

Warrants issued in Fraudulent Alberta Credit card scam

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Canada-wide warrants have been issued by Edmonton Police Services for two individuals in a fraudulent Alberta Credit Card Scam. They violated their release conditions on the 12th of March by boarding a plane in Vancouver, destined for Heathrow Airport.

EPS Downtown Edmonton division, with the assistance of Economic Crimes Section, continue to investigate a large scale fraud involving several complainants, including financial institutions.

In Oct 2016, the EPS (Edmonton Police Services) received information from a police agency in Ontario, that two suspects were believed to have connections in Edmonton. Through the investigation, EPS confirmed that the two suspects lived in Edmonton, and they were connected to other fraud related files.

Search warrants were issued and executed on two residences in Edmonton, in early March. Items seized were:

- \$2,000 worth of tablets and accessories
- More than 10,000 credit card applications
- Identity documents which were in the process of being altered
- Evidence of seven mailboxes around Alberta that were used in the commission of these crimes

These individuals were legitimately employed to sell credit cards, states Staff/Sgt Brad Pearce with EPS Downtown Criminal Investigation Section. There is no way citizens would have known this was connected to fraudulent activity. We're reminding everyone to check their accounts regularly and report suspicious activity to your financial institution.



More charges pending as the investigation continues.

Anyone with any information on these two individuals is encouraged to contact Edmonton Police Services at 780 423 4567 or #377 from a mobile phone. Anonymous information can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222 8477 or online at www.tipssubmit.com.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT IN MONITORING YOUR CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS FOR ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES. IF YOU RECEIVE CALLS FROM COLLECTION AGENCIES ABOUT UNFAMILIAR ACCOUNTS, OR IF YOU APPLIED FOR CREDIT AND WERE UNEXPECTEDLY TURNED DOWN, YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE FURTHER.

A variety of fraud awareness resources are available to the public from Service Alberta, the Competition Bureau, the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre, and Scam detector. For additional fraud and crime prevention tips, please visit www.edmontonpolice.ca/crimeprevention.

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