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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: July 8, 2010
Prepared by: Lieutenant Stephen Maynard
Release #: 2010-043
Incident # 10-6386
Incident Date: July 6, 2010
Incident Time: 2:00 p.m.
Incident Location: 6800 & 6900 West Newberry Road, Gainesville, FL

Media Advisory: Additional skimming devices located:

Deputies responded to the Shell Station on West Newberry Road Tuesday afternoon after a maintenance worker located a suspicious skimming device inside the pump attached to the credit card reader. Card skimming is the illegal copying of information from the magnetic strip of a credit or ATM card. The scammers try to steal your card details so that they can access your account. Once scammers have skimmed your card, they can create a fake or cloned card with your details on it. The scammer is then able to run up charges on your account.

The skimming device was located inside the pump and therefore not visible to anyone who may have used the pump. This initial investigation, accompanied with intelligence information led detectives to canvas additional gas stations near the original incident location. Additional devices have been located and deputies now believe the scammers rigged the devices to possibly transmit the information back to them.

It is unknown at this time if there are any victims or if anyone's credit card information has been compromised.

These incident highlights the importance of closely examining your bank and credit card statements. Should you see fraudulent activity on your card immediately notify the card issuer and law enforcement.