

International and Domestic Fraud Schemes: A Regional Perspective

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Regional/National Crimes Trends

- ▶ Utility Billing-Pre-Paid Money Card Scam *
- ▶ IRS Scam *
- ▶ BEC-/ “CEO Fraud”*
- ▶ Romance Scam*
- ▶ Credit/Debit Card “Skimming” (ATM/Gas Pumps)
- ▶ Mail Theft-Organized Crime Rings
- ▶ Foreign Lottery/Sweepstakes Scams *
- ▶ Relative in Distress Scam *
- ▶ Foreclosure-Rental Scam *
- ▶ Re-Encoded Gift Cards
- ▶ Work-at-Home Scheme *
- ▶ Overage Payment Scam *
- ▶ Data Breaches *

(* International Fraud Schemes)



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



Credit/Debit Card Skimming

- ▶ Unauthorized “capture” of credit card account information
- ▶ Historically committed by restaurant servers, retail business cashiers, and organized criminal groups
- ▶ Device inserted into point-of-sale terminals, ATM machines, and fuel pumps



Gas Pump Skimming



ATM / Handheld Skimming Devices



Utility Billing/Pre-Paid Money Card Scam

- ▶ Targeting businesses, specifically, eating establishments, dental offices, and veterinarians throughout Southern California.
- ▶ Scammers call during busiest times of the day (lunch/happy/dinner hours) threaten to disrupt service due to non-payment, missed payment, or existing debt.
- ▶ Restaurant Owners/Managers directed to obtain a “Green Dot” Money Pak card and load amounts typically, \$1200-\$1500.00.
- ▶ Once purchased, business operators call back scammers and instructed to disclose the “serial numbers” imprinted on the back of the card(s).



Origin of Int'l Criminal Activities



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