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)
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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