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COMPLAINT: On Wednesday, April 29th 2009, the complainant, Bill GILLAM, contacted Peterborough County O.P.P. via the Smith Falls PCC to report an incident associated to the fraudulent use of a credit card after the fact. The complainant wished to meet with an officer.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre, 1699 Chemong Road, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Twp., Peterborough County.

HISTORY: On January 15, 2009 at 11:36 am Tyendinaga Police arrested Conrad SCHLECHTER for a credit card fraud at the McMurter's Home Centre on Highway 49 on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. SCHLECHTER was attempting to purchase a generator with an unauthorized MasterCard credit card (# 5446 1228 8684 9622) from the McMurter's Home Centre. SCHLECHTER was later released on a PTA with an OIC Undertaking with a court date of February 19 2009 in Belleville. SCHLECHTER'S motor vehicle, a 2000 Ford Windstar was towed from the scene for "use plates not authorized" and the Ontario license plates (BDKT557) were seized. In his motor vehicle police found an Ottawa phone book, a Newmarket phone book and a Travelodge Hotel book with more credit card numbers written on pieces of paper as well as multiple hotel receipts. From the dates and locations of the transactions the police believed that the incident was only a part of a bigger credit card scamming operation.

INVESTIGATION: On Wednesday, April 29 2009 at 12:12 hrs P/C Jack attended the incident location and spoke with the complainant, who is the owner/accountant of the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre.

The complainant advised P/C Jack that on December 17, 2008 an unknown male person attended his business, the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre, and purchased \$1,229.97 (before taxes) worth of goods in two separate transactions. The transactions turned out to be fraudulent and the charges were subsequently reversed. The complainant provided P/C Jack with a copy of the MasterCard credit card (# 5191-2300-3778-7026) transaction report that he had obtained from the MasterCard security department. The report outlined the transactions on the card starting on December 16, 2008 and culminating on December 31, 2008. The MasterCard card number came back registered to Raoul MOHAMMED of Kingston.

From reviewing the report there were two transactions from the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre in the Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Twp. Both transactions were paid in the store by manually keying the MasterCard credit card number in. The times of the transactions were 12:05 pm and 02:27 pm, respectively. The store's Customer Service Representative, Jack STAMPLECOSKI, serviced the male person and the cashiers, Shannon FAIRBARN and Deborah CHAMBERLAIN, rang the transactions through.

In the first transaction at 12:05 pm the male purchased a 32" French door worth \$129.99 and an All Power America 3500W 6.5HP generator worth \$499.99. In the second transaction at 02:27 pm the accused purchased a Black & Decker Tool Kit worth \$549.99.

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In April/May 2009, due to SCHLECHTER having criminal records of fraudulent activity, a photo line-up was assembled by the O.P.P. forensic Identification Section in Orillia for suspect identification purposes.

On May 8, 2009 at 04:40 pm the eye-witness, Jack STAMPLECOSKI attended Peterborough County O.P.P. for the eye-witness identification photo line-up procedure. The procedure was administered by D/Cst. Dawson and witnessed by P/C Jack. The procedure was video and audio recorded. Upon viewing the said photo line-ups STAMPLECOSKI positively identified Conrad SCHLECHTER (1965-01-23) as the male person whom he serviced on December 17 2008 at the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre.

In May 2009 D/Cst. Dawson of Peterborough County O.P.P. received information from a confidential informant that Conrad SCHLECHTER was staying at Summit Motel at 11610 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON, in Room 18.

On May 27, 2009 D/Cst. Dawson attended the Summit Motel in an attempt to arrest SCHLECHTER with negative results as SCHLECHTER was no longer there.

Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service is interested in SCHLECHTER to an associated incident of a credit card fraud.

Police have grounds to believe that SCHLECHTER is only a part of a bigger credit card scamming operation. The total scope of the scamming operations is still unknown. SCHLECHTER lives a mobile life-style with transient stays in various hotels and motels. His current whereabouts are unknown. Therefore, grounds exist for requesting a warrant for his arrest.

On June 02, 2009 P/C Jack spoke with D/Cst. Jeffery Smith of Kingston Police on the phone and asked him to interview Raoul Richard Sahip MOHAMMED of Kingston in relation to the breach of MOHAMMED's MasterCard card in December 2008 and obtain a signed written statement from him as to what transpired.

On July 27, 2009 at 07:00 pm P/C Jack attended Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre and took statements from the cashiers, Shannon FAIRBARN and Deborah CHAMBERLAIN, who rang the transactions through and witnessed SCHLECHTER use fraudulent MasterCard credit card to pay for the purchases.

Though the cashiers were not able to describe the accused due to the 7 months time period from the date of the offense, they were able to recall the details of the transactions, such as the items purchased and the fact that the transactions were rang through by manually keying the credit card number in.

On August 6, 2009 PC Jack received a signed written statement taken from the owner of the Master Card credit card - Raoul Richard Sahip MOHAMMED - by D/Cst Jeff SMITH badge 176 of the Kingston City Police, Fraud Section, Criminal Investigation Division in reference to the unauthorized usage of his MasterCard credit card in December 2008. The statement was taken on July 30th 2009 at Kingston City Police station.

ACCUSED: Conrad Peter SCHLECHTER (1965-01-23)

WITNESSES:

Customer Service representative, Jack STAMPLECOSKI - serviced the accused.
Cashiers, Shannon FAIRBARN and Deborah CHAMBERLAIN - rang the transactions through.

VICTIMS:

Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre, 1699 Chemong Road, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Twp., Peterborough County.

MasterCard credit card (# 5191-2300-3778-7026) owner, Raoul Richard Sahip MOHAMMED (1963-04-11)

CHARGES: CC 380(1) FRAUD - UNDER \$5000 x 2.

PROPERTY:

Generator, 3500W 6.5HP, All Power America, value \$499.99
French door, 32" with 15 Lite Zinc, value \$129.99
Tool Kit, Black & Decker, value \$549.99

VEHICLES: N/A

SUPPORT UNITS: N/A

CPIC: SCHLECHTER added on CPIC as charged.

Conrad Peter SCHLECHTER (1965-01-23), Accused, FRAUD - UNDER \$5000, AWAITING DISPOSITION, EXP: 2011-01-19.

Conrad Peter SCHLECHTER (1965-01-23), On probation for IMPORT TOBACCO INTO SASK, Sec. 27(2) & 27(5) TOBACCO TAX ACT, EXP: 2010-06-13.

NOTIFICATION: Sgt. Flindall through Niche, Peterborough Lakefield Community Police notified, Kingston Police notified, Tyendinaga First Nations Police notified.

DISTRIBUTION: Detachment level

FOLLOW-UP: Put an arrest warrant for SCHLECHTER.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS:

30Apr09 Captured suspect's images provided by Detective Constable Eric DAWSON #7010 of Central Region Intelligence Coordinator (East) and retrieved NICHE DMS images for use in photo line-ups.

08May09 15:15 Detective Constable Eric DAWSON #7010 attended Ident Unit and picked up line-ups under seal # 2J59121.

On October 22, 2009 PC JACK faxed a request for an affidavit from the Bank of Montreal MasterCard security department pursuant to Sec. 29 of the Canada Evidence Act that the MasterCard credit card (number 5191-2300-3778-7026) transaction report that was obtained from the MasterCard security department for December 2008 was genuine so as to avoid bringing a bank teller to court for the purpose of the identification. Once received, the affidavit is to be forwarded to the Crown Attorney, John MARS LAND.

On November 04, 2009 at 09:30 hrs PC JACK re-faxed a request for an affidavit from the Bank of Montreal MasterCard security department pursuant to Sec. 29 of the Canada Evidence Act that the MasterCard credit card (number 5191-2300-3778-7026) transaction report that was obtained from the MasterCard security department for December 2008 was genuine so as to avoid bringing a bank teller to court for the purpose of the identification. Once received, the affidavit is to be forwarded to the Crown Attorney, John MARS LAND.

The request was faxed to the attention of Randy ROTH (BMO Corporate Security Investigator; fax number: 416-232-8490) after PC JACK spoke with him on the phone and confirmed that he was the right person to request the affidavit from.

Witness Statement of Jack Stamplecoski

Statement taken on May 08, 2009 at 4:40 pm

Question: Mr. Stamplecoski, can I get your date of birthday?

Answer: February 2nd, 1948.

Question: We are investigating a deal where a fellow comes into your store sometime in December and basically fraudulently takes some stuff from the store, gets away with it and you guys were subsequently charged back. What can you tell us about it?

Answer: He tried to use one credit card, which was no good. He said it was a company's card. He said their machine just broke down and they needed the hydro, the generator, a 3500W generator.

Question: What time of the day was it?

Answer: It was sometime in the morning, I'd say around 10:30 am.

Question: Did you deal with the fellow face to face?

Answer: Yes, at the customer service counter near the back of the store.

Question: Can you describe him for me?

Answer: Not a heavy set, little moustache, my height, maybe an inch or two higher, construction cloth on, blue jeans, blue shirt, talked really quick.

Question: Did he have glasses?

Answer: No glasses.

Question: Since you were interviewed regarding this incident, have you received any new information regarding this investigation?

Answer: I have not been interviewed. This is the first time.

Question: Have you viewed any photographs or heard any descriptions through the media or from any other source pertaining to this investigation?

Answer: I know he uses the company name of Smith Contracting. Identification photo line-up procedure takes place and upon viewing the said photo line-ups Jack Stamplecoski positively identifies Conrad Schlechter (1965-01-23) as the male person whom he witnessed on December 17th 2008 use fraudulent MasterCard card number to procure goods in two separate transactions from the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre on 1699 Chemong Road in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Twp. in the County of Peterborough.

Question: What can you tell me about that guy?

Answer: He looked like a contractor to me.

Question: When he comes in, where do you see him first?

Answer: I was at the customer service as he was walking up to me he says, "I am in trouble, I need a generator. Our has just quit, we do not have time to get it fixed, need it now." I showed him. I took him over to the generators. I showed him a 2500W and a 3500W and he said, "I will

take the 3500W. I said, "Ok", and typed the bill out and I am pretty sure I put Smith Contracting on it. I said, "I will help you out of the store with it."

Question: What was he wearing?

Answer: Blue jeans, they were not clean, they were muddy. I helped him out of the store with it, but then his card would not work, he said, "Just a minute, my phone is out in the truck." Then he comes back and he was talking on the cell phone. He says, "Ok, I will use my card." He took the other card out. In the mean time I went back to the counter when he was doing the other card thing with the girl and I guess the girl typed the card number in instead of swiping it. She then called a customer carrier and I carried the generator to the truck. I cannot remember what kind of truck it was. Then he came back later about French doors and I think it was wall tools.

Question: Was it like a half-ton truck?

Answer. It was a pick up truck with a cap on.

Question: Did you see anybody with him?

Answer: Nobody was with him. He was by himself. Then we went out to the truck, his cell phone rung and he was talking on the cell phone. He always talked fast. To me that is the person who is nervous. He had a baseball cap on.

Interviewed by **D/Cst Dawson**

Witnessed by **P/C Jack**

Witness Statement of Deb Chamberlain

Statement taken on July, 27 2009 at 6:30 pm

Q: I am investigating an incident that took place at the store you work in as a cashier on December 17th 2008 where a male person came in and purchased an item that you rang through. What, if anything, can you tell me about it?

A: It was a Dewalt tool set. I remember this because it's a large item that isn't sold very often. Card would not swipe, so credit card had to be punched in manually. Transaction was completed.

Q: What time of the day was it?

A: Mid afternoon, it was after I came back from lunch, probably around 2:00-2:30pm.

Q: Can you please describe him for me?

A: No, the only reason I remember the transaction is because it is not something we sell a lot, but I cannot remember the customer.

Q: What kind of credit card did he use?

A: I do not remember what it was.

Q: After reading this statement, is there anything you would like to add, change or delete?

A: No

Q: When were you informed that the transaction turned out to be fraudulent and that there was a charge back?

A: On Thursday, July 23rd in the morning Bill Gillam told me about it. He also told me that police would come soon and take a witness statement from me.

Signed **Deb Chamberlain** on 27JUL09

Witness Statement of Shannon FAIRBARN

Statement taken on July, 27 2009 at 7:00 pm

Q: I am investigating an incident that took place at the store you work in as a cashier on December 17th 2008 where a male person came in and purchased two items that you rang through. What, if anything, can you tell me about it?

A: He had a slip of paper that had a door order on it and a generator. I remember this because I only had 2 generators come through my side all winter. I also remember that Jack, who works at the service counter, came up with him when he bought these 2 items. He first gave me a charge card that would not go through. He then gave me another card that would not swipe no matter what method I used (paper, plastic bag, rubbing the card on fabric) so I hit the F11 option on the screen + typed in the card's number which was approved. I then printed out his invoice that would allow him to enter the yard to get his door + Jack helped him out with his generator.

Q: Can you please describe him for me please?

A: I cannot remember him because I see too many people and it has been a long time.

Q: What kind of credit cards did he use?

A: I believe it was a VISA and a MasterCard credit cards.

Q: Do you remember the time of the day you rang the transaction through?

A: Around noon, because the other cashier left for lunch at this time. She always leaves for lunch at noon in winter time.

Q: After reading this statement is there anything you would like to add, change or delete?

A: No

Q: When were you informed that the transaction turned out to be fraudulent and that there was a charge back?

A: It was Thursday July 23rd. I was called at 11:30 saying that there was something they (the store-but it was Jen that called -Jen Watson), but I told her that I was coming in at noon to work. She told me to see her as soon as I came in. This is when she told me about the December incident + asked what I knew. The reason for the call is that Thursdays are usually my days off but I had switched with another cashier to have a different day off. (Monday for Thursday switch)

Signed **Shannon FAIRBARN** on 27JUL09

Date: Thursday 30 July 2009

Statement taken by: Detective Jeff Smith #176

Kingston City Police

Fraud Section

Criminal Investigation Division

Statement taken at Police Headquarters

705 Division Street

Kingston Ont K7K 4C2

This is a statement of Raoul S. Mohammed (DOB: 11 April 1963) - Unit 6 - 98 Thomas Street, Kingston Ontario K7K 1C3. This statement involves information pertaining to the unauthorized use of his MasterCard acct # 5446 1228 8684 9622 between December 2008 and January 2009.

Q: Do you still own the credit card (MasterCard # 5191 2300 3778 7026)?

A: At the time that I reported it to the police upon the direction of MasterCard I still had the card, but MasterCard instructed me to destroy the card. It was a joint account with my wife - she had her own card - mine was destroyed.

I don't have it now. I cancelled my card around January 15th 2009. Kingston police took the MasterCard till sometime in January 2009. I reported the incident to D/Cst. Jeff Smith of the Kingston City fraud section.

Q: When did you notice your MasterCard was breached?

A: Around mid January when my wife reviewed our bill. She then called MasterCard because she didn't know about the charges.

Q: When did you take note of the fraudulent activity of your MasterCard?

A: Account statements indicate that MasterCard was used in December and January.

Q: On how many separate occasions and where was your MasterCard fraudulently used?

A: On 22 occasions - whatever you have there on the note will be accurate

Q: What was the total cost of the fraudulent activity on your MasterCard?

A: \$9,587.28

Q: Did you authorize anyone to use your MasterCard?

A: No

Q: Can you provide the OPP with a signed written statement outlining all unauthorized usage on your MasterCard?

A: Yes, the statement I provided the Kingston police has all the unauthorized transaction highlighted. This was given to D/Cst. Smith and reviewed today.

Q: From the December 2008 MasterCard transaction report which transactions were fraudulent and which were not?

A: As stated above - the ones that are highlighted are the unauthorized transactions

Q: Is there anything else you wish to add?

A: No.

To the best of my belief and knowledge this information is true

Signed **Raoul S. MOHAMMED** on 30JUL09

Signed **Det. J. SMITH** on 30JUL09

Crown Brief Synopsis**R Vs. Conrad Peter SCHLECHTER**

Accused: ConradPeter SCHLECHTER(DOB: 23-Jan-1965)
42 Kitimat Crescent, Aurora, Ontario

OIC: P/C Michael Jack, Badge # 12690

Charge # 1: Fraud Sec. 380(1) CC

Charge # 2: Fraud Sec. 380(1) CC

Date / Time: December 17th 2008, 12:05 pm and 02:27 pm.

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SYNOPSIS: On December 17, 2008 the accused, Conrad Peter SCHLECHTER, attended Chemong Home Hardware Building Center and fraudulently purchased a total of three items in two separate transactions. In the first transaction at 12:05 pm the accused purchased a 32" French door worth \$129.99 and an All Power America 3500W 6.5HP generator worth \$499.99. In the second transaction at 02:27 pm the accused purchased a Black & Decker Tool Kit worth \$549.99. Both transactions were charged on a MasterCard credit card number 5191-2300-3778-7026 by manually keying the number in. The charges were subsequently reversed.

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From the copy of the MasterCard credit card (number 5191-2300-3778-7026) transaction report that was obtained from the MasterCard security department it was determined that there were a total of 22 separate unauthorized transactions starting on December 16, 2008 and culminating on December 31, 2008 for the total cost of CA \$9,587.28. Only two of those transactions were rang through at the Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre.

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