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Essex Probation advises county to be vigilant about bogus callers (5 October 2010)

Bogus callers are posing as ex-offenders seeking to sell products or services door-to-door. They claim they are working for a project that is backed by the Probation Service.

Essex Probation operates no scheme of this nature and our advice is not to buy from salespeople who claim to be part of this project.

Anyone being approached by any person who claims to be working under the authority of Essex Probation in this way should immediately contact Essex police, giving as much detail as possible about the person and the business they claim to represent.

Essex police would urge people to always ask to see identification when a stranger calls at the door, or ring the company they claim to be from to make sure they are who they say they are.

Legitimate door to door sales people will always have proof of identity. Essex Probation does not issue identity badges to offenders.

Essex Police can be contacted on 0300 333 4444.

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