

Monetization of Financial Institution Attacks:

ATM Cashouts
ATM Jackpotting
Other Fraud

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Continued Threat

ATM Cash-Out Fraud

- Accounts targeted can be debit, credit, prepaid
- Successful incident can result in significant losses
- Criminals are typically resident on targeted network for several months prior to fraud event
- Cashouts in all regions
- Groups consistent in their targeting methodology – learn the TTPs



Common Methods of Monetizing Bank Compromise



- Unauthorized Account Manipulation
- Payment Switch Compromise
- ATM Jackpotting
- Fraudulent SWIFT Transactions



Bank Account Administration Compromise



- Malware targets bank administrators
- Attackers use administrative access to manipulate fraud levels and withdrawal limits
- Allows dispensing large amounts of cash by using counterfeit cards with valid data



Anatomy of ATM Cash-out Attack



Payment Switch App Server Compromise



- Malware is targeted at financial institution's payment switch application server
- Malware intercepts transaction messages and approves all transactions for a given account range
- Allows for dispensing cash using counterfeit cards that lack valid or complete data



ATM cash-outs



x 1,400



x 120

US\$19M loss

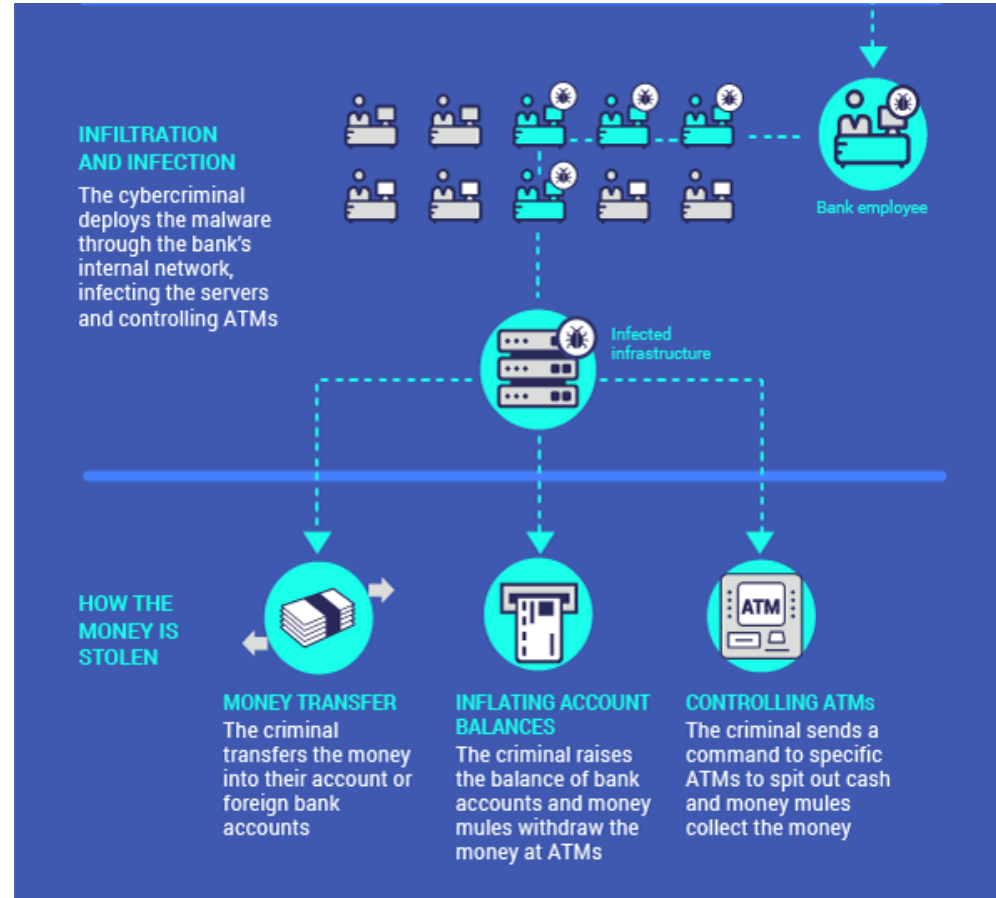
ATM Jackpotting

- Malware targets ATMs
- Initial intrusion can be the financial institution or directly at the ATM
- Allows direct control over the ATM
- Attackers can dispense cash without stolen card data



Cash-out Options

- A single infection can be leveraged for multiple cash-out methods
- The Carbanak / Cobalt group is known for using a variety of cash-out methods



Unauthorized SWIFT Transactions

- Sometimes happens after an ATM cash-out is performed
- Typically very large dollar amounts per transaction
- Money is immediately transferred electronically



Disrupting Compromises

Protect and Defend



- Employee Phishing Training
- Strictly adhere to the PCI DSS
- Verify the implementation of required security patches
- Install and properly configure file integrity monitoring software
- Implement and practice incident response procedures **off hours**
 - A quick response and escalation when suspicious activity is identified can save millions of dollar. Every minute counts.
- Report suspicious activity immediately



How Visa Can Help

Visa monitors for and counters ATM cashout attempts for all VisaNet clients by employing sophisticated technical and analytical capabilities

Vital Signs Capability

- Real-time, global service
- Concise alerting and automated notification
- Ability to temporarily halt ongoing fraudulent withdrawals
- Continued optimization

Vital Signs Importance for Clients

- Independent complement of client defenses
- Reduces financial exposure associated with fraudulent cashout attempts
- Current 24x7 contact info in Client Directory is critical



Intelligence Alerting

- Visa Payment Fraud Disruption publishes intelligence alerts warning of ongoing threats to the payment ecosystem
- Alerts containing Indicators of Compromise (IOCs) to assist clients in identifying threats to their networks
- If any IOCs are identified on your network, refer to Visa's What to do if Compromised (WTDIC) document and take immediate actions to contact a possible infection
 - Reset passwords for users with access to critical payment systems
 - Initiate imaging of critical payment systems to preserve evidence for investigators



How Visa's intelligence and visibility helps stop attackers

- Capability to **correlate** ATM Cashout attack activity at all phases of malicious operations and immediately **notify** clients worldwide
- Intelligence alerts proactively enabled clients to **identify** phishing, malware, and criminal activity on networks to **mitigate** attacks
- Visa's **insight** into operations provide clients with the earliest **insight** into attacks, full understanding of the malware, and the ability to **mitigate**
- Vital signs **automated alerting** to stop ATM cashout attempts
- **Global** law enforcement **engagement** enables Visa to quickly share key details of malicious **operations** for law enforcement to target criminal operators



Why do Intelligence Alerts matter?

- **Timely intelligence** - issued within 24-48 hours of activity being discovered
- Provide **actionable intelligence** and technical recommendations on how to identify and mitigate malicious activity
- **Relevant** ATM cash-out attacks often follow **alerts**
- **Visa Online** is 24x7 repository of latest Alerts; search "Intelligence"
- Facilitate process of ensuring **intelligence** reports are **communicated** to the right personnel e.g., Network Security
- **Feedback** always appreciated paymentintelligence@visa.com

Communication is Critical



Verify and update 24x7 contact information for your financial institution

- Contact information must be submitted in the "Client Directory" section of Visa On-Line (VOL)
- It is critical that Visa be able to quickly contact issuer staff of suspicious activity



Q&A

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