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News and appeals

Alert shop staff prevent Chichester man falling victim to courier fraud

Alert jewellers' shop staff in West Sussex have prevented an elderly Chichester man from becoming a courier fraud victim.

On Thursday 19 October, an 81-year-old Chichester resident received a phone call from a 'DC Campbell from the Serious Fraud Squad, Hammersmith' stating that the man's debit card had been duplicated asking how much money was in his account. He was then directed to visit a jeweller's in Chichester to purchase a watch worth about £28,000 to prevent the money being taken from the account, and, if asked, he was told to say it was for his grandson. Luckily the shop staff refused his request to purchase the watch as they realised it was a fraud.

The following day the man received another call from 'DC Campbell'. He was told to visit a jeweller's in Horsham to purchase another watch, this time worth £27,000. The man took a taxi to Horsham where again staff were suspicious, refused the purchase and called the police.

PC Bernadette Lawrie, Sussex Police Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer, said; "Please remember, to protect yourself against courier fraud.

- Your bank will never send a courier to your home.
- Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card.
- Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN.
- If you receive one of these calls end it immediately.

Bernadette Lawrie added; "It is good that shop and bank staff are increasingly recognising the

tell-tale signs of this type of fraudulent activity and are blocking purchases and contacting the police.

"But everyone, especially the elderly and those who live alone, must remain on the alert for approaches like this".

Woman is assaulted after getting off a bus in Easebourne

Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was assaulted after getting off a bus in Easebourne.

The victim, a local woman in her 60s, stopped off the bus at Wheelbarrow Castle and was approached by the suspect at the cross roads on Saturday (21 October) at around 7.15pm.

The woman was punched in the face and pushed to the floor, causing cuts and bruises to her face.

The suspect is described as a white man, around 30-years-old, of skinny build and with curly hair. He was wearing a parka coat with a hood.

If you have any information please report online or call 101 quoting reference 1173 of 21/10.

Distinctive sports car involved crash at Tangmere, can you help? (Image attached)

Did you see a distinctive and rare sports car being driven in the Chichester area early on Saturday morning (October 21)?

At 7.42am on the westbound A27 at Tangmere a sports car, a one-off Pagani Zonda worth an estimated £1.5 million, collided with the central barrier causing significant damage.

PC Peter De Silvo said: "We believe the Pagani was travelling in convoy with some other super sports car from Worthing to Chichester but no other car was at scene upon police arrival. Thankfully the driver of the Pagani was uninjured.

We are appealing to anyone who saw this car driving on the A27, we are hoping someone would remember as it is so distinctive."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police online quoting serial 300 of 21/10.

Crime summary

Chichester and surrounding area

Oak Avenue, Chichester - Break to van between 7pm, 19th October - 7am, 20th October. Theft of Sat Nav. Ref 0617 22/10.

[Melbourne road, Chichester](#) - 10 x garages have had locks damaged between 16th - 20th October. Ref 0392 of 23/10.

Selsey, The Witterings and surrounding area

Church Road, Selsey - Attempt break to church between 7pm, 19th October- 6pm, 20th October. Bolts tampered with and door damaged. Ref 0450 of 21/10.

Oval Lane, Selsey - Theft from campervan overnight into 21st October. Kayak, paddle and clothes stolen. Ref 0919 of 23/10.

Dell Quay Road, Chichester - Three outboard motors, tools and fuel tank stolen overnight into 18th October. Ref 0424 of 18/10.

Dell Quay Sailing Club, Chichester - Between 14th and 17th October, three outboard motors, one fuel tank and tools stolen. Ref 0407 of 20/10.

Midhurst, Petworth and surrounding area

Rogate - Attempt break to outhouse between 10pm, 21st October and 4am - 22nd October. Ref 0419 of 22/10.

Petworth - Break to detached house between 1:40pm - 4:40pm, 24th October. Patio door smashed to gain entry. Jewellery reported stolen. Ref 1138 of 24/10.

Northchapel - Break to property between 1pm - 9:25pm, 24th October. Watch and video camera stolen. Ref 1611 of 24/10.

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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