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# DEALER ALERT

## CREDIT CARD SCAMS

A number of members have called, and some have been stung, by credit card scams presently running out of Quebec.

The crook (s) call the dealership expressing interest in a car. The deal is done using a Visa or Mastercard. ID (which turns out to be fake) is provided, including driver's licence and citizenship card. The charge is electronically posted and goes through with no problem.

By the time the con has played out, a tow truck has been sent to pick up the car or the car is delivered and days or weeks later the credit card company tells the dealer it's all a scam and they take the money right out of their account!

How did the latest dealer avoid getting burned?

**They called the credit card company directly before delivering the vehicle.** When they gave the card company the name and address they didn't match and the card was flagged as stolen. This is a good practice whenever you are accepting payment for a vehicle by credit card.

**VISA 1-800-847-2911**  
**MASTERCARD 1-800-622-7747**

This matter is now in the hands of the OPP.

Shown at the side are the ID's the dealer was provided.

