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## Scam victim won't pay

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REGINA -- A Saskatchewan man is refusing to pay a \$2,600 SaskTel phone bill resulting from an Internet scam. Bruce Ross knows he may end up with no phone service, bad credit and a lawsuit, but he's not paying and encourages others in his situation to do the same.

"Before I pay \$2,000 to SaskTel, I'll pay \$10,000 to fight in court," said Ross, a resident of the small southeast Saskatchewan community of Antler.

"To me, it's a matter of principle."

Ross, one of about 700 SaskTel customers hit by the scam, was billed for dozens of calls to Sao Tome, a small West African country about the size of Regina.

The scam, known as Internet dumping or modem-hijacking, uses dial-up computer connections to rack up astronomical charges with high-cost calls to foreign locales.