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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 00833

Keyword: Crime

Subject: FURTHER QUESTIONS ON ATM FRAUD

Request and Answer:

This is further to a request with PSNI Reference F 2010 00543

Request

I wish to clarify some of the answers which I have been supplied with.

I have been advised that the area breakdown gives details of the number of cards which were used to fraudulently withdraw cash in Northern Ireland. I wish to clarify that this figure does not include the use of skimmed cards to make online purchases? If a separate figure is available for this fraudulent use I wish to be supplied with it.

Secondly, could you clarify what 'ATM reversal' fraud means exactly. Also, if prosecutions have been made for other types of ATM card fraud I wish to be supplied with the number of prosecutions and details of the nature of the offences.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you.

Question 1

I have been advised that the area breakdown gives details of the number of cards which were used to fraudulently withdraw cash in Northern Ireland. I wish to clarify that this figure does not include the use of skimmed cards to make online purchases?

Answer 1

The figures do NOT include cards used to make online purchases.

Question 2

If a separate figure is available for this fraudulent use I wish to be supplied with it.

Answer 3

PSNI does not hold figures for this.

Question 3

Could you clarify what 'ATM reversal' fraud means exactly.

Answer 3

The term 'ATM reversal' relates to a method of stealing cash from ATMs without compromising cards belonging to third parties.

Question 4

If prosecutions have been made for other types of ATM card fraud I wish to be supplied with the number of prosecutions and details of the nature of the offences.

Answer 4

Two individuals were charged with offences relating to the deployment of ATM skimming equipment in 2007. Both persons have since left the jurisdiction and are currently wanted on warrant. Therefore no-one has been successfully prosecuted for offences relating to ATM skimming (or any other type of ATM card fraud) in Northern Ireland in the last 3 years.

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