Kent Fraud Alert System



Courier Fraud – Urgent Alert

This week we have seen numerous Courier Frauds in Gravesend, Herne Bay, Romney Marsh, Maidstone, Chatham, Cuxton, Rochester, Deal, Sittingbourne and Folkestone.

Two reports involved the victims being contacted by fraudsters impersonating their banks and being told that criminals were trying to access their accounts and that they needed to withdraw and send their money by same day registered post to safe addresses, where it would be deposited into a new account.

Another report involved the victims being requested by criminals impersonating their bank to transfer their money to safe accounts, due to criminals trying to steal their cash.

A separate report involved a victim receiving numerous calls from the fraudsters impersonating their bank who eventually persuaded the victim to send their bank card via taxi to an address in exchange for a new card.







Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



<u>never</u> **B**elieve



always Confirm

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All these incidents were scams.

If you are ever asked to withdraw cash by the police or your bank or to handover your bank cards or assist with an investigation by buying and handing over valuable items, in particular, Gold – **STOP IT'S A SCAM**. The Police or your Bank will never ask you to do this.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at <u>Advice</u> about fraud | Kent Police



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