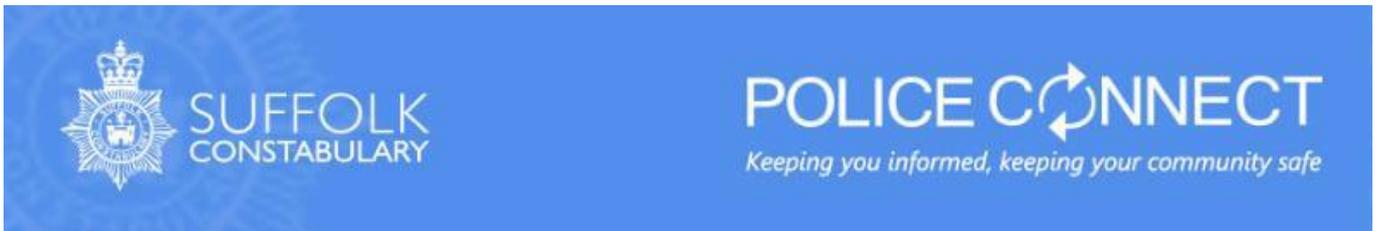


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Report of fraudulent police officer



Police are urging residents to be alert after an incident in Ipswich where a male was asked to hand over money to a man claiming to be a police officer. It took place on Thursday 26th September between 10am and 4pm.

The victim, aged in his 80s, from Mornington Avenue reported he had been having telephone conversations with a male claiming to be a detective from Norwich. The suspect had talked the victim into withdrawing a total of £6,500 from two bank accounts.

An unknown male then knocked at the victim's home address to collect the money but the victim refused to hand over the cash.

Officers are urging residents not to hand over cash or cards to callers under similar circumstances. Scammers are known to make calls like this to con you into handing over money, bank cards or personal information so please be extremely cautious when dealing with unknown callers.

Please talk with older friends or relatives to make them aware of these bogus approaches.

Police and bank staff will never ask you to handover money or bank cards, and they will not ask for personal information such as your bank account number or PIN.

Officers are also advising:

The police will never call you and ask you to withdraw money from your account to give to a courier, taxi driver, officer or any other party regardless of how convincing they may seem

If you receive such a call leave the landline for at least five minutes before making an outside call. Fraudsters will keep the line open and have been known to play ring tones, hold music and a recorded message down the phone so the victim believes they are making a call to a legitimate number.

Use a friend or neighbour's telephone instead and call Suffolk Police by dialling 101.

Police are also calling on bank staff to remain vigilant where large sums are withdrawn. Several scams have been thwarted in the past due to the good work of alert bank personnel and you can be a vital link in preventing this type of crime.

Anyone with any information about this incident or saw any suspicious activity should contact Ipswich police quoting crime reference: 37/58503/19

Website: <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact.../existing-report-update>

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Phone – call 101

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Alternatively call **101** for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 in emergencies, or if an immediate police response is required.

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