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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### THEY'RE BACK!

Our Weights and Measures inspectors found credit card skimmers yesterday (2/23/16) at Sunoco 2290 Sharon Rd Pump #5 and at BP 12010 Omniplex Pumps #5 and #6. The Sunoco skimmer was turned over to the City of Sharonville Police. The BP skimmers were turned over to the Forest Park Police Department.

These were found on random checks. Both stations had been inspected for skimmers in the past week, but with Butler County finding skimmers last week we have been checking Hamilton County pumps more often. The owner of the BP at Omniplex told us in January that he would be putting new locks on the dispensers but had failed to do so as of earlier this week.

The Marathon station on Smiley Road where we found our first skimmer had broken security seals on the pumps on which we had previously found skimmers, but none were found this week. We also checked all other stations in the area but no more were found.

These devices allow criminals to obtain your credit card information and charge purchases to your account. While our Weights and Measures staff is continually alert for these, we need the cooperation of retailers and service station owners and operators in preventing their installation.

We ask consumers to check security seals on the pumps and any apparent attachments to credit card readers. Notify local law enforcement immediately should you observe any unusual or suspicious activity at fuel dispensing devices.