



McAllen Police Department

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Skimmer Alert

The McAllen Police Department in the last three days received several calls for service in regards to debit/credit card skimmers found at four convenience stores gas pumps. Skimmers are devices that are affixed to the vender's card readers to secretly swipe and store debit/credit card information when customers slip their cards into readers.

Police Officers seized debit/credit card skimmers from the following convenience stores:

1. Stripes located at 2900 W. Nolana Ave
2. Stripes located at 5700 S. 10th St
3. Stripes located at 4600 S. 23rd St
4. Stripes located at 621 E. Nolana Ave

The investigation is ongoing.

The McAllen Police Department reminds citizens to always be vigilant and regularly monitor their debit/credit card statements. Unusual activity should be reported immediately to the debit/credit card company. The sooner the consumer detects the suspect activity, the sooner losses may be minimized and the greater the opportunity to identify those involved. We also encourage our business community to regularly inspect debit/credit card readers to guard against the installation of skimming devices.

Anyone with information about the crime is urged to call **McAllen Crime Stoppers at 956-687-TIPS (956-687-8477)**. If the information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You may also submit an anonymous tip through the smart phone app "P3 Tips."

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