Lloydminster RCMP reminding public to beware of fraudulent activities

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Lloydminster RCMP were notified of an attempted fraud that occurred on Sept. 25. Unknown persons contacted the victim using a spoofed number that was associated to the Lloydminster Detachment. The individuals told the victim that they were from the RCMP and her SI Number had been compromised and she needed to take all the money out of her bank account, convert it to Bitcoin, and send the wallet to the "RCMP". The Victim soon discovered it was a scam, cancelled the transaction, and contacted the Lloydminster RCMP.

The Lloydminster RCMP would like to remind the public of some basic safety tips when it comes to online safety and fraud prevention:

· The RCMP will never ask you for money over the phone
· The RCMP will not tell you to pay for anything using Bitcoin or other crypto currency
· The RCMP will never tell you to pay money or be arrested for tax fraud
· The RCMP will never tell you to send money overseas or to another unrelated party
· The RCMP does not accept iTunes cards or other gift cards as payment.

"If you believe that you are the victim of a scam it's very important to contact your local RCMP Detachment," according to Const. Michael Hagel of the Lloydminster RCMP. "It can be quite stressful, but we have investigative tools at our disposal that will stop these people before they can scam anyone else."

If you believe that you have been involved in a similar incident, please contact Lloydminster RCMP at 780-808-8400 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS), online at www.p3tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.