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BIG WINNER

Local resident Cathy Longhurst was thrilled to drop by the Georgetown Honda dealership on Monday to pick up her brand new Civic EX sedan, which she won as a draw prize from the recent CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish. Presenting the keys to the vehicle is Georgetown Honda general sales manager Jamie Noseworthy. SEE STORY PG. 3.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Police warn of another scam to plague seniors

By Eamonn Maher
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Halton Regional Police are warning the public about a scam involving someone claiming to represent a bank who defrauded a senior citizen in Georgetown last week.

Last Tuesday (Jan. 5), an elderly victim was contacted by a suspect informing her that there was a discrepancy in her account of \$4,800.

The suspect requested that the victim attend her bank and with-

draw the \$4,800 in cash and then gave specific details in order to meet an associate (Mr. Martin) at the Georgetown Market Place mall and give him the money.

The victim met with the associate, who is described as a white male, six feet tall and wearing a cap, and turned over the funds to him.

The HRPS are reminding the public that under no circumstances would any financial institution request that funds be transferred in this manner and any such request

should be considered an attempt to defraud the victim and never acted upon. The victim should also attend the bank branch and report the incident.

Police ask caregivers and family members of our elderly community to speak openly with them about the security of their banking and personal information and to be aware that most banks will assist the family in ensuring the future security of their clients funds and have several processes that can be put into place

to ensure any exposure to financial risk is limited (including client verification and withdrawal limits).

As a last resort, Power of Attorney can be given over financial matters for those members of the community who are most vulnerable and can no longer make those financial decisions for themselves.

Also, each Halton Regional Police district has a dedicated Seniors Investigator who can further assist with any issues relating to crimes against seniors.



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