

Thousands stolen in local financial crime

**(KAIR)--A stolen financial card leads to more than \$4,000 in unauthorized charges.**

**That word comes in a news release issued Monday by Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie.**

**The investigation into the theft shows that the card, stolen from a Cummings resident, was used between May 3 and May 16, resulting in charges of \$4,400.**

**Laurie says the card information has been used to make purchases in a number of places, specifically the Kansas City area.**

**Laurie says the investigation is continuing, and there's not yet any suspect in the crime.**

**He says it's believed that the card itself was not stolen. Instead, investigators believe whoever is responsible gained the information through the use of a skimmer.**

**A skimmer is defined by [PC Magazine](#) as a malicious card reader attached to a legitimate payment terminals to harvest data from every person that swipes a credit or debit card.**

**[Security experts warn](#) that such devices are often used by identity thieves at ATM machines and gas pumps.**

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