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Dear Residents of Block 124 Kim Tian Place and 128 Kim Tian Road,

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY – HARASSMENT BY UNLICENSED MONEY LENDERS (UML)

In June 2009, Bukit Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre received several reports of harassments by unlicensed money lenders or their runners.

2 Some of the common methods of harassment are listed below:

- a Scribbling “O\$P\$”, unit numbers on walls of void decks, lift lobby staircase landings and the interior / exterior of lifts.
- b Splashing paint on main doors, windows and vehicles.
- c Chaining main gates with bicycle locks.
- d Sending hell notes, threatening letters and debtor notes to victims.

3 If you or your neighbours are harassed or witness any harassment activity by UML or their runners, alert the Police immediately. Do adopt the following measures to aid Police investigations:

- a Do not throw away any items (eg. empty paint cans) left behind by the runners. Keep the items in view to prevent others from tampering the evidence.
- b Avoid handling or removing debtor notes from their original positions.
- c Take note of the description of the runner(s) such as facial features, height, clothing, race, age, tattoos, hair style, hair colour, as well as the direction that the runner is last seen heading to.

4 We would like to take this opportunity to advise all residents to keep a lookout for one another by forming watch groups amongst yourselves. Residents are advised to alert the Police immediately should you see anyone who is unfamiliar, behaving suspiciously and exhibiting the following traits:

- a Loitering suspiciously at lift lobbies, common corridors, staircases and car parks;
- b Carrying plastic bags or backpacks containing cans of paint, marker pens or bicycle chains;

- c Constantly referring to his/her handphone, slips of paper or small notebooks for address locations.

5 If you have any information that would be useful to the Police or if you wish to report suspicious person(s) loitering at the lift lobbies, common corridors and carparks, please contact **Bukit Merah East NPC** at **1800 – 236 9999** or the Police Emergency Hotline at **999**.



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