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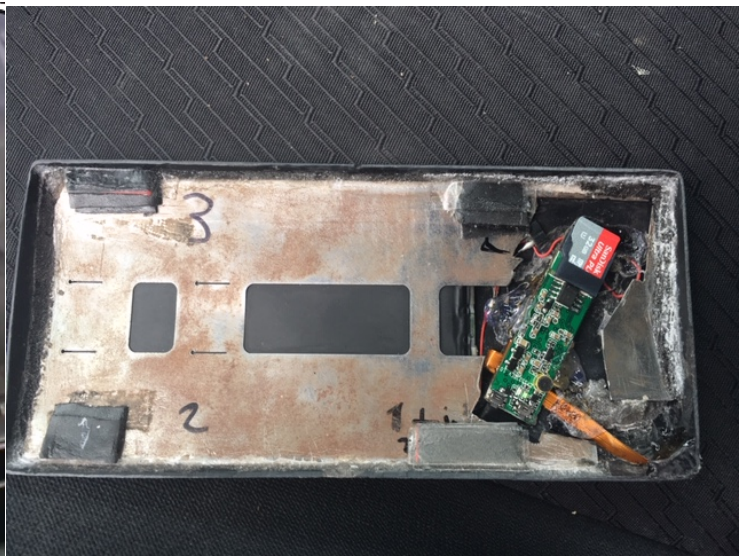
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At approximately 12:35 pm on Friday, February 8th, 2019, the Hurst Police Department responded to the Independent Bank located at 1842 Precinct Line Road to investigate an employee's claim they had found what appeared to be a "skimmer" on their outside ATM machine. Officers located a small pin-hole camera that had been adapted to appear as if it was a legitimate part of the ATM machine. Further investigation by an ATM technician revealed a separate skimming device located inside of the ATM's card reader slot. Both of the devices were seized by the Hurst Police Department.

For clarity, "skimmer" devices are instruments that are made or adapted to capture credit and debit card numbers as well as corresponding PIN numbers by either visual recordings of the embossed numbers, or by scanning the information strips or chips on a card. This illegally gathered information can then be used to promote identity theft and other fraudulent activity.

Investigators were able to gather video recordings from both the legitimate ATM camera and from the added on pin-hole camera. The videos showed the suspect who installed the devices was a white female, late 20's to early 30's in age, thin build with short dark hair (possibly a wig). She was driving a blue Ford Expedition with silver trim on the lower portion of the SUV.

See the attached photos below of the suspect, vehicle and skimmer device.



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