

This is a Community Message from Dorset Police; we thank you for your continued support.

8th April 2014

Dorset Police have received four reports today of a suspected telephone hoax and would like to advise the public to be vigilant. It has been reported that telephone calls have been received from a person purporting to be a detective constable from the Metropolitan Police. They were told that a person known to them was in custody that had their bank details or had taken money from their accounts. The caller asks them to confirm their identity and in some cases asks them to hang up re-dial 999.

Fortunately, in all of these incidents the victims have not complied and have notified the police instead.

Telephone bank scams similar to this have been occurring nationally with people being defrauded of thousands of pounds. Dorset Police would like to warn members of the public that these scams are continuing across the county and to call the police to report any such suspicious calls.

Full crime prevention advice can be found on our website.

Many thanks, ***Dorset Police***

If you have any information regarding the contents of this message, please call either Dorset Police on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or you may prefer to contact your local SNT.

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Thank you.