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# STATE CONTINUES WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR SKIMMERS

(Phoenix) The Department of Agriculture released numbers of skimmers found since it began an intense sweep of gas pumps across the state. Since Labor Day weekend, the Department has recorded 30 more skimmers. At the same time, the Arizona alliance fighting to stop the theft of credit and debit card numbers at gas stations is growing.

“We are bringing together more partners and state agencies to turn around this trend of skimmers,” said Mark W. Killian, Arizona Department of Agriculture director. “Inspectors from our Weights and Measure Division stepped up visits in the last few months. We’ve recorded 78 skimmers found this year compared to 11 in all of 2015.”

The Department of Public Safety, police departments from across the state, the Attorney General’s office and federal partners discussed investigative processes and how to work with other states and financial institutions to track down the interstate criminals.

“We are going to maintain our intensive inspection of gas pumps in the state,” said Michelle Wilson, Associate Director of the Division of Weights and Measures Services. “Until we can find a way to prevent the installation of skimmers, we’re going to protect consumers the best way possible – removing the skimmers from the pumps.”

Skimmers are devices that criminals install to steal your customers’ debit and credit card information to make fraudulent cards. The [latest list](#) of skimmers is available on the Department’s website.