

North Yorks Police Community Messaging

Theft of sheep

118 Texel sheep have been taken from land above Long Preston between 01/12/14 & 10/01/15, if you have any info call 101 ref 12150007350

Urgent warning following internet blackmail scam

Detectives in York have issued an urgent warning after three men from the York area have been blackmailed by a woman claiming to be called Cathy Wong. The woman has befriended them on Facebook and asked them to skype her. She has then enticed them into performing an indecent act which she has recorded on video.

She has then told the men, who are all students, that her grandmother is ill and needs money and has asked them each to send £3,000 via money transfer. When they refused to send the money, she has threatened them with uploading the video to Youtube.

It is believed that the scam is occurring world wide, however these are the first cases reported in the York area. The men are not known to each other and officers are concerned that there may be other victims.

Officers are exploring the possibility that the scam is operated by an organised crime group.

Police are urging internet users, particularly students, to be on their guard and to contact them if they believe they have been targeted.

Detective Sergeant Rebecca Dyer of York CID, said: "This scam is causing considerable distress to the victims and I urge anyone who uses any kind of social networking site to be very wary of what they are getting into. "I am concerned that there are other victims of this scam who are too embarrassed to come forward about what has happened. I urge them to please get in touch with the police. Your information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and with sensitivity. Please do not suffer in silence."

To report an incident, please contact North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 1 and pass information to the Force Control Room.

Or you can email Rebecca.dyer@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

You can also pass information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Theft of Horse Tack

Between 20:00hrs on 8/1/2015 and 07:30hrs the following morning offenders have taken horse tack from a remote Lothersdale stable. Please secure or remove valuable items and security mark them where possible. As always ring in any suspicious activity at the time on 101. Any information relating to this incident please quote ref 12150004546

Suspect vehicles stopped

Two silver/grey Mitsubishi Shoguns acting suspiciously, S467BGD & S801OPX, were stopped near Gargrave any info call 101 and quote 12150005508

Thefts at Coniston Hall

A number of rooms have been broken into at the Coniston Hall Hotel overnight, if you have any info please call 101 and quote 12150005558.

Re-appeal following serious sexual assault in Skipton

Police have issued an appeal to find two men who could have vital information about a sexual assault in Strata nightclub, Skipton in July. Between the night of Saturday 12 July 2014, into the early hours of Sunday morning, a man was subjected to a serious sexual assault in the toilets at Strata.

Police issued an appeal for witnesses at the time and a number of people have since come forward with information. However, further enquiries have revealed two men who were in the toilets at around 2am who officers would like to speak to.

The men are described as white, aged between 20 and 24 years and wearing smart casual clothing.

Detective Constable Paul Smith, of Skipton CID said: "We appreciate that some time has passed since the incident but we hope people can cast their minds back to July. Our enquiries have since established the two men who could potentially provide important information that could help our investigation.

"We are appealing to the men to come forward if they recognise themselves from the description so we can establish what, if anything, the men can tell us. If the description provided prompts your memory, please contact us."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 2 and ask for Skipton CID. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can pass information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote reference 12140115512 when passing on information.

The 19-year-old man who was arrested in connection with the incident has been released without charge.

Theft of mobile phones Skipton

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