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## **Rugby BID Team helps stop National Scam**

A combination of efforts from the Rugby Rangers and their colleagues in the CCTV Control Room saw a national scam rumbled in Rugby Town Centre. The "laptop scam" has been happening across the country and the result of work by the Rugby BID CCTV Control Room last week saw two national gangs caught in the act.

A Rugby Ranger noticed suspicious activity and called it through to the CCTV Control Room where they followed the lead. The Police were alerted and were able to stop an innocent person being ripped off. Along with a number of arrests the Police were also able to gather vital information and knowledge on the people and vehicles associated with this scam.

The "laptop scam" sees people being conned into buying what they think to be a laptop but in actual fact is just a box filled up with catalogues (or something similar) to make it feel heavy enough to be a laptop.

"This is a well known scam that has been used over a number of years," said Rugby's Chief Inspector, Bob Musgrove. "We strongly advise that the public do not get involved in situations like this. If it appears suspicious then do not get involved, as there really is no protection. This was a good result and we will continue to work closely with Rugby BID to catch the people behind scams such as this."

Aftab Gaffar, Rugby BID Operations Director, commented, "Helping to stop a national scam is a great achievement for our team. It is good to see that both the Rangers and the CCTV in Rugby are making a real difference in helping to combat crime in our town centre."