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Incident: Pinhole Camera and Skimmer found on ATM

Abbotsford – August 20, 2010.

On Monday, August 16 at 8:30 pm a customer approached an ATM machine located in an Abbotsford financial institution in the 2100 block of Sumas Way. The customer noticed a piece of triangular grey plastic above the PIN pad. The plastic had been painted to blend in with the rest of the ATM. Fortunately, the alert customer pulled on this item and it came off the ATM with little effort. He then called the Abbotsford Police.

An Abbotsford Police Patrol Division officer attended the location and examined the plastic item and the ATM itself. The officer observed a small hole in the grey plastic mount where a pinhole camera was placed. The camera was being powered by a small cellular phone battery. The officer also located another device attached to the ATM. A card skimmer had been placed on top of the bank card entry slot. This device had also been disguised to appear as part of the ATM.

Both items were removed and are being forensically examined. The investigation continues with the assistance of the financial institution where it is hoped surveillance video of the placement of these devices will be located.

People are encouraged to be diligent with the security of the credit, debit and bank cards. Any suspicious occurrences should be reported to your financial institution and local police.

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