



# CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# CRIME BULLETIN

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There has been an increase in identity fraud resulting from the customer's credit/debit card information being stolen during purchases made using a card reader. The criminals are stealing credit card information by attaching a device called a "skimmer" to the card readers on point of sale items like ATM machines, retail stores, gas pumps...etc. These skimmers look very similar to the card reader they are attached to and are virtually unnoticeable. Additionally, criminals are now installing these skimmers inside gas pumps and either obtaining the credit card information wirelessly using Bluetooth or coming back at a later time and removing the device to download the information later.

There are several things you can do to help stop these criminals and to keep from becoming a victim yourself:

- Always monitor your statements and contact your bank or credit card company if you see any suspicious activity on your account.
- At gas stations, always try to use a pump that's easily visible to the gas station attendant.
- Notify the gas station attendant if you see anyone opening up any of the pumps.
- If a card reader looks suspicious don't use it and notify the owner/police.
- Look for small cameras near the key pad especially at ATM machines. Try and keep the key pad covered when entering your PIN number.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Concord Police Department at (704) 920-5580 or Cabarrus Area Crime Stoppers at (704) 932-7463 or text 93CRIME