



Crime Bulletin

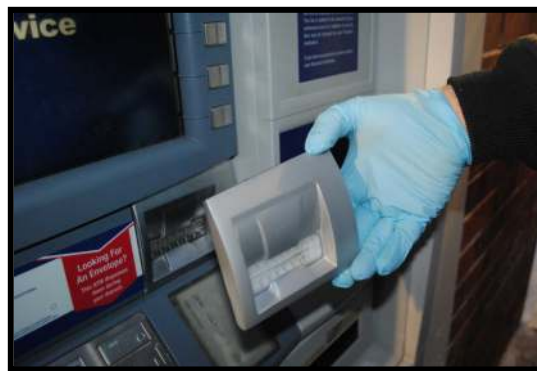
Skimming Devices



In the past couple of years there have been a few incidents reported to law enforcement across Wisconsin of skimming devices being placed on automated teller machines (ATM). Most recently a device was located on an ATM located outside of a financial institution in Waukesha.

Employees had notified law enforcement that a "skimmer" device had been placed on an ATM. Investigating officers discovered a skimmer insert that had been placed over the card reader. Also located was a blue bar that sat on top of the machine that contained a pinhole camera. This camera recorded pin numbers that were punched into the keypad.

A technician from the ATM manufacturer explained that the way he could tell that the ATM machine had been compromised was that the card reader did not light up when a card was inserted. He also noted that the blue bar containing the pinhole camera was colored a slightly lighter blue than the screen. The technician believes the skimmer was put on the machine at a particular time which is when the machine began to document "bad insert reads" on the diagnostics.



Beware of any alterations to an ATM and notify employees and law enforcement if you suspect anything out of the ordinary.

If you would like further information on skimming devices, please speak to your local crime prevention officer