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Dear Sir/Madam,

CRIME ALERT: THEFT OF HANDPHONE TARGETING TAXI DRIVERS

Recently, Police received reports of taxi drivers whose handphones were stolen by a female passenger. The culprit would board the victim's taxi from various locations and observed to be busy on her mobile phone. Upon reaching the destination, the culprit would request to borrow the victim's handphone on the pretext that her handphone battery is flat. The culprit would then walk away with the victim's handphone. In several cases, the culprit boarded or alighted in the vicinity of Bedok or Bedok Reservoir.

2 The description of the culprit is as follows:

- Female Chinese, aged 30s;
- Slim built;
- Fair complexion; and
- Shoulder length hair.

3 While the Police are investigating into the reported cases, it is important that taxi drivers adopt the following crime prevention measures to prevent falling victim:

- Be wary of passengers who board taxis from around the aforesaid locations; and
- Do not lend your personal handphone(s) to passengers.

4 If your taxi drivers encounter such a situation, they should:

- Remain calm;
- Pay attention to the suspect's physical appearance and distinctive features;
- Note the suspect's direction of escape; and
- Call the Police when it is safe to do so.

5 Victims should provide Police with the IMEI number of the stolen handphone. The handphone IMEI number can be obtained by keying in "*#06#" on your handphone key pad.

6 Please call the Police hotline at **1800- 255 0000** to provide information on the above crime or dial **'999'** for urgent Police assistance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Chong'.

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