

# Kent Fraud Alert System



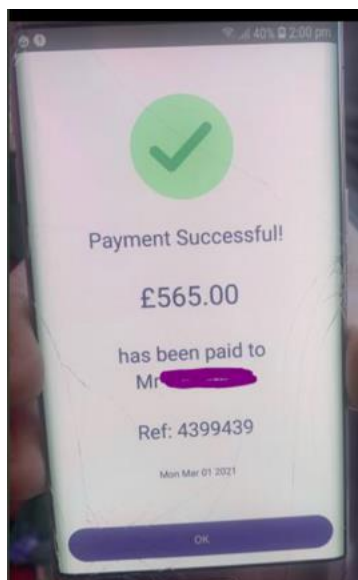
## Fake Banking App Alert – Do you sell items on line?

**TO STOP FRAUD™**

We are urging anyone considering buying or selling goods online to be vigilant about a scam involving a fake bank transfer app.

The app creates an image which shows the transfer has been made (see below). We have been advised that offenders have been targeting vulnerable individuals including elderly in the UK.

Sellers using sites such as Facebook Marketplace, eBay and Gumtree, have reported incidents of fraudsters using a fake banking app to pretend to pay for goods they have agreed to purchase.



If you have been a victim of this type of scam, then report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or calling 0300 123 2040.

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From our colleagues at NHS Counter Fraud. Be mindful when using Social Media, scammers see it as a great way of “conning you” out of your cash.

Messages saying "is this you in a video" seem to be doing the rounds at the moment. The scammers try to get you to click on a link, which is likely to be harmful and may deliver malicious malware into your system.

Remember never click on links unless you have confirmed that it is genuine.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or calling 0300 123 2040.



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## Romance Scams

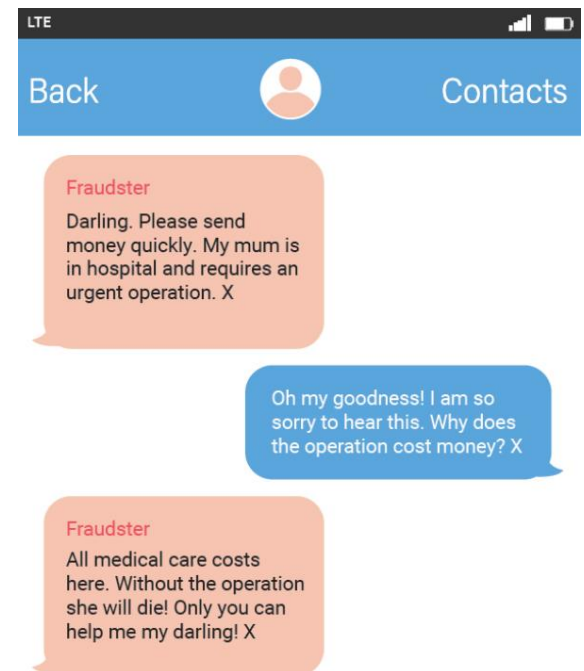
Forensic linguist Dr Liz Carter has been working closely with Police Forces across the UK looking at how Romance Fraudsters work and the language that they use. She says “they use techniques to manipulate the victim into a position they never thought they would be in e.g. legitimate urgency. This is when the fraudster manipulates a time critical situation to provoke the victim to act fast without thinking.”

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Remember, Romance Scammers are manipulative and spend lots of time researching their victim and getting to a position where they can apply pressure and panic them into sending money without thinking to assist with a non-existent medical emergency etc.

If you are currently speaking to someone you have met online, ask yourself these questions,

- Shortly after meeting them online, they told you that they are madly in love and want a relationship?
- They say that their job means they work abroad a lot and cannot meet at the moment?
- They always have an excuse for not meeting or speaking via a video chat?
- They have sent pictures that appear to be professionally taken and are posing in front of mountains or they are in uniform or with a group of work colleagues?
- They have given you a “hard luck” story and ask for your help financially?
- Have they told you to keep the relationship secret and not tell family and friends?



If you can answer yes to some or all the above, you may be a victim of a Romance Fraud. Report this to us by calling 101 and contact your Bank immediately.

Our Teams are always waiting to support you and so you should never feel embarrassed to ask for help.



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