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POLICE **C**ONNECT

Keeping you informed, keeping your community safe

Police are reminding residents to be alert for telephone scams after an incident in Ipswich.

On Monday 12th June, an elderly man received a phone call from someone saying they were from the tax office and that the resident owed money. He was then told he would be arrested unless he purchased £500 of iTunes vouchers.

The elderly resident suspected something wasn't right and reported the incident to police.

Police have also received reports of scam tax emails being sent telling people that they have a tax rebate and to log on to a website with their details.

Fraudsters are contacting the elderly & vulnerable claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs and victims are being told that they have arrest warrants, outstanding debts or unpaid taxes in their name. If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately and report it to police.

HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty and will never ask for payment in this way.

Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.

Further advice on keeping yourself safe can be found on the Suffolk Police webpage www.suffolk.police.uk or the Action Fraud webpage www.actionfraud.police.uk

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity.

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

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