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SPVM warns of WI thieves stealing PINs and cards

By Kevin Woodhouse
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SPVM officers are urging West Island shoppers to be wary while in public at stores or malls due to an increase in reports to police about a type of theft occurring in public areas.

A ring of thieves, usually two or three suspects, will scope out potential targets inside shopping centres, stores and malls to spy their personal identification numbers (PINs) on their credit or debit cards.

Once the PINs have been seen, they then follow the potential marks to their vehicles and use distraction techniques to abscond with the cards.

The SPVM has offered some tips to combat these potential thieves like keeping an eye

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Rail blockades 'wreaking havoc' on economy: Scarpaleggia

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Last Friday at a press conference, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that the blockades that have been paralyzing the country's railways have to come down.

It has been more than three weeks since a blockade in British Columbia by supporters of the dissident Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs regarding the work being done on their

lands as part of the court and elected band councils approved Coastal GasLink project. Consequently, other blockades have appeared across the country, including one in Candiac as well as one in St. Lambert that was taken down last weekend.

The situation has caused economic turmoil across the country with some railways backed up for kilometres waiting to move stock, CN workers being temporarily laid off, farmers concerned about lack of propane stores to

keep their livestock from freezing, backups in Montreal's port and soon consumers will likely see missing items at grocery and retail outlets.

Both sides of the situation note that communication and attempts to resolve the conflict have reached an impasse.

The Suburban spoke to Lac St. Louis MP

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