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On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 a theft of a purse at the West Nipissing General Hospital had been reported to the West Nipissing Police. As a result of further investigation, police have charged a female, Wendy Linklater (33yrs) of Sturgeon Falls with Theft Under, Breach of Probation and Resisting Arrest. The purse was recovered by police.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 a West Nipissing couple attended the police station to report that they had been the victim of a fraud. They had received correspondence through the mail informing them that they were winners of a Reader's Digest Lottery. The couple were sent two cheques and instructed to send the cash amounts to an address across the country. When the culprits demanded further money, the victims realized the correspondence was fraudulent. Police are investigating.

On March 7, 2019 a young man from Verner reported to police that he had been the victim of an identity fraud. Unknown culprits had managed to divert his mail to a city in southern Ontario. In addition, the culprits used the victim's information to apply for various credit cards in his name. The victim contacted the credit bureau to halt further access to his information. Police are investigating.

The West Nipissing Police would like to remind the community that March is Fraud awareness month. The public needs to be vigilant in protecting their personal information as it can be used by fraudsters. Various types of frauds and scams exist and these could be difficult to identify. Should anyone receive suspicious phone or mail correspondence, or have further questions, they are welcome to speak to their local police.

If anyone has any information about this incident or any other crime, please communicate with the West Nipissing Police Service at 705-753-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477).