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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### TELEPHONE SCAM WARNING

**As a matter of some urgency:-** Residents in various parts of Chelmsford are being targeted over the telephone by Bogus Callers, pretending to be Police Officers, maybe saying that they are from the Fraud squad. They suggest that your bank account may have been compromised. The fact that the person already knows possibly your name and address and even bank, makes it all sound genuine.

#### IT'S A SCAM

The conversation from these individuals uses the ploy of saying that you can attend the Police station, and that an appointment will be made. They rely on you being too busy to attend and to avoid a possible trip to the station they persuade you to give away your personal bank accounts or credit card details over the phone. Several Policeman or Detective names are sometimes given and the call all sounds very genuine.

#### THINK SCAM

**Neighbourhood Watch advice is:-** Hang up immediately and try 1471 to get the callers telephone number. Do not get into a conversation with strangers on the phone no matter who they say they are. Report all suspected Bogus telephone calls to the police as soon as possible using the **0300 333 4444** number, it doesn't warrant a 999 call.

There have been many calls over the last few days to Chelmsford Police querying these Bogus telephone calls. There is an in depth warning about these telephone calls on the Essex Police website.

**Remember that a fraudster operates fast and once they have your bank details, your bank or credit card account can be accessed by them immediately. The aggravation and financial loss to you can be devastating.**

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