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Location: Burlington

Fraudster Arrested in Door to Door Charity Collection Scam

On July 14th 2014, a citizen alerted police about a suspicious male going door to door in southwest Burlington posing as a police officer collecting money for charity.

Police located the male and quickly determined that he was not a police officer nor was he associated to any charities. He was subsequently arrested for fraud.

Upon arrest, the male was found to be in possession of flyers for various charitable organizations and a clipboard with pledge forms attached that identified 35 homes where donations were collected.

Arrested:

Curtis Henry KOMP (49 yrs) (Held for Bail - Next court date of July 21st in Milton Court)

Charges:

- Fraud under \$5,000 (5 counts)
- Personating a Peace Officer
- Fail to Comply with Probation (2 Counts)

Police are still investigating and further charges are expected.

Anyone who may have donated money to this individual is encouraged to contact Detective John Ophoven of the 3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4747 Ext. 2343 or by e-mail to john.ophoven@haltonpolice.ca

Police would like to notify the public that not many charitable organizations engage in door-to-door canvassing however ones that still do will typically notify local police in advance.

The canvassers should have photo identification for the charity they represent and they should be willing to wait while the organization is contacted to confirm their legitimacy. Under no circumstances, will a police officer identify themselves as such if they were engage in door-to-door canvassing for charities.

If there are concerns about the legitimacy of a canvasser, people are encouraged to contact police and/or the charity to confirm if it is a bona fide canvasser.

Information about this or any other crime can be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222-8477 (TIPS) or through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or by texting "Tip201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).

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