

Bar of soap arrives instead of iPhone

Grey County OPP urge residents to use caution when purchasing items on-line after a Meaford resident received a bar of soap instead of an iPhone he thought he had purchased.

Making purchases on-line is the way of the world. Nearly all transactions are to the satisfaction of both the buyer and seller. However, this is not always the case. There are individuals, known as scammers, who want nothing more than to separate you from your hard earned money.

On Tuesday, January 13, Grey County OPP received a fraud report from a Meaford resident after he had been scammed out of \$275. In mid-November 2014, the victim had purchased an iPhone from a private seller in the Kingston area on Kijiji for \$275. When the phone did not arrive within a reasonable time, he contacted the seller who offered an explanation in that a friend's mother was in medical distress.

When the parcel finally did arrive, the victim discovered a bar of soap inside instead of the iPhone.

The fraud was reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

To learn more about Fraud, or to report a scam, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or visit their website at www.antifraudcentre.ca