

Kent Fraud Alert System



Good news Story – Courier Fraud

Recently, you have been receiving a number of alerts in relation to Courier fraud. Our Teams have been working to identify and arrest those involved.

A suspected phone scammer has been arrested in Tunbridge Wells following allegations he posed as a police officer to steal cash from a pensioner.

The man was detained following a foot chase in a supermarket car park, where the victim had been instructed to attend after withdrawing several thousand euros.

Kent Police was initially called at 12.05pm on Tuesday 25 March 2025, to a report a man claiming to work as a fraud investigator had called the victim and told him there was suspicious activity connected to his bank account.

It is alleged the victim, aged in his 70s, was then given instructions to follow which included withdrawing large sums of money to hand over at a meeting place.

Fast track enquiries led officers to a Tesco car park in Pembury, where the suspect was pursued and taken into custody.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm



Thai-Rye Wright-Lewis, 24, of Walton Green, New Addington, Croydon was later charged with conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation.

He was remanded in custody to appear before Medway Magistrates' Court on Thursday 27 March.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other 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 or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](https://www.kent.police.uk/advice-about-fraud)

You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stop-think-fraud-how-to-stay-safe-from-scams)



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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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