

DEALER ALERT

TOW TRUCK / REPAIR SCAM REVISITED

We last ran this on March 25, 2010, but the scam has never really gone away. Members continue to receive faxes and emails trying to lure them into the “tow truck credit card scam”:

The crook asks if you will be able to repair his vehicle, which is very far away. In this case, the vehicle is described as a big, expensive luxury unit. He asks you for a “favour”.

The criminal explains that the tow truck company he plans to use doesn't accept payment by credit card so he offers to give you a credit card number (certainly stolen) and asks you to run it for a few thousand dollars, take some for your “deposit” and send the rest to the tow truck company so that they can deliver the vehicle.

Obviously, the dealer who got this saw through the scam and realized it made no sense to send thousands of dollars to a tow truck company they never heard of, before they spoke to them or even received the vehicle.

The fact is, if the dealer sent the money, he wouldn't see his money again or the vehicle!

Be aware, con artists are out there and are coming up with new and inventive ways every day to try to separate you from your money ... think carefully before you act and call the UCDA if you are ever in doubt.