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Dear All

Did you know.... financial scams involving banks are now costing us £100 billion a year with a successful scam every 15 seconds!!! That is truly terrifying. The scammers play on fear and then increase the pressure, usually on the most vulnerable and susceptible in our society, but even those who are astute and well-informed can be caught out. We all have to take back control of our finances.....

Good news.....Staff in Alton store prevented a man being caught out by a scam

Hampshire Constabulary is reminding shop workers to look out for vulnerable customers who might have fallen victim to a scam involving iTunes vouchers, after staff at the Sainsbury's supermarket in Alton prevented a 77-year-old man from spending £150 on iTunes vouchers.

On August 26, the man received a call from someone he did not know, who claimed that he had won £2,000. The victim was told that he needed to pay £150 to release his winnings, and that this could be done by paying in iTunes vouchers.

He then went to his local store to purchase the vouchers. Fortunately, staff at Sainsbury's had been given general advice about scams involving iTunes vouchers by their local PCSO less than hour before the victim came to the store.

They prevented the man from buying the vouchers and called the police. Officers attended and gave advice to the man. The scam attempt has now been referred to Action Fraud.

Sarah Cohen, Crime Prevention Officer at Hampshire Constabulary, said: "Staff at the store did the right thing in speaking to this man to make sure he did not spend a significant sum on what was essentially a scam. While nothing was taken in this case, it serves as a reminder to staff to talk to people who are trying to buy iTunes vouchers in significant amounts. You may be able to prevent vulnerable people from falling victim to unscrupulous tricksters."

Anyone who receives a phone call that they suspect is a scam should hang up, wait for five minutes and call 101 – and make sure you hear the dial tone before dialling the number.

Burglary – Waterloooville

Officers are investigating a burglary which took place at a home on Privett Road in Waterlooville last week where a safe was taken. At some point overnight between Sunday, September 4 and the following morning, the safe containing jewellery - including a Brietling Super Ocean watch and a dainty ladies Omega Ladymatic watch - was taken after person/s unknown broke in through a window. It is estimated the safe contained more than £10,000 of jewellery.

The following day it was discovered that five distinctive bikes had also been stolen from two garages on the same road. Officers are trying to establish whether these thefts are linked to the safe being stolen.

The bikes that were taken from the garages are described as:

- A blue and white Giant Glory downhill bike with a Halo rim on the back wheel.
- A Nukeproof downhill bike fitted with RockShox BoXXer Team suspension forks and a Nukeproof 4911SS headset E Thirteen LG1 chainguide. It also has Shimano Saint brakes, Raceface crank set, Halo rims, and SRAM gearing. This bike was specifically built and so will be unique with the parts used.
- A white Kona Shred with Hayes Stroker hydraulic disc brakes
- An orange Marin Nail Trail cross country mountain bike with a 17 inch frame. This bike is also fitted with a small specialised seat bag containing a Top Peak multi tool, puncture repair kit, and blue Park tyre levers. The bike has a Top Peak pump fitted, titanium water bottle holder, and a hope front skewer.
- A Whyte Shoreditch hybrid bike fitted with a small specialised seat bag containing a Top Peak multi tool, puncture repair kit, blue Park tyre levers, and a Top Peak pump.

Anyone with information that may be relevant to this investigation is asked to contact PC James Cutting at Fratton Police Station on 101, quoting 44160333880, or contact us via the website <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/do-it-online/online-forms/message-for-officer.html>

You can also call the charity Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where information can be left anonymously.

Attempted burglary – Petersfield

At some time between the 22/08/2016 - 03/09/2016 there has been an attempt break in to a property on Sandringham Road in Petersfield. Unknown person/s have attempted to gain access to the rear of a property but on this occasion have not been successful at gaining entry. Please ensure that your property is kept locked and secure at all times. Please follow the below link for crime prevention advice regarding keeping your homes secure:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/>

Please check your belongings to see if you can identify any unique etched code if so please sign up to immobilise at www.immobilise.com a national property register, this is free to sign up.

Please ensure you are vigilant at all times, calling police to report any suspicious activity, not just around your own property but anything suspicious in your residential area and community. In an emergency use 999 or 101 for non emergency. It is not too late to report any suspicious activity to police.

Thefts of vehicles/from vehicles

An increase in thefts of and from vehicles across the Portsmouth area has prompted Hampshire Police to offer the following advice;

Motorbikes

- Always lock your bike and set its alarm if it has one.
- Try to use a designated motorcycle parking place with a stand and security loop.
- When leaving your bike for some time, try to lock it to something secure. At home, you can fit special attachments to lock your bike to.
- Don't leave items such as helmets or other possessions with your bike.

Preventing scooter/moped thefts

- Park in safe areas where there are lots of passers-by and onlookers who will see if anyone is tampering with your scooter.
- Never leave anything, including your helmet, unsecured and on display.
- Have an alarm and immobiliser fitted - it is almost certainly worth the investment.

Thefts from vehicles

- Don't leave anything in your car - if it's not there, then it can't be stolen.
- Choose a stereo that can be removed and make sure you take it with you! You should also mark it with your registration number or postcode, in case it's stolen.
- Thieves aren't picky, so don't leave even low-value items in your car. Often thieves will smash and grab first and look later to see if what they've stolen is valuable.
- Don't hide it - if you hide items under the seat or in the glove box, chances are someone will have watched you. If you cannot avoid leaving something in your car, put it in your boot before you begin your journey.
- Don't leave valuables in your car even for a minute - it only takes a thief a few seconds to smash a window and get what they want, so don't take the chance.
- Your car isn't safe to be left unlocked on your driveway - nearly half of all incidents where items are stolen from cars happen when they are parked overnight, close to the owner's home.
- Don't leave your house keys or anything with your address on it in your vehicle - someone could steal your keys and then let themselves into your home.

Sat Navs

- If it's portable, take the sat nav with you together with the support cradle and suction pads.
- Wipe away any marks left by the suction pads as thieves will look out for these.
- Don't leave your equipment in the glove compartment - thieves usually check

here first.

Securing Cars

- Always secure your car.
- Always lock your car and wind your windows up, even if you are just posting a letter or going into a petrol station.
- If you are stationary in traffic, keep your doors locked and don't wind your windows too far down - someone could reach in and try to grab something off your passenger seat.
- Use a steering wheel lock every time you leave your car - it makes life more difficult for the thief and therefore your car a less tempting target.
- Get a car alarm - they not only deter a thief from stealing the car, but also from stealing items from inside it. Have it fitted by a professional.
- Immobilisers stop the engine from starting if the car is being stolen and they are the best way to stop thieves. Having an immobiliser is a good idea if you have an expensive car, and it might help to reduce your insurance premiums.

Phishing Email warning

There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled 'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo.

The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false.

The email and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to.

Protect Yourself

- Opening attachments or clicking links contained within emails from unknown sources could result in your device being infected with malware or a virus.
- The City of London Police and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau will never email you asking for you to disclose personal information.
- If you believe you have become a victim of this fraudulent email get your device checked by a professional and make a report to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Protect your home during Autumn

It may be September but the warmer temperatures are set to continue into the weekend. With this in mind, we'd like to remind you all to check your home security. An open window is an invitation to burglars. Don't give them an easy way in to your

home – please ensure windows and doors are locked when you are not home and do not leave accessible windows open in unoccupied rooms, no matter what the temperature is.

Please also take keys out of locks and ensure valuables are left out of sight – it has been known for burglars to use hooks to pick up items through letterboxes, windows and cat flaps.

To report a burglary call 101 - if a burglary is in action, call 999.

Kind regards,

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