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CYBER THIEVES ARE PINCHING PENNIES

RICHMOND, VA Mysterious charges ranging from 21 cents to 48 cents are showing up on credit and debit card statements around the country. According to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), nearly 300 consumers in 46 states have been affected and the number could go even higher.

“Since many people are overlooking or ignoring the charges, there is real concern that the perpetrators of this fraud are laying the groundwork for substantially larger charges down the road. After all, we’re only talking about pennies”, says Ken Brooks, Deputy Director of the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), the non-profit organization that partners in the IC3 project.

Consumers should beware of charges originating from Adele Services in Melville, N.Y. No such business exists in that locality, yet according to IC3, complainants identify Adele Services as the source of the fraudulent charges.

If you have been victimized by this scam, NW3C recommends that you contact your bank right away, file a report with your local police department and then file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov. IC3 works with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to follow-up on such complaints.

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