



Fraud Alert – Fake Police Officer

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Please look out;

Yesterday a person living in Nottingham was contacted by criminals claiming to be police officers from the Metropolitan Police Flying Squad. The victim was told that he there had been fraudulent activity on his account and that he needed to withdraw several thousand pounds in cash and give it to a courier in order to help catch the 'criminals'. A courier took thousands of pounds from the victim and he was told to withdraw more money.

This is a type of fraud that has been used up and down the country and it is apparent that a gang is active in Nottingham at the moment.

Police will NEVER ask you to hand over money, bank cards or PIN numbers.

If someone identifies themselves as a police officer to you in person, ask to see their identification. You can check their details by calling 101 and asking the operator to confirm the officer's details.

If someone calls you on the phone claiming to be a police officer get their details and call them back through the police switchboard by dialling 101.

No genuine officer will ever refuse to show you ID or refuse to let you confirm their identity.

If you are not sure that a person at your doorstep is a police officer close your door and call 999.

If you think that you have been targeted by a person on the phone claiming to be a police officer hang up and report it by calling 101 or online at actionfraud.police.uk

If you would like any further help or advice on preventing cyber-crime and fraud please call Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or get regularly updated advice by visiting www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice and <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

If you have information about any crime or see anyone acting suspiciously in your area please call Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

In an emergency, for example where life is in danger or a crime is in progress please call 999.