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Extortion scam targeting international Chinese students at post-secondary institutions in Waterloo Region.

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Occ: 22-265808 (910)

Safety tips here: bit.ly/3YHuOYe.





Waterloo Regional Police Service News

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Waterloo Region, Ontario – Waterloo Regional Police are warning the public of an extortion scam targeting international Chinese students at post-secondary institutions in Waterloo Region.

Since October 2022, officers from Waterloo Regional Police Service have been investigating two reported incidents.

The financial loss to the victims has totaled approximately \$245,000.

This extortion scam involves fraudsters contacting the victim through an automated phone message impersonating Chinese officials. The fraudsters often advise the victim that they have been linked to crimes in China in order to coerce the victim into a series of actions, including, in some cases, pretending to have been a victim of a crime, such as a kidnapping. The victims are threatened that failure to take these actions could result in their arrest or harm to their families.

At the same time, the victim's family in China is contacted by the fraudsters claiming to be Chinese officials and told that the victim is in danger, leading to a demand for money to ensure their safety.

The investigations are ongoing.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call police at 519-570-9777 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Anonymous tips can also be submitted at www.waterloocrimestoppers.com.

Law enforcement and government agencies will not demand payment from you or threaten you or your family.

Do not send money and follow these tips:

- Do not follow instructions from automated callers speaking Mandarin.
- Any legitimate contact from Chinese authorities will be through the local police.
- Do not give out personal information, especially banking information, over the phone.
- Ask for the information in writing.
- Hang up.
- Your local police are here to help you. You can reach out to the police if you feel threatened.

If you have been an extortion scam victim, file a complaint with the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#), and make a report with your local Police Service.

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Translated version:

安大略省滑铁卢地区警察局提醒公众警惕针对大专院校中国国际留学生的勒索诈骗

自从2022年10月份，滑铁卢地区警察局一直在调查两起勒索诈骗案。受害者经济损失总额大约为二十四万五千加元。

这两起案件的诈骗团伙通过电话自动语音假扮为中国政府官员与受害者取得联系。诈骗团伙通常会告诉受害者他们牵涉了中国国内的刑事案件，迫使受害做出一系列事情 – 包括在某种情况下装作绑架受害者。如果受害者不采取行动就会导致他们国内的家人受到逮捕或者伤害。同时，诈骗团伙会联系受害者的国内亲属，说他们的孩子有生命危险，要拿钱以确保其安全。

这两起案件仍在调查当中。

如果你有任何信息，请联系我们警察局的非紧急热线 519-570-9777或者Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477, 也可把线索匿名提交给 www.waterloocrimestoppers.com

加拿大执法机关和政府机关是不会通过电话或者短信向您索要钱财，恐吓您或者家人。

接到这些电话请不要汇款！请看以下反诈防骗建议：

- 不要接听说中文的自动电话
- 合法的中国警方调查是要通过加拿大警方的
- 不要通过电话给出个人信息，特别是银行信息
- 要求对方给书面证明
- 挂电话
- **您的本地警察局是在这里帮助您的。如果您觉得被恐吓，请即使联系我们。**

如果您是勒索诈骗案的受害者, 请拨打滑铁卢地区警察局非紧急电话：519-570-9777。

案件序列号: 22-265808

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