



Cyber and Physical Security Threats

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Police search for people who fled after attempting to steal ATM in Des Moines

This is the latest in a string of months.

NEWS

Independence police investigate after attempted ATM theft

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As Criminals Innovate, ATM Thefts Becoming a Growing Source of Insurer Loss



Plattsmouth police searching for suspects who damaged bank ATM

Officials say the explosion caused extensive amounts of damage to the ATM initially estimated at around \$36,000 in damage, however, no money was stolen from the ATM.

CRIME

FBI investigating ATM explosion at Centralia bank

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ATM EXPLOSIONS

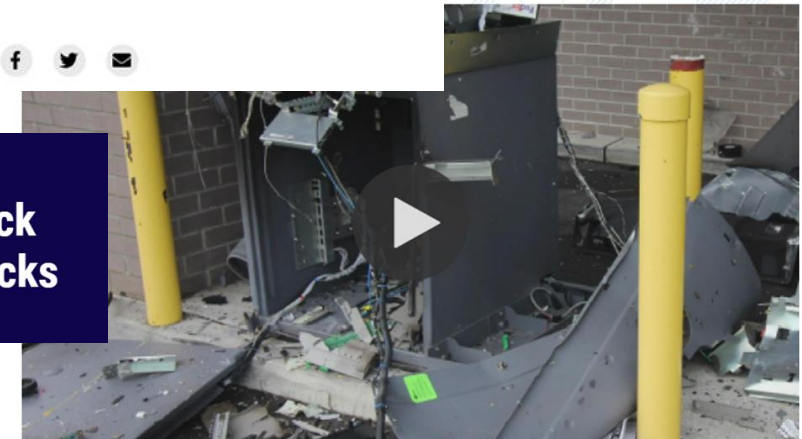
Feds Bust Accused Explosives Maker in Ongoing ATM Blasts Investigation

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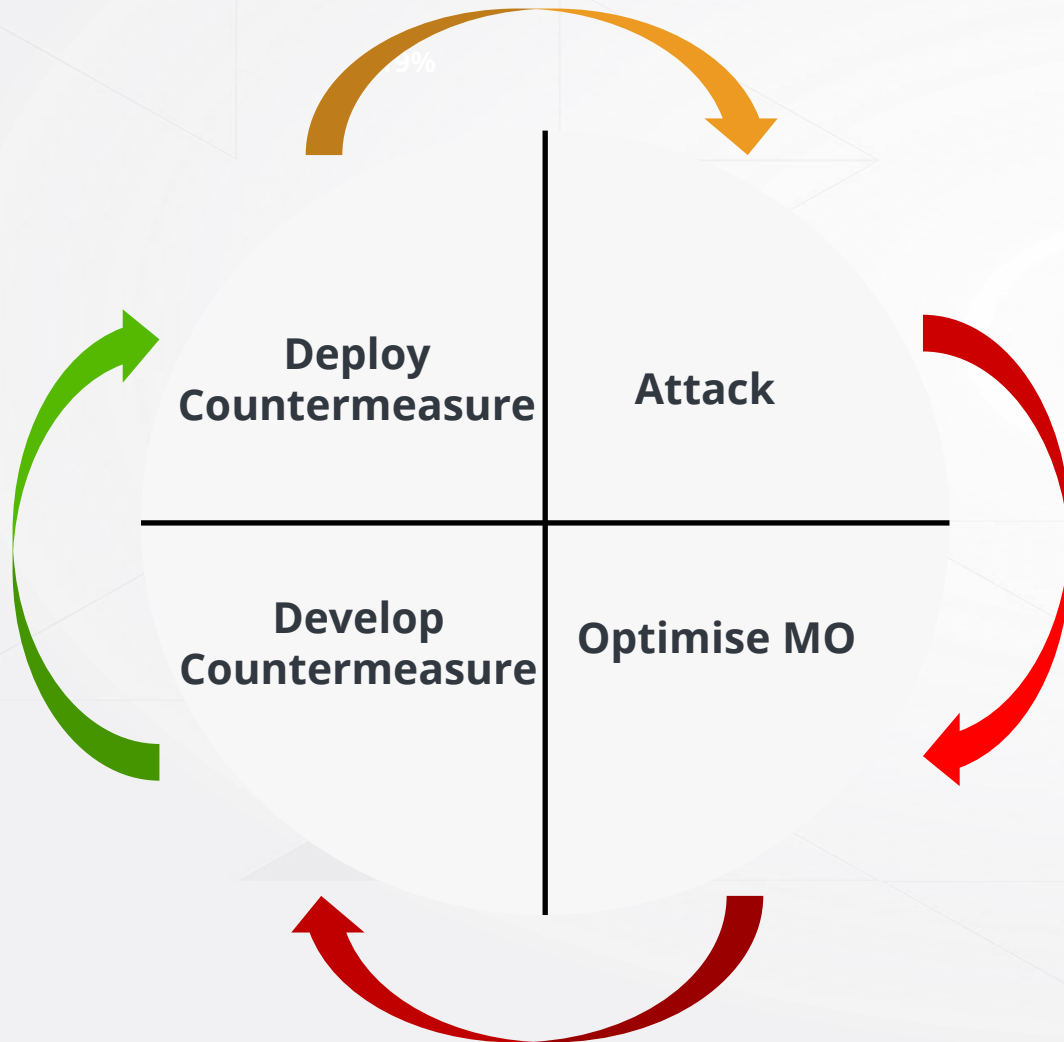
omb Squad and the Centralia explosion.



9 taken into custody over ATM attack tutorials and string of explosive attacks



ATM Crime - Modus Operandi Evolution Cycle



4 phases of 'Attack / Countermeasure' cycle

- **1st and 2nd** phases – an attack vector may see many iterations until MO is optimised by the criminals – nearly limitless testing and no budget resource pressures as seen in industry
- **3rd Phase** – OEMs, Partners, and FIs developing protection
- **4th Phase** – deployment of countermeasure
- **Cycle begins again with a new attack vector**

ATM Attack Categories

Logical / Data Attacks

- Skimming
- Host Spoofing
- Eavesdropping
- Black Box
- Malware
- Data Loss/Compromise

Physical Attacks

- In-situ Tools
- Ram-Raid/Pull-Out
- Hook and Chain
- Jaws of Life
- Explosives
 - Gas
 - Solid

Jackpotting Malware

First observed in Mexico in early 2023

- ATM vendor-agnostic, referred to as FiXS
- Currently a known, active exploit against older Diebold machines

New iteration of previous malware, but works with the same MO as Ploutus (first observed in 2013)

- Typically introduced by physical access (e.g. USB stick or remove/replace HDD)
- Evolved to make the malware harder to reverse engineer and defeat



Logical Attacks – Jackpotting/Cash-out Malware

- Countermeasures include:
 - Harden the Operating System (OS)
 - Ensure monthly OS security updates are applied regularly
 - Lock down BIOS and machine configuration menus
 - Replace ATMs that have exceeded OEM support lifecycle
 - Upgrade software that has exceeded OEM support lifecycle
 - Ensure platform software is patched and updated regularly
 - Control physical access through monitored alarms
 - Deploy hard disk encryption and anti-malware solutions

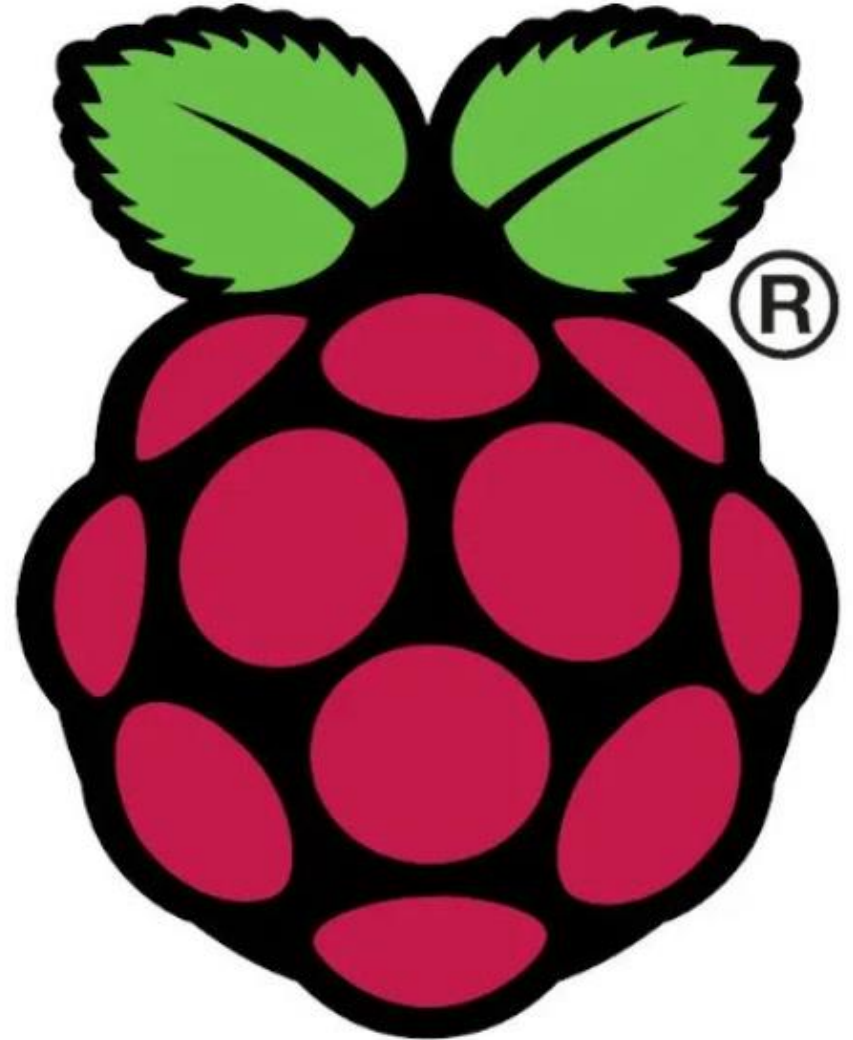
Host Spoofing / 'Man-in-the-Middle' (MITM)

Rapidly emerging threat since Q3 2023

- Currently targeting machines using NDC Host messaging
- First attacks observed in Texas mid-year 2023
- Known attacks confirmed across the US
- Results in a complete 'cash-out' of the ATM over 60-90 minutes

Access to the ATM 'top box' is obtained and the network cable is removed. A RaspberryPi SBC with custom software is connected in place of the network cable

- Frequently targeting smaller FIs
- Belief is that the bad actors assume a less-robust investment in security countermeasures by smaller FIs



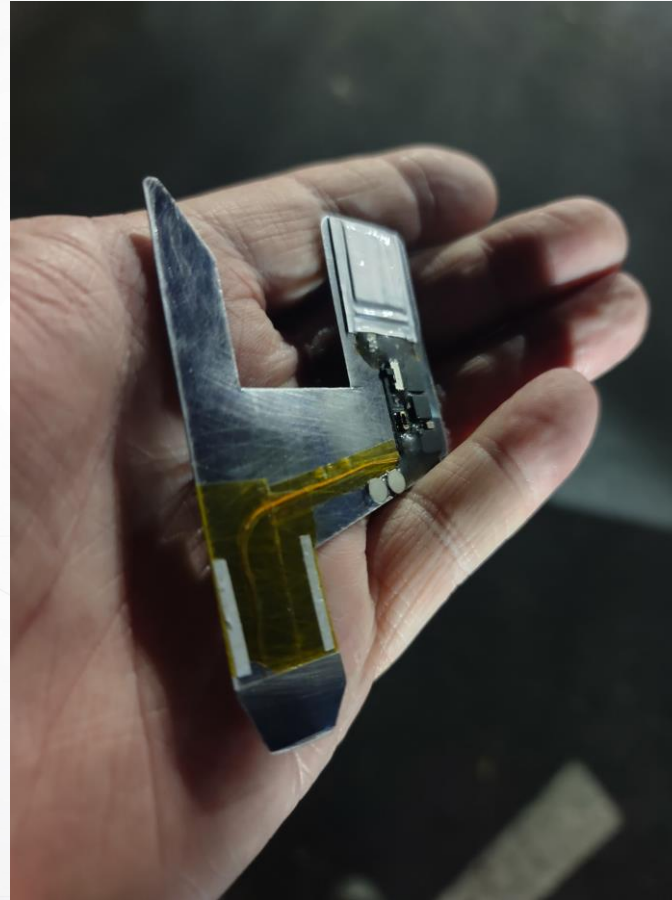
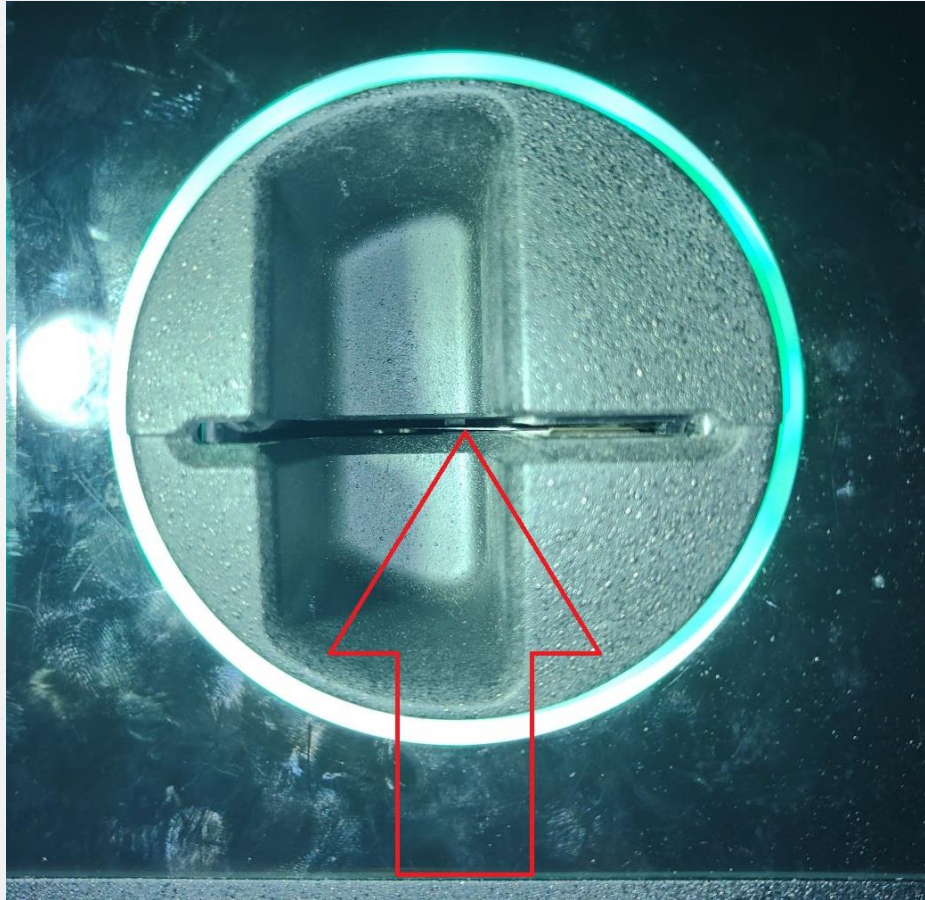
Logical Attacks – Host Spoofing/’MITM’

- Countermeasures include:
 - Enable end-to-end encryption on Host communications using TLS1.2
 - Control physical access to the ‘top box’ of the machine
 - Monitored alarms
 - Custom keying solutions
 - Protect network configuration menus with passwords
 - Utilize SHA-256/TR-34 and TR-31 protocols for encryption keys
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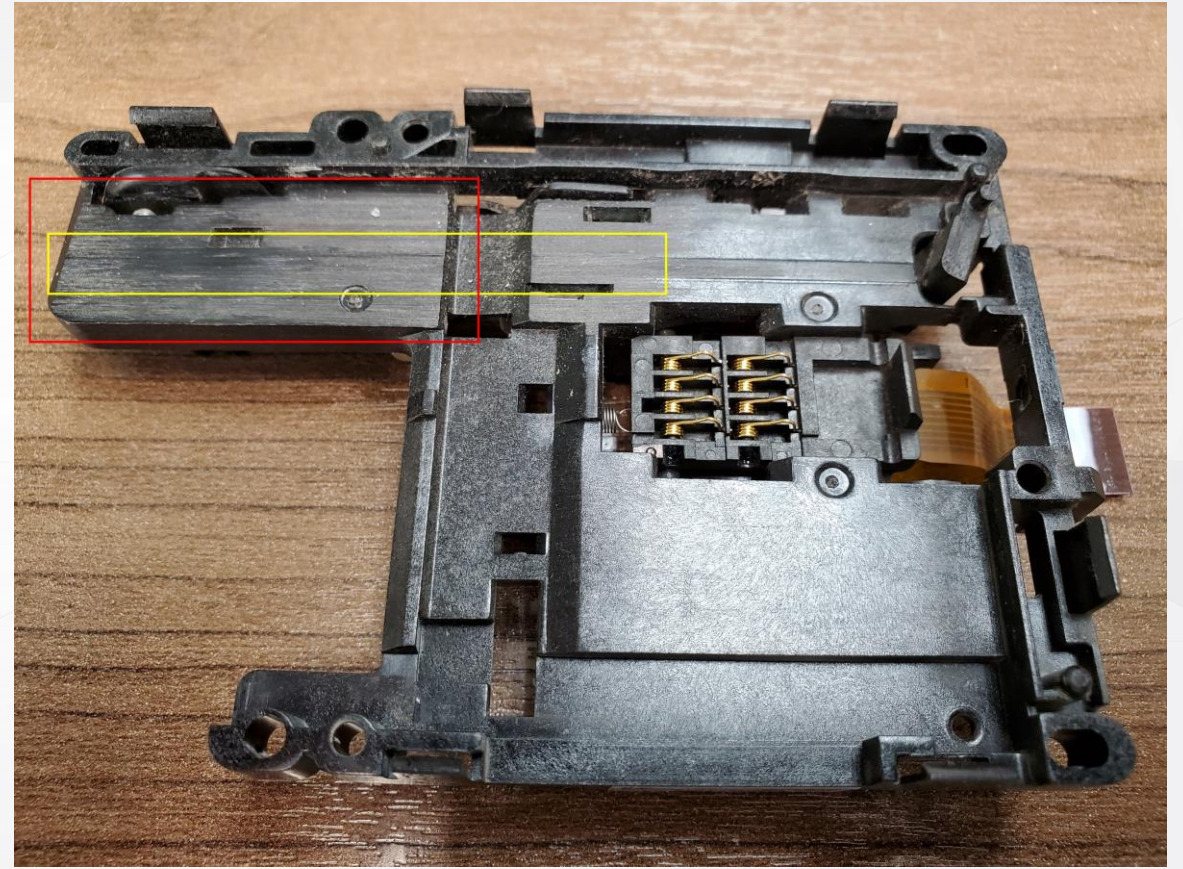
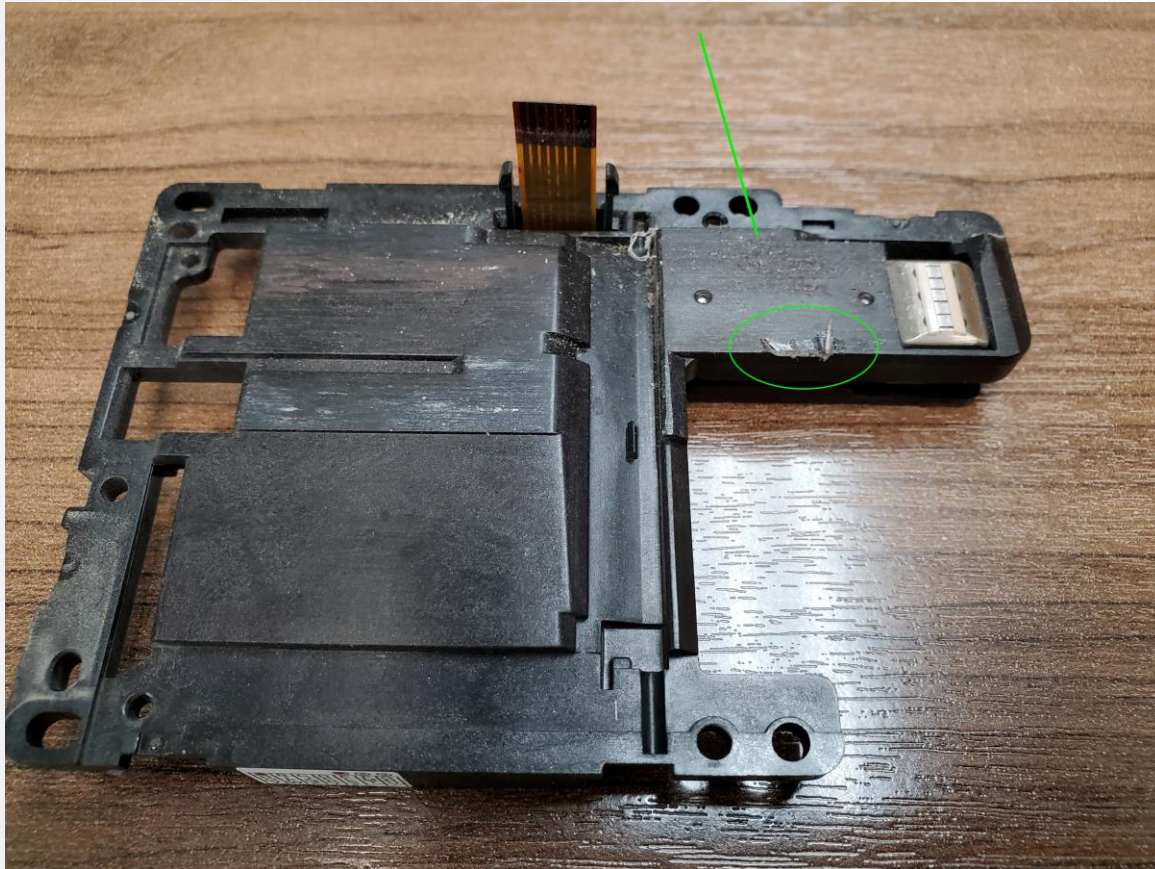
Logical/Data Attacks – Black Box

- Standalone electronic device that sends dispense commands directly to the cash dispenser
- Countermeasures include:
 - Replace ATMs that have exceeded OEM support lifecycle
 - Ensure platform software is current and patched/updated regularly
 - Ensure OEM dispenser authentication recommendations are being followed
 - Control physical access through monitored alarms

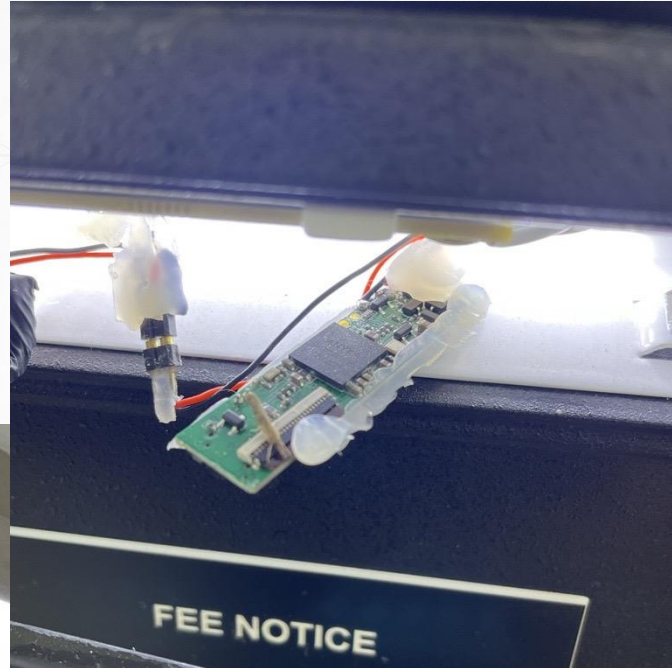
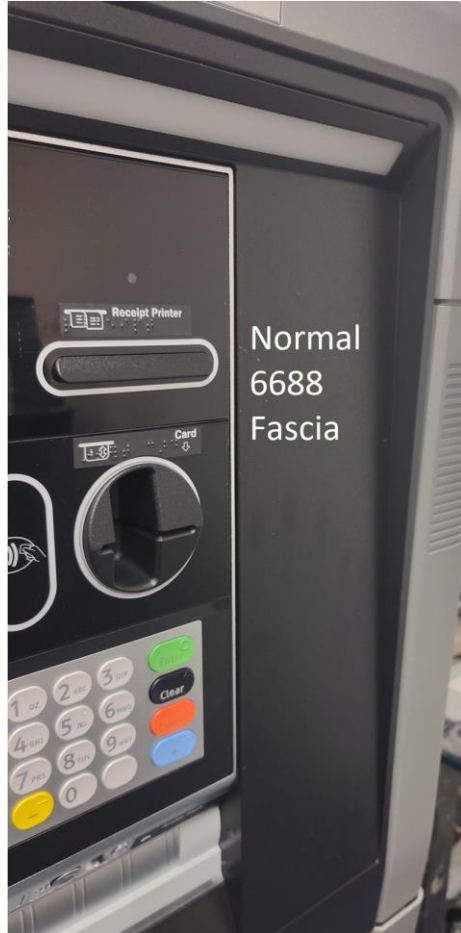
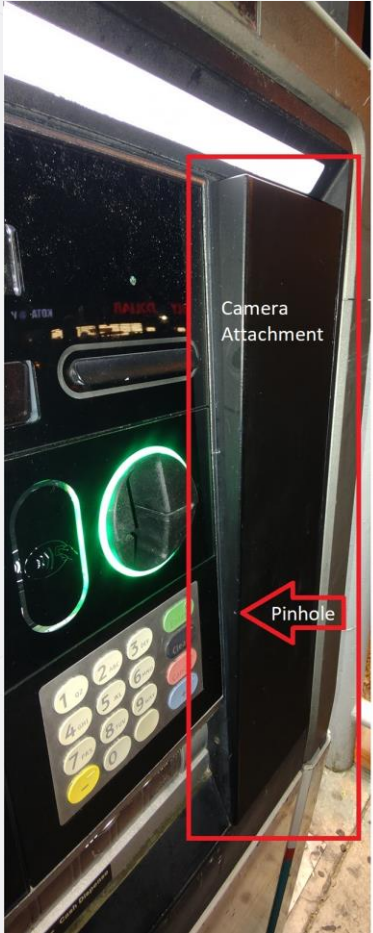
Ultra-thin Deep-insert Skimming Attacks



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Tools to Stop the Skimming “Arms Race”

Card skimming remains a problem because it is too easy for a criminal to capture and reuse the static Track 2 data found on magnetic stripe cards

- **Contactless EMV / NFC**
 - Educate users about increased security offered by contactless transactions
 - Contactless EMV uses unique cryptograms in each transaction which cannot be reused if captured
 - The elimination of card insertion eliminates the opportunity for fascia AND deep-insert skimming
 - Disable EMV fallback transactions
- **Tamper Detecting Card Reader (TDCR)**
 - Devices as thin as 0.5mm so passive space restriction is no longer an effective countermeasure
 - TDCR is available as an in-place upgrade to all currently-supported NCR ATMs
 - Now a standard feature on all DBE-supplied ATMs manufactured after 8/1/2023
 - Software integration for TDCR detection capability requires Activate Enterprise 3.8 software
- **Skimming Protection Solution (SPS)**
 - Still the best-available option for preventing ‘overlay’ skimming

Physical Attacks

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'Hook and Chain' Attacks

- Brute-force attack **STILL** being widely employed across the US
 - Begins with the theft of a vehicle (typically medium-duty truck)
 - Typically targets older-generation island ATM/ITMs with sufficient site access
 - Utilizes heavy chain or cable to forcibly remove the safe door
 - Successful attacks against ALL makes, including Hyosung, NCR, and Diebold Nixdorf machines
- Average loss per incident is estimated at approximately \$120k
 - Equipment, Safe Contents, and Site Damage



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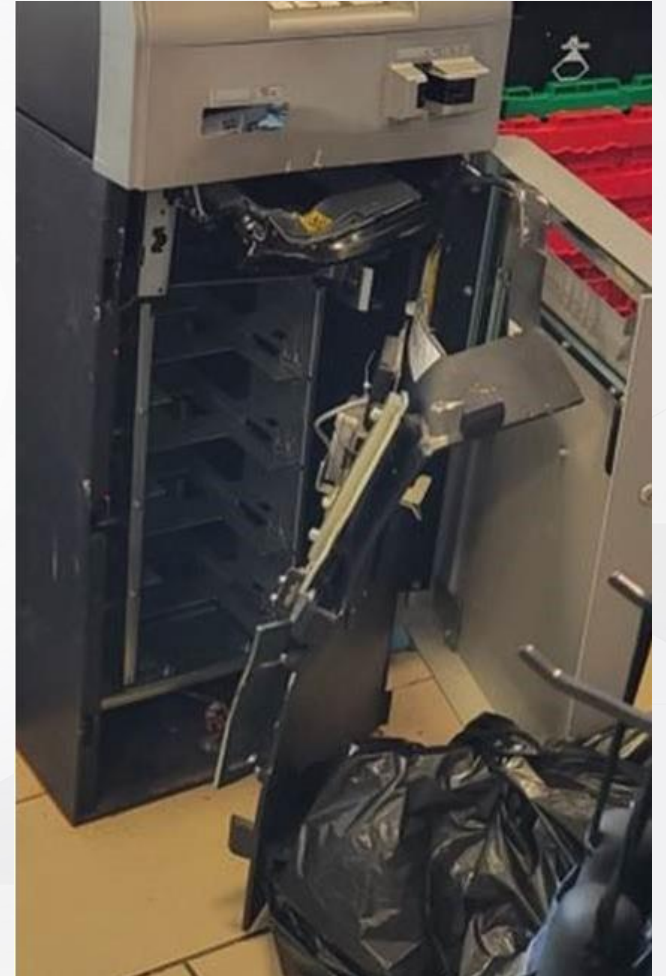


'Jaws of Life' Attacks

- Emerging attack being reported across the US
 - Begins with theft of hydraulically-powered public safety rescue equipment
 - VERY effective attack on UL Level 1 and Business-Hours rated security enclosures
 - Given enough time, even CEN-I rated vaults have been compromised



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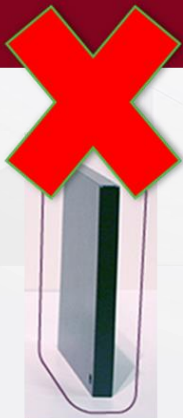


Physical Attack Countermeasures

- Deploy new machines with higher security ratings

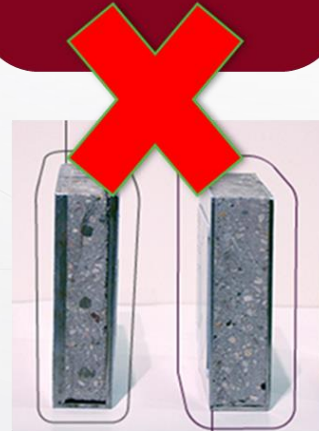
UL291 Level 1 (24 hour)

- Tested for door attack only
- 15mins (common mechanical tools)
- Lower grades uses "hand tools" only for attack testing
- Construction requirements defined in spec must be met
- High tensile steel walls
- Discontinued in favor of CEN safes



CEN L

- Steel door skin and steel outer shell filled with concrete composite mix
- Superior safe door with more resistance to thermal attacks
- Discontinued in favor of CEN I safes



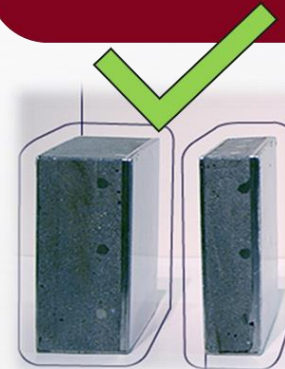
CEN I

- Body is the same strength as the door (CEN I standard allows a weaker body)
- Offers 66% more resistance to full access attacks and 50% more resistance in attacks to remove cassettes on the CEN I body
- Steel door skin and steel outer shell filled with concrete composite mix
- Body 40mm thick
- Relockers used in case of breach of lock to secure door
- One lock required and tested as part of the EN 1143-1:2019 standard
- Not designed to withstand explosive attacks
- Weight 478 kg
- Discontinued on island drive up units in favor of CEN III GAS-EX



CEN III GAS-EX

- Sheet steel outer and inner skin, with concrete in between.
- Additional grid-like reinforcement welded within inner body
- Concrete composite includes hardened particles
- Additional top and bottom bolts
- Additional hooking bolts to contain explosions but allow energy to expel
- Additional reinforcement of corners
- Offers 2 ½ more resistance to cutting attacks than CEN I
- Body 40mm thick
- Weight – 603 kg
- Same footprint as CEN I



Other Physical Security Considerations

- Adopt a layered and preventative approach to addressing physical attacks – BEFORE they happen
- Evaluate ATM locations and risk environments regularly
- Consider security impacts of site design whenever possible
- Install and maintain remotely-monitored alarms on both the ATM top box AND vault/security enclosure
 - Additional alarm zone on kiosk or building if ATM is through-the-wall
- Employ UL437-rated locks on cabinet doors
- Utilize high-security electronic locks for access to ATM safe
- Consider deploying IBNS (Intelligent Banknote Neutralization System) functionality



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