

# Kent Fraud Alert System



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## Possible Variation to Courier Fraud

South Wales Police have reported a new variation of Courier Fraud.

A victim had £16,000 stolen out of their hands on their doorstep by someone pretending to be a police officer.

The victim was telephoned earlier in the day by someone claiming to be a police officer, who instructed the man to withdraw the cash before somebody arrived at his house and "snatched the money".

Although we have not seen any reports of this type of method in Kent, it is always worthwhile being aware of possible new emerging trends.

The following will take you to the full report - [Cardiff: Warning after £16k stolen by man impersonating police officer - BBC News](#)

The Police will NEVER ask you for financial details on the phone or request to collect your card or cash or gold as part of an investigation.

Remember the ABC of Scam Awareness and Never Assume or Believe a call is genuine and always Confirm. If you get an expected call from someone claiming to be Police or any other organisation, then take their details and end the call.

Then call back using a different phone if available. If another phone is not available, then wait 5 minutes and ring a family member or friend to ensure the line has been disconnected and then ring 101.

Never call a number they have supplied and never ring 999 whilst still on the call with them. You must always disconnect the call first before ringing 101. Watch - Courier Fraud Warning: [Courier Fraud Warning: Stay Wise, Don't Compromise](#)

If you have been a victim of any 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](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

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

You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

## Preventing fraud

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

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## Crypto Currency Scams

We have recently received several reports of cryptocurrency/investment scams.

Have you received an unexpected telephone call or message offering a “can’t-miss” investment opportunity?

Do you know how to spot the signs of a fraudulent investment?

Investment scams are becoming increasingly difficult to identify but there are some telltale signs that can help protect your hard-earned money:

- Do not be rushed into making an investment.
- Seek independent financial advice first, e.g., from your bank.
- Check if the company is registered with the FCA.

Learn more at [ScamSmart - Avoid investment and pension scams | FCA](#)

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## DON'T BE FOOLED

Victims of cryptocurrency fraud  
report being lured in by glossy  
websites, social media posts  
and online ads.

#CryptocurrencyFraud

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## Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Impersonation Scams

Beware of criminals posing as the FCA, as there been up to 5,000 reports of this type of scam this year across the UK.

The criminals will look to steal money, personal information and bank account details.

Look out for –

- Fake Crypto recovery offers.
- Loan scam help.
- Fake court emails.
- Romance investment scams.

How to protect yourself –

Do not trust unexpected calls, texts, or WhatsApps messages.

NEVER share your PIN or passwords.

Check with the FCA via their official site if unsure - [Financial Services Register | FCA](#)

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