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Crime Prevention Tip of the Month: ATM Safety

Harrisonburg, VA – As part of the Crime Prevention initiative of the Harrisonburg Police Department, monthly tips are provided to residents in an effort to reduce crime with a specific topic highlighted each month. This month, HPD will focus on Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) Safety Tips.

Recently, the Harrisonburg Police Department and surrounding jurisdictions have seen an increase in crimes associated with ATM's. It is important that users of ATM's consider their environment and trust their instincts when using these machines. Some other tips to keep in mind:

- Do not use an ATM that is on the corner of a building. Corners create blind areas that put users at a greater risk than using an ATM in the center of a building or indoors.
- Select an ATM that is in a well lit area with good natural surveillance for both you and those passing by.
- Check the ATM before you insert your card. It's important to keep an eye out for other devices and cameras that may have been placed in or around the ATM.
- Never use an ATM that appears it may have been tampered with.
- Memorize your PIN number. Do not write it down or tell anyone else this number.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity, fraudulent transactions, or stolen cards to police.

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