

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Courier Fraud

Recently we have seen reports of this type of crime in Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells X 2, Ashford, Canterbury X 2, Dartford and Rochester.

Courier Fraud is a type of fraud where fraudsters contact victims by telephone, pretending to be a Police Officer or bank official. The caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable basic details about the victim such as their full name and address to substantiate their claim. The Criminals trick victims into thinking they are dealing with genuine officials.

When impersonating Police, they will often ask you to withdraw cash from your Bank to assist with an investigation. They will arrange for the money to be collected for fingerprinting etc. but is all a scam.

They may state that they have arrested someone with your Bank card. They will then request financial details and arrange collection of your cards as part of their evidence.

They have also directed victims to purchase high value items, such as gold to help with an investigation. However, all these scenarios are a scam.

Our basic advice is –

IF you are ever asked to withdraw cash by the police or handover your bank cards or assist with an investigation by buying and handing valuable items, in particular, Gold – STOP IT'S A SCAM and report to Police.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#)

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



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Police**

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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