

Gallup Police Department warns about skimming

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The Gallup Police Department has recently received a report of a possible debit card skimming incident at a local gas station.

Skimming is the process of illegally obtaining debit or credit card information when a card is being swiped with a covert card reader. It is generally not visible to the naked eye.

Skimmers can be placed almost anywhere that one normally uses plastic to pay for items or services, including ATMs and fuel pumps.

If the credit card reader on your ATM or gas pump looks strange or you have suspicions about it, do not use it. Instead, report it to police dispatch at (505) 722-2002. Then, go inside to pay.

Paying inside, or withdrawing money from an inside ATM is considered the best way to avoid a skimmer.