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Dear Shop Owners,

CRIME ALERT – CHEATING AT PAWNSHOPS USING FAKE GOLD

This letter serves to alert you about an increasing number of cheating cases occurring in our neighbourhood where culprits passed off gold-plated jewellery to pass off as genuine ones, thereby selling the gold-plated jewellery to pawnshops beyond their actual value.

2. The culprits are believed to be Bangladeshi operating in pairs.
3. Pawnbrokers are advised to adopt the following measures:
 - a) Pawnshop valuator to remain vigilant when dealing with customers and to conduct appropriate tests (for example, using chemicals, filling on surface or checking the hooks) to determine the authenticity of the pawn items;
 - b) If possible, additional staff should be deployed to assist the valuator, especially during crowded periods to deny the culprits any chance of passing fake gold off as real ones; and
 - c) We also strongly encourage proprietors to install comprehensive CCTV surveillance at their premises.
4. Should you encounter any suspicious subjects believed to be pawning fake gold, take note of the subjects' appearance and description, please do not hesitate to contact Kampong Java NPC at 1800-295 9999.

Yours sincerely,

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CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY