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The following message originated from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and has been forwarded to me via a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Please note that although - as far as I am aware - there have been no reports of this particular scam occurring in our area, this and other scams are in existence and it is worth keeping this in mind.

Message reads:

"The Trading standards Office have brought the following scam to our attention:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). **DO NOT** call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 239 6655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at <http://www.icstis.org.uk> or your local trading standards office.

This is a genuine scam.

This service is under investigation by ICSTIS. Please be aware of this scam and forward this information to as many as possible."