

Police warn public on rampant scam

ROSEBANK – You are warned not to fall for this scam.

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Police warn residents to not fall prey to scammers.

The South African Police Service (Saps) has issued a warning to the public to be aware of a fraudulent scam in which victims receive a text message stating that a Saps case has been opened against them.

Once they respond to the numbers that are provided by the fraudsters, money is extorted from them.

The scam came to the police's attention after a case was reported in Rosebank, in January this year. It was followed by other cases with the same modus operandi that were reported in the Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, the Free State, North West, and Limpopo.

The victims received an SMS stating that a case had been opened against them and that they had to contact a Constable Baloyi on 060 800 8148. Other random names and different contact numbers were also given.

When the victims responded to the SMS, they were informed that a warrant of arrest had been issued for a traffic fine and that they needed to pay a certain amount which had to be deposited into an FNB account number 62017066201 or Absa account number 4054021171.

You are warned not to fall for this scam. If you receive this kind of SMS, please contact your nearest police station. Alternatively, contact Detective Lieutenant DK Hattingh of the National Investigation Unit on 079 695 0293 or e-mail: HattingDebbie@saps.gov.za