



Toms River Police Department

Officer Report for Case 24-23877

Nature: Fraud

Address: 1215 ROUTE 166; SINGIN GAS
AND MART
TOMS RIVER NJ 08753

Location: L32

Offense Codes: FRUD

Received By: Baker, Sierra

How Received: T

Agency: TRPD

Responding Officers: Bernardo, S., 181

Responsible Officer: Bernardo, S.

Disposition: SC 05/14/24

When Reported: 18:21:31 04/29/24

Occurred Between: 18:21:31 04/29/24 and 18:22:55 04/29/24

Assigned To: Parente, R

Detail: FRAU

Date Assigned: 04/30/24

Status: SC

Status Date: 05/14/24

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed: FRUD FRAUD

Additional Offense: FRUD FRAUD

Circumstances

VIDEO In-Car-Video

LT07 Convenience Store

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Bernardo, S.

T474

181

32E

Responsible Officer: Bernardo, S.

Agency: TRPD

Received By: Baker, Sierra

Last Radio Log: 20:00:27 04/29/24 COMP

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: 6 Report

When Reported: 18:21:31 04/29/24

Disposition: SC Date: 05/14/24

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 18:21:31 04/29/24

Misc Entry:

and: 18:22:55 04/29/24

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
04/29/24	Cad Call	18:21:31 04/29/24 Fraud	Initiating Call

Narrative

Toms River Police Department
Investigation Narrative

Incident: Fraud

Location: 1215 ROUTE 166; SINGIN GAS AND MART

Victim(s):

Total Value: \$4,890.00

On 4/29/2024 at approximately 1822 hours, I, Ptl. S. Bernardo #474 responded to 1215 ROUTE 166; SINGIN GAS AND MART for a reported fraud. Upon arrival, I made contact with victim, who advised me of the following:

is the co-owner of with his partner, received a voicemail from an unknown phone number at 1243 hours, claiming to be "Steven" from JCP&L. then received another voicemail from "Steven" at 1344 hours from a different phone number. In the voicemail, Steven explained that their payment was late for JCP&L and that if they did not pay their power would go out.

then advised that he needed to pay JCP&L or their business would lose power. Shortly after, received a phone call from a "JCP&L worker", Cindy Johnson who notified him that he needed to pay the power bill at a "bill spot" either in Morristown or the above location. was advised that if he did not, they would shut off the power. transferred to her manager, "Jason Foster" (ext. 1010) who explained that he could pay for the bill at 1215 Route 166 through a bitcoin ATM.

went to Ocean First Bank and withdrew two separate transactions at the request of Jason. The first withdraw was for \$2,000.00 at 1424 hours. The second withdraw was for \$2,889.29 at 1533 hours. A scan code was sent to via text message. remained on the phone with Jason who provided confirmation text messages (confirmation code: R8DYTS) as he placed the total payment of \$4,890.00 into a bitcoin ATM.

I spoke to the owner of the convenience store, 278-6395), who advised me that the bitcoin ATM was owned by a private company and was unable to provide further information. I checked the bitcoin machine which had the serial number (BT111990) and a phone number (702-900-2037) on the device. I attempted to make contact via telephone with the above associated JCP&L phone numbers with negative results.

was provided with a report information card and advised to contact this agency for further police assistance. Paperwork and receipts of the withdraws were uploaded and attached to this report. Nothing further at this time.

Ptl. S. Bernardo #474