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NORTH WALES
POLICE

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2024/023 – Deepfakes

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **How many reports your force received from people claiming to be the victim of deepfake photos or videos in the calendar or financial years (whichever is easiest) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023**
- **How many arrests, if any, were made as a result of these reports in those years**

For the avoidance of doubt, I am not interested in reports of intimate images being shared without the person's consent - I am purely interested in reports of shared explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated or created to look like someone else without their consent, known as 'deepfakes'.

We have carried out a keyword search for occurrences 2019-2023 where there is reference to "deep fake" / "deepfake" in the occurrence summary or the occurrence log:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Arrest	Summary
2020		Cheque, Plastic Card and Online Bank Accounts (not PSP)	N	CALLER REPORTING A CLIENT IS A VICTIM OF FRAUD. THERE ARE TRANSACTIONS FROM HIS ACCOUNT THAT CANNOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY IP. CALLER STATES THIS HAS BEEN REPORTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITY IN JANUARY HOWEVER TRANSACTIONS STILL OCCURRING. UNKNOWN HOW FRAUD IS OCCURRING.
2020		Other Fraud (Not covered elsewhere)	N	IP HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF A SCAM WHO HAS LOST £3000 TO AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO CLAIMS HE IS THE ACTOR FROM THE TV SERIES MIRANDA. THE IP ATTEMPTED TO SEND MORE MONEY TO THE UNKNOWN MALE BUT WAS STOPPED BY HER BANK.

2022		Dating Scam	N	Unidentified offender has befriended the victim online claiming to be a US soldier. During their 3 year online relationship offender has persuaded the victim with increasingly elaborate tales of woe to send them money via Google play vouchers.
2022	008/72	Malicious Comms - Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	N	Parent reporting that a 33yo male has contacted his 13yo daughter on snapchat and is now threatening to put photoshopped pictures of her on social media outlets. No images have been exchanged
2023	035/00	Blackmail	N	Caller reporting that he has been a victim of "deepfakes" after he had been talking to an unknown offender who stated that they naked pictures of him and have asked for a payment of £300.
2023		Other Fraud (Not covered elsewhere)	N	Inft is claiming her social media has been hacked

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 09/01/2024