

From Devon & Cornwall Alert and Devon & Cornwall Police

We have received recent reports in the Devon area of scams involving cars advertised for sale.

We would like to remind residents to be wary when selling vehicles, the recent reported scam involves two to three males attending to view a car advertised for sale, when the males arrive, one distracts the owner whilst the other looks under the bonnet and tampers with the vehicle so it will smoke or not run properly, the males will then point out the problem to the owner and ask for a discount on the car.

If anyone comes to view your vehicle, be vigilant, ask a friend to be with you if possible. Do not leave the potential buyers alone with the vehicle or allow them the opportunity to tamper with the vehicle. If an issue is noticed during the viewing or test drive, do not lower the price without having the vehicle examined by your own independent mechanic. Do not accept any deal that you are not happy with.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police via our website [here](#) or by phoning 101 quoting 829 5 June.

All reports of this nature also need to be reported to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or online www.actionfraud.police.uk