

Message from the Community Messaging Service.

Police have received numerous reports across the Devon and Cornwall area regarding distraction thefts which have occurred in supermarket car parks. We believe Asian males are targeting lone females engaging them in conversation asking for directions to specific locations. Having been distracted an accomplice enters the victim's car and steals cash or bank cards. Please lock your cars and keep all valuables and handbags with you if leaving your motor vehicle unattended even for a short time. We ask you to be vigilant. If you see any suspicious activity contact the Police immediately noting if you can descriptions of the offenders or registration numbers of vehicles used.

Please circulate this message to friends, family and neighbours especially the aged and people who do not have the benefit of computers and the internet.

You may be "Street Wise" to see through these attempts of fraud but please report them so more vulnerable people may not be caught out by these heartless fraudsters. We may all appreciate that if you have not bought a ticket then you have no chance of winning, but these fraudsters are not targeting us but the old and more vulnerable.

"If it sounds too good to be true, then you can bet that it is".

We must all look after our elderly family, friends and neighbours and the more vulnerable and far as possible keep them safe from harm.

Each week we hear about new Scams doing the rounds and if you get a call about one please report it even if you are not taken in with it as you may stop a less able person than you getting caught by them. We must be vigilant and be aware of Doorstep Crime and if we get bogus callers then **report it on 101, and if possible get a vehicle registration number and a good description of these people. If you feel threatened by these people then phone 999.**