

## **WARNING from Michael Darby of Community Expressions**

### **Bank ATM's Converted to Steal IDs of Bank Customers**

Organized criminals could soon hit an ATM near you with this high-tech scam, which involves installing equipment on legitimate ATMs to steal both the ATM card number and the PIN. These are then used to milk the account.

The team sits nearby in a vehicle over weekends and evenings, receiving the illicit information transmitted from devices which they install temporarily on the ATM.

If you see attachments like these, or any unusually accessory permitting surveillance of your input to the ATM, act as if you have mislaid your card and leave the area without trying to identify perpetrators. If you have already inserted your card, key in a WRONG PIN, then leave quietly without concluding a transaction.

Report your suspicions to your bank service number as quickly as possible. Then cruise only once past the bank, noting unobtrusively the description and registration number of any suspicious vehicle. Do not attempt to challenge any possible miscreant or draw attention to yourself, and do not risk violence by attempting to remove the suspect equipment.



The card skimmer, showing its installation in front of existing card slot.



The card skimmer as it appears installed



The PIN reading camera, housed in an innocent looking leaflet container.