



LOVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Credit Card/Debit Card Fraud		REPORTING NUMBER: 11-61568	
LOCATION: Loveland	DATE: Nov 1, 2011	TIME: 10:00	
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Detective Eric Roberts		SUPERVISOR: SGT Brent Newbanks	
DETAILS: Preliminary investigation into recent credit and debit card fraud reports identified a variety of common locations at which the financial devices were legally used prior to the fraudulent transactions. Investigators have been in contact with several area businesses as a result of those commonalities. On October 24, 2011, investigators from the Loveland Police Department received word from a representative of the Loveland Metrolux 14, stating that Metropolitan Theatres, a parent company of the Loveland Metrolux 14, had hired an outside forensic analysis team to inspect their data transmission systems. On October 27, 2011, a representative of Metropolitan Theatres informed our investigators that the analysis showed that there had been an external breach into the theatre's computer system initiated from outside the organization. That representative stated that measures were immediately put into place to remove the breach and their systems are now secure to insure that all transactions can be safely transmitted. The forensic analysis report will be released to the appropriate law enforcement agency for inclusion in the police investigation when it is completed. Local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers met this morning at the Loveland Police and Courts Building regarding the on-going credit/debit card fraud investigation. Representatives from eight agencies exchanged information regarding their independent investigations. We are currently estimating that there are 1,180 related cases that have been reported to law enforcement throughout Northern Colorado. Investigators are still compiling reports and preparing for the upcoming forensic debriefing that is expected to occur within the next ten days. <p style="text-align: center;">*The criminal charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.</p>			
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