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Rugby Rangers rumble gang in National laptop scam

Rugby Rangers rumbled yet another gang trying to pull off a National Laptop scam in Rugby Town Centre. As a result of recent work by the Rangers, the CCTV Control Room and the Police, this is the second time this kind of scam has been brought to a halt in Rugby.

Across the country unsuspecting victims are being conned into buying what they think is a laptop out of the back of a vehicle. They are shown a top of the range laptop in its case, but after paying, are given an identical case filled with catalogues, or something similar to match its weight.

The Rangers noticed the gang acting suspiciously and radioed through to colleagues at the CCTV Control room, where they followed the lead. Luckily this gang were stopped before anyone could be ripped off.



Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director at Rugby BID commented, "We are extremely pleased that we are able to prevent scams like these escalating in Rugby Town Centre. The Rangers know what to look out for after stopping the same scam last year. Their past experience helped them stop this before any innocent people became involved."

Chief Inspector Robert Musgrove from Warwickshire Police concluded, "The team at Rugby BID are doing an excellent job and this is another example of the teamwork and co-operation between the BID and Warwickshire Police. Anyone considering buying a high price item like a laptop from the back of the car must ask themselves whether they are being offered stolen property or are about to be a victim of this type of scam."