

Phone fraud could cost you big bucks

Dufferin OPP are warning of a phone fraud involving area Code 809 Preliminary Investigation reveals that the fraudster is a woman and introduces herself as 'Karen' and leaves phone message saying, 'Sorry I missed you, get back to us quickly. I have something important to tell you'.

Then she repeated a phone number beginning with 809, 284, or 876.

They convince people unknowingly return these calls by claiming family member is ill or has been arrested.

If you call from the US or Canada you can be charged a minimum of \$2425 per-minute (Note: we verified this information with local police, it is not a typo).

And you'll also get a long recorded message. The culprits will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

The 809 area code is located in the Dominican Republic. The charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call and when you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier may or may not want to get involved because you made phone call voluntarily to a foreign phone number.