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Incident: ATM Fraud Update – Suspect Identification Requested

Abbotsford – November 3, 2009.

On Saturday, October 24 a pin hole camera device attached to an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in an Abbotsford business was located by a citizen. Two Caucasian men driving a black BMW were believed to have been associated to the placement of this device and possibly of a debit/credit card skimming device that was not recovered.

On October 14 two men were observed placing similar devices on another ATM at a different Abbotsford business. The men place both the pin hole camera canopy above the keypad, attach a magnetic strip skimmer and test these devices before departing. These men are considered suspects in both events. On October 16 a victim contacted the Abbotsford Police Department to report that the debit card he used at this business had been compromised and almost \$3000.00 had been taken from his bank account through debit purchases. Two men were observed through video surveillance using a re-encrypted card at a financial institution. These two men are considered persons of interest in this investigation.

The Abbotsford Police Department are requesting the public's assistance in identifying the persons observed on video attaching the device (baseball caps and hooded jackets) as well as still images taken from the financial institution capturing a man using a re-encrypted card with an associate nearby (grey hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses and black t-shirt and sunglasses).

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Koppes of the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Attached are still photos of the dismantled pin hole camera located October 24, video from the placement of a similar device and magnetic strip reader and still photos from a financial institution where the stolen and transferred data was used.

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