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CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS FOUND IN PHOENIX

Two Gas Pumps Affected

(Phoenix) An investigator from the Department of Weights and Measures removed skimmers from two gas pumps this week. The devices are placed on gas pumps without a station's knowledge to steal credit and debit card information from customers. In this case, the skimmers were attached to the scanner and the key pad which enables thieves to collect the account and pin numbers at the same time.

If consumers pumped gas at Circle K at 32nd Street and Cactus before today, they should check their accounts for charges they did not make. The Department is cooperating with the Phoenix Police Department, Circle K and credit card companies to solve the crime. We've also sent a Skimmer Alert to other fuel stations in the state.

"Skimmers at Arizona gas stations are not common, but we can't let this kind of fraud happen," said Mark Killian, interim director of the Department of Weights and Measures. "Out of 1,100 inspections this year, we've found 10 skimmers. Partnership with businesses and police allow us to aggressively pursue these crimes."

Consumers can protect themselves against skimmers by carefully inspecting gas pumps before inserting their cards. Many gas pumps have a sticker crossing between the pump and the pump access door near the credit card slot. If the sticker is cut or there is tape residue, notify the station attendant.

Since 2009 the Department has proactively inspected for illegally placed credit and debit card skimming devices in gas pumps. We educate gasoline retailers on ways to prevent the crime and what to do if a device is found. Once there is evidence of a crime, the business or Department notifies local police to have the skimmer confiscated.

More consumer tips are attached or are available at:
<https://dwm.az.gov/sites/default/files/Skimmers.pdf>