

'Card skimming' devices found at city centre cash machines



Anyone who used a cash machine at RS McColl in Frederick Street, or Thomas Cook in Hanover Street, both Edinburgh, yesterday (Saturday, June 21, 2014) is being urged by Police to contact their bank and check for unusual transactions, after 'card skimming' devices were found at both machines.

Likewise, anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously in the vicinity of both machines, is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

PC Steven Skirving, who is leading the investigations, said: "These illegal devices are attached to cash machines and are used to copy a user's bank card details, allowing a thief to come along later and use that information to steal from their account.

"They are typically used for short periods of time, and it is good that we have been able to recover these devices and prevent further theft, however it is possible that innocent members of the public are at risk from having their accounts plundered. Therefore I would urge anyone who used either of these cash machines to check their bank account, either at a branch or by telephone or online. If anyone saw someone hanging about these machines, or apparently acting suspiciously, I would urge them to contact us so we can get their description."