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Identity Theft Prevention

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2. Contact the Police Non-Emergency line (604-717-3321). Make a police report and get a file # for your records.
3. Notify national credit card companies to flag your account for identity theft—Equifax : 1-800-465-7166 (www.equifax.ca) or Transunion: 1-877-525-3823 (www.tuc.ca).

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