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NEWS RELEASE

Credit Card Skimmers Located at Buffalo Grove and Mundelein Gas Stations

Buffalo Grove, IL – Buffalo Grove Police were made aware of possible skimming devices on credit card readers located inside of two Buffalo Grove Shell Gas Stations on Friday, September 7, 2018.

Clerks at the Shell Gas Stations at 1200 N. Arlington Heights Road and 50 W. Lake Cook Road in Buffalo Grove both located the suspected card skimmers after being alerted by a Shell Gas Station clerk who works at a Mundelein station, located at 2250 S. Route 83.

The Mundelein clerk initially discovered the device on a reader inside of the store, and then alerted employees of other area Shell Stations, including those in Buffalo Grove. The clerk also contacted Mundelein Police, who are currently monitoring the situation.

At this time, it is unknown whether any cardholders' information was stolen. Both the Mundelein and Buffalo Grove Police Departments urge those who have visited the above-named locations to keep a close watch on their credit card and banking activity.

"Patrons of Shell Gas Stations should remain diligent in checking their accounts for accuracy," said Buffalo Grove Deputy Chief Michael Szos. "This incident is an unfortunate reminder that even credit card readers inside of businesses can be compromised."

Video footage from the stores will be examined for possible suspect information; it is unknown at this time exactly when the skimmers were placed in the stores.

Police would like to remind area residents to thoroughly examine all credit card readers and ATMs prior to using them. Card readers can be checked by pulling gently on the machine, and if it feels as if the card needs to be forced into the card slot, stop, alert the cashier, and use a different machine. More tips for safe credit card use can be found at <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/blogs/business-blog/2017/06/best-practices-foil-gas-station-skimmers>.

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