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## **Cold callers continue to target residents (2 June 2010)**

A Cold Calling company claiming to be working with the police is continuing to target residents across the borough.

The issue was raised by concerned residents at a Leigh Crime Prevention Panel meeting on Monday 17 May.

Inspector Ian Gennery of Essex Police, said: "Residents in the Leigh and Southend have reported cold calling by a company called Crime Research UK Ltd, implying they're working on behalf of Essex Police and conducting home security surveys on behalf of a second company called SAS Fire and Security Systems.

"Those who have allowed the survey to continue find themselves being pressured to purchase a very expensive system that they may not need.

"Although Essex Police do contact members of the public as part of their customer satisfaction survey, we do not endorse private companies. I would urge anyone receiving such a call not to accept any offer unless they are completely satisfied about the legitimacy of the company."

Residents are urged to report the matter to Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or via their local neighbourhood policing team on 0300 3334444.