

## **From Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch – Fraud Prevention**

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### **Card Readers**

Being as its Fraud Prevention Month, I wanted to share an experience I encountered a year ago during a conference in Edmonton. I fell victim to a "card reader" and something I shared with Shelley Coates and the group at our AGM on Saturday. I arrived home to find I had four withdrawals from my account. The first one being a little over a dollar (to test it) and the remaining three in the amount of \$350+. dollars. The total taken was just over \$1,600.00 which was refunded by the bank but a hassle with getting a new card, new PIN # etc. The transactions were recorded in Spain.



I called my bank and they knew right away what the problem was. It was my debit card. The "card reader" is able to pick up info on your card by merely being within close proximity to me, not making contact with myself.

I was told to purchase a case (photo to the right) in which all credit cards, debit cards, etc , should be placed in, when out in public places such as shopping malls, airports etc.

### **Scam Emails**

Something else I wished to share with everyone from our President Ken Wigmore when checking for scam emails. Every day there is a large amount of email scams which come into computers, everyone included. For myself and many, they are immediately put in Junk by your security protection.

One good way to test whether its legitimate or not, is to touch the sender address and if it comes up with something other than the person or organization who is supposed to have send it after the @ sign, you know it's spam.

I also test mine by choosing the block key which will tell you who the sender is.

### **Update Security on Computer**

Always use caution and make sure your security is up-to-date on your computer.