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FRAUDS TARGETING STUDENTS

As college and university students prepare for the new semester, police would like to remind them that scammers are specifically targeting them specialized with schemes.

Some of the scams students should be aware of:

- Threat that the student's classes will be dropped if they don't pay an outstanding debt to the institution
- Fraudulent job offers for students (including "mystery shopper" opportunities and companies utilizing their services to collect and redirect payments)
- Fraudulent websites selling cheap textbooks
- Fraudulent offers to cut down student debts
- Fraudulent offers to find scholarships or grant monies for students

Fraudulent ads for apartment and rental units that demand immediate down payments

These scams often involve a sense of urgency and require the victim to pay money upfront. The scammers also play on your fear of losing out on a great deal or will issue threats of consequences if payment is not provided.

Red flag indications include payment requested through money service businesses (Western Union, MoneyGram, etc.), via gift cards (iTunes, Steam), to a bank account outside of Canada or by converting funds to crypto-currency (Bitcoin, etc.) through thirdparty deposits or e-Transfers. Remember that if it's too good to be true, it usually is.

Students are reminded to verify any information received online, via telephone or text messages. Do not disclose personal or financial information, unless you trust the source. If you are unsure, discuss the matter and get a second opinion.

You can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (https://bit.ly/1PQLh6T) or contact DRPS to report a fraud (1-888-579-1520).

Firearm Seized and Two

Arrested In Whitby

A firearm was seized and two males face several charges after police stopped a vehicle in Whitby Sunday morning.

On Sunday, September, 9, 2018, at about 1:30 a.m., members of Central West Division stopped a vehicle making an illegal U-turn on a red light and investigated the two male occupants at Victoria Street and Brock Street South in Whitby. A subsequent search was conducted and a loaded handgun was seized along with ammunition.

Daniel BAUGH, age 29, of York Gate Boulevard in Toronto, is charged with: Possession of a Prohibited Firearm; Possession of a Prohibited Firearm no Licence; Possession Prohibited Firearm Knowing no Licence; Occupy Motor Vehicle with Loaded Prohibited Storage; Firearm; Careless Transport Prohibited; Possession of Prohibited Firearm Contrary to Firearm Prohibition; Possess Weapon for Dangerous Purpose: Carry a Concealed Weapon; Red Light Fail to Stop; Drive While Under Suspension and Drive Motor Vehicle with Liquor Readily Available.

See other side

Glasston GREEN, age 44 of Adelaide Avenue in Oshawa, is charged with: Possession of a Prohibited Firearm; Possession of a Prohibited Firearm no Licence; Possession Prohibited Firearm Knowing no Licence; Occupy Motor Vehicle with Loaded Prohibited Firearm; Careless Storage and Transport Prohibited.



HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR **DOWNTOWN OSHAWA**

Oshawa Downtown. HELP IS ON THE WAY. With your help we can make it happen. A vote INGINO will bring change. Change for those living in our core and for those conducting business there. I am in constant contact with thef people that have a vast interest in our core. The concerns seems to echo around the same issues. They feel that they have been left to fend for themselves. The BIA, Downtown Board of management and in part the Chamber of Commerce have all put forth great efforts to bring life to the core. All efforts are commendable yet not enough. As a municipal government, we need to invest in our core. When I say invest I do not mean tax dollars. We need to restructure our staff. Give them direction and purpose and have them go out into the world with the appropriate tools to attract investors to Oshawa.

Investors that through our direction will generate funds. Funds that can be used to improve our core through initiatives through those groups working our core.

As it stands the City departments responsible for downtown development have idled for to long. This will change. We need to give them direction so that they may source out opportunity. We need to turn our downtown into an attraction. With the efforts of those past. We must learn and take to hart their efforts. We must assure that we have all kinds of events taking place on a daily basis.

From major farmers markets along Celina for example. To indoor farmers market at the armory in winter. We must utilize all facilities and institutions to promote Oshawa.

We must work with folks like the Oshawa Car Museum the tank museum and any one of interest.

We must work with all the service groups and create a vehicle for them to fund raise and at the same time improve the quality of life for all in Oshawa. Without these service groups we would not have an identity.

We need to tailor special incentive programs for existing businesses.... such as discounted hydro rates.... We must work with landlords to assure a cap on rents. All this can be done at no cost to the taxpayers. I can hear the question. How do you give discounts to merchants of the core without someone paying for it. Simple, we offset if against all the new development soon coming to Oshawa. It is only a logical growth spur to bring high rise apartments and condos. These new folks will pay to offset the merchants programs.

For landlords we will sit and discuss option to cap rental rates. This way it would make it more attractive for business to re-settle in our core. Without study. I would entertain giving landlords that rent out their properties up to 40% off property taxes as long as they kept the square footage at a to be negotiated rate. I say this because the revenue we as a city would not make. We would make it up ten fold in revenues from the traffic generated. Small things that make a big difference.

For merchants we could introduce special 'SHOP DOWN-TOWN OSHAWA DAYS' and promote it on City advertising and media. Every day we would give shoppers a real reason to visit our core. For example. Every Monday eat at any of our local restaurants and receive and equal meal of same or lesser value. Every Tuesday shop downtown Oshawa and get X% off this or that... This would take some consultation with different shop owners... We would use city staff to coordinate this. But it is something small that would make a huge

A major concern of the core is parking. We need to assure that when we bring in the developers that for every mega structure there is at least 60% more public parking. What this will create is parking at reasonable rates off street. On street parking would be relaxed and enforcement only applied when there is an obvious infraction. The revenue that is compromised by relaxing the tagging program.. that at one point reached almost 1 million worth of revenue to the city... would be offset against a fund we will create that all big box stores will contribute 5% of their annual sales.

Some citizens have expressed concern over security. Some feel intimidated walking our core. Durham Regional Police have done an outstanding job in responding to calls and incidents. Under a new municipal leadership. We would look for partnership between the police services and citizens. Community watch programs and special policing tactics that would assure public safety at all times of the day or night. More police is not always the answer. Smart policing is. Please read my blog on Technology and Oshawa's Future. Remember the above noted are all proposals that require further study. That require further consultation with all of interest. This article is not intended as the be all. This is just an introduction to the possible changes that will benefit all of us. It will benefit the downtown core. Small initiatives that will lead us to prosperity and the creation of opportunity. Most importantly jobs.

With your help we can become what we should be. Let's take back our downtown and let it amaze.

THANK YOU Joe Ingino