

Police

Seniors: be wary of 'health advisor'

Police have advised Stouffville seniors to be wary of a male telephoning and offering to come to their homes to give health advise.

York Regional Police detective sergeant Jack Moore said seniors should "call the police" immediately if a stranger calls and tries to get access to their homes.

On Wednesday, a senior informed a local pharmacist that a man called her home, asked questions about her health, set up an appointment to come to her home and called back to confirm. The woman told her son of the call.

On advise from the son, the appointment was cancelled

when the caller telephoned a third time.

If someone calls and refuses to give a telephone number, the alarm bell should go off immediately, said Moore.

The detective points out that the caller can usually be identified by hitting Star #69 on he touch-tone phones.

"It's terrible to see elderly people taken advantage of like this," said Moore. "We want this stopped. In these cases, the police should always be called."

There's nothing new in vic-

timizing seniors. Phone scams have been going on for a few years.

Two years ago, seniors across North America, including a few in Stouffville and Uxbridge were fleeced out of large sums of money by telephone con artists. The problem is so prevalent that the Ontario Provincial Police partnered with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to set up a special investigation squad known as PhoneBusters.

- Joan Ransberry

Day care for Gormley

A day care will open in Gormley, providing its owner addresses the concerns of the neighbors.

A public meeting was held Tuesday to hear details of a plan for the Union Street day care.

Area residents, including Warren Plowman, told Whitchurch-Stouffville Council that they don't oppose the facility, providing traffic issues are addressed.

Staff reported that the day care will generate 35 cars spread over two hours twice a day.

The day care is designed to accommodate 35 children made up of 21 preschoolers and 14 schoolagers.

Applicant Linda Earl and her family will live on the property.

The application will be reviewed by council soon.

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