

DEALER ALERT

MORE CREDIT CARD SCAMS

You have a vehicle advertised on-line. You get a call from someone who wants to buy it. The buyer offers a credit card, over the phone, and wants the vehicle shipped.

You take the credit card number and run it ... it checks out. You ask for ID and get a driver's licence, it looks OK.

For two dealers, at either end of the Province, the truth was the credit card was stolen and the driver's licence was fake. Fortunately, in both cases, the dealers discovered this before they gave up their vehicles.

The names used? **Margaret Elliot** and/or **Amanda King**. Names can be changed by these crooks, but their methods are similar.

Avoid taking credit cards over the phone, get the buyer to come in person, but if you must, at least ask for the 3 digit security code or number on the back of the card. If the caller can't give this it means they don't have the card. Ask for multiple forms of ID, preferably photo ID. Where possible, have the purchaser present the card to you on delivery.