

FRAUD ALERT!

**From the Collier County Sheriff's Office
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SKIMMERS

There have been recent reports of scanning/skimmer devices found at local ATM's. Skimmers could be at a bank, store, gas station or any ATM location.

Skimmers allow criminals to capture debit or credit card data so that the information can be placed on "white" cards (blank cards). Additionally, they are often covertly hidden to capture PIN numbers.

To reduce the likelihood that your card and/or PIN number are compromised consider doing the following:

- ✓ Cover the number pad with your free hand when entering your PIN number.
- ✓ Use the same ATM machine each time so that if there is a change in the machine (such as an added slot cover) you will be more likely to recognize the potential problem.
- ✓ Notify bank officials or local law enforcement if you notice anything suspicious when conducting transactions at ATMs.
- ✓ Be sure to get your card back and clear the screen when finished with a transaction.
- ✓ Check your bank statements regularly.



**For assistance call the
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