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PRESS STATEMENT

INTERNET BANKING FRAUD AND CARD SKIMMING

With reference to our press statement dated 16 February 2016 concerning Internet Banking or Online Bank Fraud, the VFIU is also in receipt of several information identifying alleged ATM card skimming activities.

It is highly probable that skimmers may have obtained customers' ATM Card details in the last 8-24 months and this is evident by the skimming devices previously found at several ATM machines in Port Vila.

The ATM card details were then used to withdraw funds from Automated Teller Machines in Europe.

The VFIU wishes to inform Bank customers to visit their local bank branches for further advice on the fraudulent activity and to regularly change their ATM PINs (personal identification number).

The VFIU wishes to advise members of the Public who are victim of the fraudulent activities to report the matter to the Bank immediately.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Floyd Ray Mera'.

Floyd Ray Mera
Director

