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In early March 2009, several financial institutions reported some of their credit/debit card customers were victims of fraudulent charges in the Las Vegas, Nevada and Southern California areas. Several of the card holders were Redding residents.

A subsequent investigation by the Redding Police Department revealed many, if not all of the Redding victims had used their compromised credit/debit cards at the New China Restaurant during February 2009. Further investigation revealed a short term employee had used a card skimming device to steal the customers identity and information. Fraudulent cards were then created and used by a suspected organized crime ring operating in the Las Vegas and Southern California areas.

This is an on-going investigation involving the U.S. Secret Service, a financial crimes task force, known as SWIFT in Nevada and several other law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada and California.

On September 23, 2009, two individuals were detained and later arrested by the Henderson Police Department and the SWIFT Task Force, in Nevada after repeatedly using fraudulent cards at a local business. A search of their vehicle yielded the identities (credit/debit card information) of at least 13 of our Redding victims. The two are identified as Edward Liu, 26s old from Alhambra, CA and Jin Lin, 35 years old from Monterey Park, CA.

The original suspect who had skimmed the credit/debit cards is believed to be at an unknown location in Southern California.

The investigation is continuing.

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