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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: PUBLIC AWARENESS / CREDIT CARD FRAUD

CASE NUMBER:

GENERAL LOCATION: COTTONWOOD AREA

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: RECENT OVER THE LAST 30 DAYS

VICTIM NAME: NUMEROUS

DESCRIPTION OF LOSS/INJURY: OVER \$40,000

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

The Tehama County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating a credit card scam that has been reportedly occurring over the last 30 days. Through the investigation it has been learned that there has been an unknown number of victims reporting fraudulent use of credit cards after purchasing gas at the Gas Plus Market on Main St. and Holiday Market located on Gas Point Rd. in Cottonwood.

After contacting officials at several banks in the area it was learned that there has been an estimated \$40,000 in claims of fraudulent transaction after purchasing fuel at these gas stations.

It is believed that the suspect (s) involved in this are using a card reader or copier to obtain credit/debit card information.

The public should be aware of this and if they have purchased fuel at these locations in the recent past they should monitor bank and credit cards statements thoroughly.

This is an ongoing investigation by the Tehama County Sheriff's Department.

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