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**NYPD ATM SKIMMING DEVICE STICKER PROGRAM**

+++Please see photos below.

To all Banks, Hotels, Retail Stores, Restaurants, Etc:

Would you be interested in participating in our new NYPD Crime Prevention Program which deters illegal ATM Skimming Devices to be placed on ATM’s in your premise.

This program simply consists of one or two small chrome stickers to be placed near the ATM card reader.

ATM "Skimming" is an illegal activity that involves the installation of a device, usually undetectable by ATM users, that secretly records bank account data when the user inserts an ATM card into the machine. Criminals can then encode the stolen data onto a blank card and use it to steal money from the customer’s bank account. The criminal places the skimmer, which is usually made from plastic or plaster and looks very much like the original card reader, directly over the ATM card reader undetectable to the customer. As the customers insert their ATM cards into the false skimmer, their bank account information on the cards magnetic strip is "skimmed” or stolen and usually stored on some electronic device. A hidden camera is used in conjunction with the skimming device in order to record the customer’s Personal Identification Number. In lieu of a hidden camera, a keypad overlay, placed directly over the installed keypad, is sometimes used to record the user punching in their PIN. The skimmer device is placed over the ATM card reader or may be attached to the card swipe device at the door to gain access to the bank after hours, which are both undetectable to the customer.

If interested, please email Detective Lance Trent at lance.trent@nypd.org or Police Officer Robert Williams at robert.williams2@nypd.org

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