

## Scammers pose as Chinese police officers

### Warning of alleged bail demand



**ATTENTION:**  
THIS IS NOT THE  
POLICE SPEAKING.

Unknown scammers, posing as employees of the Chinese police, are currently trying to cheat large amounts of money, especially from students who come from China. The scammers claim to work for a Chinese police fraud division. It is not uncommon for displayed phone numbers to be actually the existing phone number of a police station in China, which is being used fraudulently. In most cases, the potential victims are accused of having committed a crime because of fraud. In order to avoid arrest, they are now asked to pay bail.

**It is important** not to respond to such calls. The callers are not official representatives of any authority, but scammers!

In order to protect yourself as best as possible from these and similar scams, the Aachen police is giving the following tips:

- Do not give **any personal information** over the phone and do not follow any other requests
- Never give **bank account or credit card numbers or access data to customer accounts** (e.g. PayPal)
- You should **not call back** any unknown phone number
- Do not allow yourself to be rushed or put under pressure. **Take time** to verify the caller's details
- **Never grant** an unknown caller **access** to your computer, for example by installation of remote maintenance software
- If you have the slightest doubt, call the authority that the alleged official comes from. Find out the telephone number of the authority **yourself** or ask the directory inquiry service to give it to you.

If you are a victim of this scam, report it to your local police.