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Olds RCMP Warning Public About Phishing Scam

March 24, 2025 **Olds, Alta.** – Olds RCMP is warning the public about a phishing scam that's taking place via text message.

Olds RCMP has received many enquiries from the public regarding an unsolicited text message being received. Scammers are sending fictitious "RCMP Delivery Notice" messages; the texts state that the RCMP has been unable to deliver court documents and ask people to "please reschedule the delivery to avoid missing your court date by using the link below."

Investigators remind the public that the RCMP does not issue notices by text message. RCMP members may however correspond with clients via text message depending on the situation. Members of the public who are concerned with the authenticity of any messages originating from the RCMP are encouraged to contact their local RCMP detachment to confirm the legitimacy of the message.

Criminals create a sense of urgency and have the ability to spoof phone numbers and websites to make them appear very authentic. If you receive a suspicious text message, protect yourself:

- Don't respond to unknown phone numbers
- Don't provide any personal information, including your name, date of birth, phone number, email, address or banking details
- Don't click on links sent to you from an unverified source
- Access government agency websites through official links; the RCMP's website is <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/>

For more tips and information on current scams, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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