

DETAILS REGARDING RECENT BOGUS CALLERS:

Call from a lady in Winchester. Yesterday she received call from a woman from a company called First Direct/First Response Alarm Co. She said a salesman was in the area and that they only sold to the elderly. A man arrived and gave a name and mobile number. He then pointed out how easy it would be to break into the house and that there was a real risk of fire.

Their system would alert police and fire service... a snip at £3300

When they did not agree price gradually fell to £1500 + £40 per month for police attendance

This is the 2nd complaint this week

On Wed an elderly lady in Twyford gave them bank details set up a direct debit and handed over a cheque for £3000 and a cheque for £45 made out to Hampshire Constabulary.

Trading Standards waited for theman engineer from Bournemouth turned up. He had no connection with company and been hired to install system

Cheque & direct debit were cancelled.

Details of Door to Door Dangers

Yesterday CID arrested a man in Winchester for going door to door without a Pedlars Certificate.

He had numerous convictions for Burglary, theft etc..

He said that other 'Nottingham Knockers' would be coming to Hampshire before Christmas.

Officers have been told to arrest anyone selling door to door without a Pedlars Certificate.