etc.

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