

# Scam fooled police, job-seekers and more victims likely remain

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They would then sell the merchandise.

One of the alleged aliases was Christine Harrop, who actually lives in Regina, Constable Breau said.

A person under that name placed several ads in The Champion's classified section last month through mail correspondence for a cost of more than \$500, but her cheque was returned by the bank, stating that the account had been closed.

A person under the same name also attempted to place the ad in The Champion's sister newspaper, the Burlington Post, but staff couldn't contact the woman to confirm the request and it was never published.

## North Imperial Promotions

The ad under the company name of North Imperial Promotions invites people "interested in making extra money" by working from home to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Toronto.

The address on Yonge Street is actually a post office box number, Constable Breau said.

Those interested would receive an application form from which the pair would allegedly use personal information to acquire fake identification, Constable Breau said.

"A lot of people now have bad credit ratings with no way to prove it wasn't really them," she said.

## First Capital Promotions

The couple also allegedly placed ads under the phony company names of First Capital Promotions and Able Marketing.

"I'd say just about every newspaper in Ontario has been hit at least once, some-

times twice, sometimes three times," Constable Breau said.

Another of the pair's alleged scams, she said, was to send applicants promotional material about how to start their own flyer business. Those interested were required to send \$23.95 for more information.

"Several hundred people sent in money," she said. "Of course, no one received anything back."

The RCMP investigation is continuing, including locating the proceeds of the crimes.

## Restitution conditional

As far as seeking restitution for the alleged victims, Constable Breau said "it depends on whether we can identify where any of the assets are."

The RCMP had been following the scam back and forth across Canada for more than three years, but because of the various alleged aliases, investigators had a tough time zeroing in on the suspects until recently, she said.

Julie Crepeau-Boisvert, 24, was arrested August 26 on her way to make a deposit in the Hamilton Municipal Credit Union. Francis Desforges-Poliquin, 25, was arrested later in the evening at a Toronto apartment. Both are in custody.

## Looking for more victims

Investigators are interested in hearing from any other alleged victims.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Halton Regional Police fraud investigators at 878-5511.

In Milton, contact Det. Scott McLaughlin. Information and documents will be passed on to the RCMP.



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## Trail run at Mountsberg

Mountsberg hosts the sixth annual Trail Run for Conservation this Sunday (Sept. 27).

Sponsored by Dufferin Quarries, the event will raise funds for the renovation and expansion of Mountsberg's visitor

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