

Over the last two days, Kent Police have received several reports of Courier Fraud, a type of police impersonation scam, across the Swale area. It is highly likely the fraudsters may begin to target other areas of Kent, so please be alert!

Residents of Swale have reported receiving a call to their landline from a criminal impersonating a police officer.

The criminals claim to work for Kent police or Met Police.

The names reported as being used in this current scam are: DC /PC Matthew Riley, DC/PC James Maddison, DC/PC James Matterson, DCI Alex Smith , DC John Jones, DC Daniel Williamson, DC Andrew Davis, Dc James Atkins, DC Michael Palmer

However, criminals can use any names and/or say they are calling from specific police stations.

 If you receive a call like this, it is a SCAM! 

The criminal might be able to confirm some basic details about you such as your full name and address. They may claim there is an issue with your bank account, your bank card has been cloned, they have someone in custody and request your assistance with an ongoing investigation.

The ultimate aim of this call is to convince you into withdrawing large sums of cash, purchasing gift cards or foreign currency or giving over your bank card. The criminal will say an undercover officer will attend the address to collect the items or cash.

The criminal may also ask you to lie to the bank staff as they may 'be in on it' and tell you to lie about what the money is for.

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