

NEWS

SEVERAL SENIORS FALL VICTIM TO DISTRACTION THEFTS IN MILTON, GEORGETOWN

Halton police are warning residents to be vigilant after scammers targeted several seniors at retail stores in Milton and Georgetown recently.

So far this year, police said, there have been four reported incidents where scammers have approached victims at store check-out lines and watched as they entered their credit or debit PIN.

Another person will then approach the senior

at the store exit or in the parking lot and steal the victim's credit or debit cards.

Often the thief says they found some money on the ground and want to return it to victim — or they will ask for directions while the victim is putting their groceries away.

Police said at some point during this interaction the thief or an accomplice will get access to the distracted victim's purse

or wallet.

The criminals then quickly use the stolen financial cards at retail stores and ATMs across the GTA.

Police are reminding residents to:

- Always cover the keypad when entering a credit/debit card PIN;
- Never leave purses or wallets in vehicles while putting groceries away;
- Never reveal purses or wallets in a parking lot when speaking with a stranger.

Police are asking anyone with information about these incidents to contact Halton police at 905-825-4747 ext. 2468 or ext. 2410 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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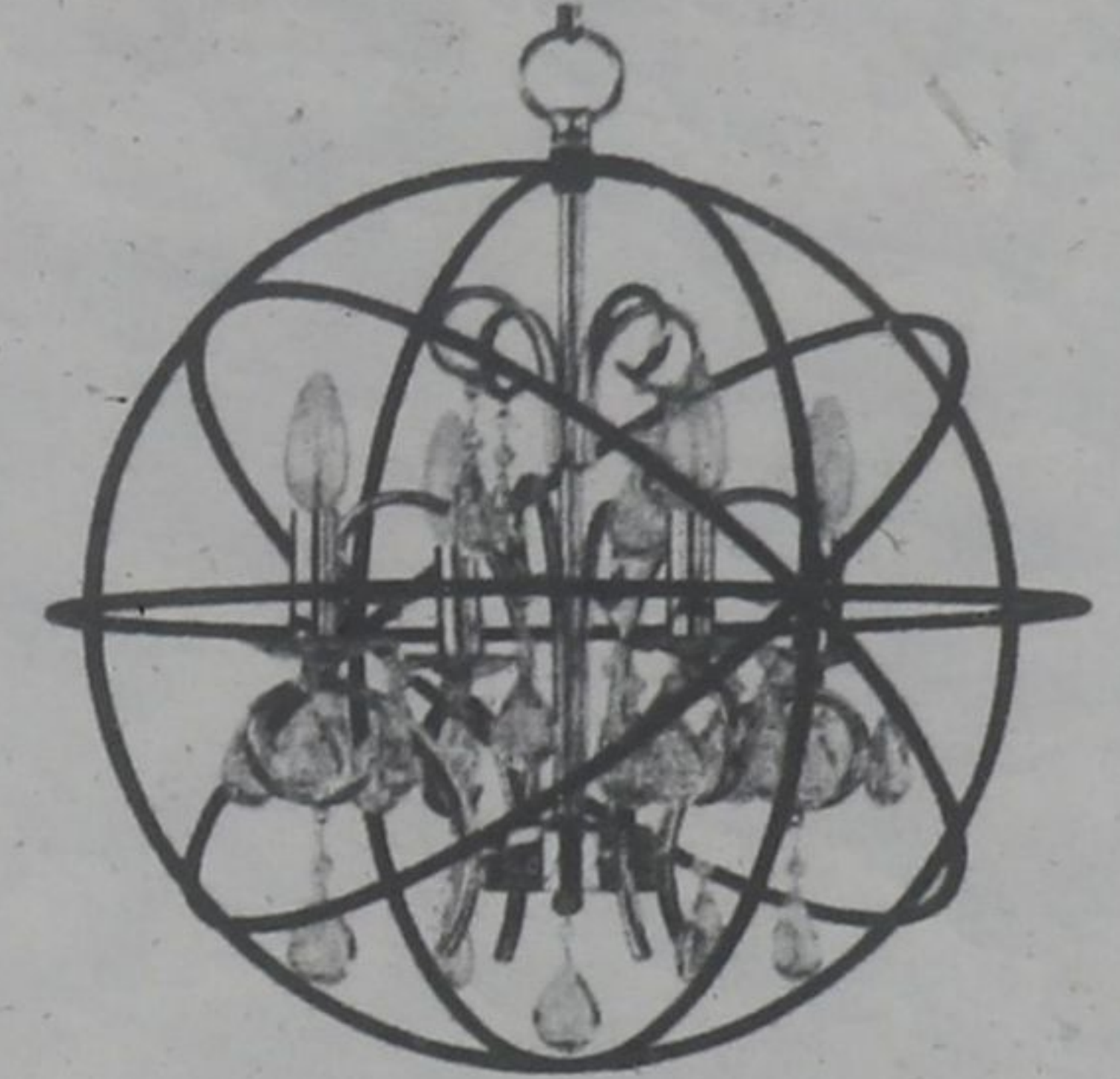
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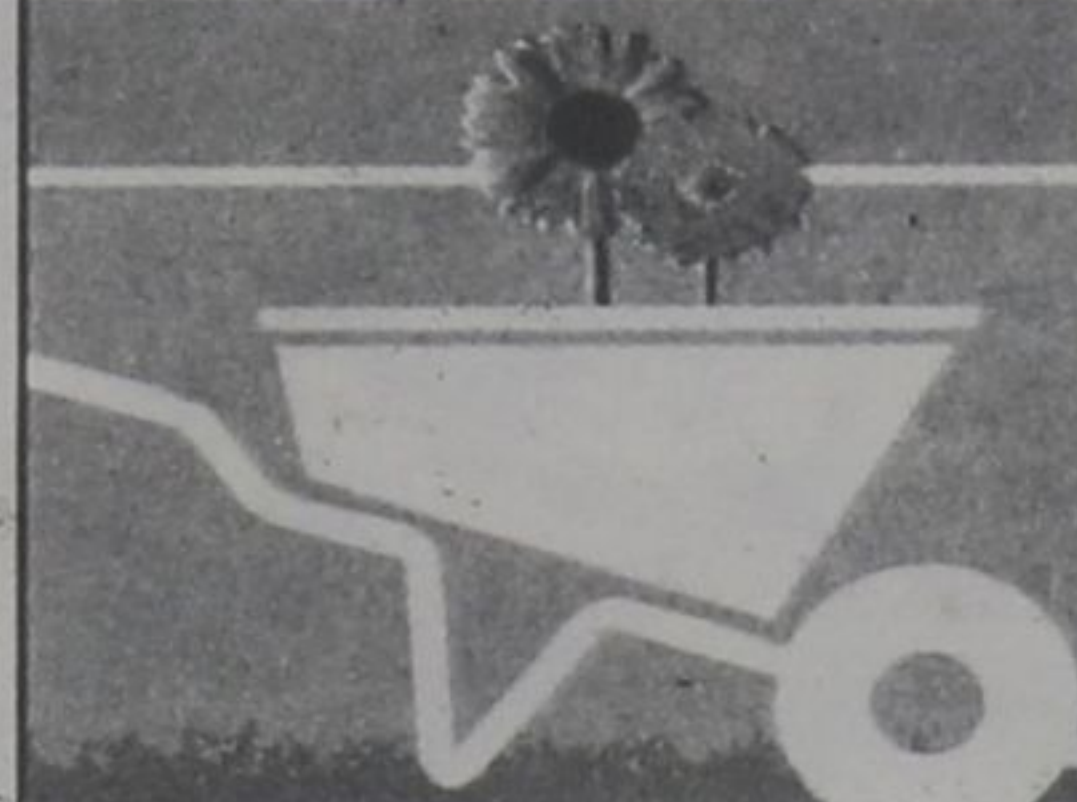
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