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IDENTITY THEFT IN JAMAICA RISING

VIDEO

BEACH SCENES / TOURISTS

STREETS OF DOWNTOWN NEW
KINGSTON

INTERNET CAFE

AUDIO

(NATSOT - REGGAE MUSIC)

NARRATION

Most people come here to escape the cold winter season in North America and Europe. (4.5")

Jamaica, a Caribbean country of 2.8 million people, is known for its reggae music and iconic track and field stars – Bob Marley and Usain Bolt respectively. (10.5")

But the nation is facing hard times. Unemployment rates rose in 2009 to 14.5 percent compared to 11 percent in 2008. And some desperate Jamaicans are turning to crime for their survival. (14")

Crime of an unusual kind – cyber crime – is rapidly occurring in Jamaica. Committed with the help of computer and electronic systems, victims seldom realize that they're targets. (12.5")

BAILEY ON CAMERA

BAILEY: (English) **M**

"In 2008, we had over 570 cases of cyber crime, or what we call identity theft, which is an electronic type of fraud." (9.5")

BAILEY IN OFFICE

NARRATION

Superintendent Fitz Bailey is in charge of the Organized Crime Investigation Division in Kingston, Jamaica. (6")

BAILEY ON CAMERA

BAILEY: (English) **M**

"...advanced technology is used by the criminal so it makes it more difficult for a law enforcement agent to detect crime." (8.5')

SCOTIA BANK, FINANCIAL DISTRICT

NARRATION

And even more difficult for the banking industry to prevent perpetrators from draining money from their customers' bank accounts. (7')

MAN WALKS DOWN STAIRS

This man, who asked not to be identified, was a victim of cyber crime. (5")

VICTIM ON CAMERA

VICTIM: (English) **M**

"When I went to the banking machine I noticed that I could not get any money. I was a bit concerned. As a matter of fact I was very surprised." (14.5")

MAN WITHDRAWS MONEY FROM ATM MACHINE

NARRATION

On any given day, he is allowed to withdraw 30 thousand Jamaican dollars, or US\$330,

from his account since he is a “valued customer”. That day, someone had already withdrawn his daily limit from the ATM machine. (14.5”)

He believed that it was an inside job because he is the only one who knew his withdrawal limit, except for the bank officers. (7”)

VICTIM ON CAMERA

VICTIM: (English) **M**

“It is not as if you went, you tried for five thousand and you kept incrementing it until it reached the limit. There was one hit for 30 thousand, and another hit for 30 thousand the next day.” (13.5”)

BAILEY ON CAMERA

BAILEY: (English) **M**

“They are actually using covert cameras, pinhole cameras, to install in the ABM machines and when customers go in to do their transactions they are able to capture data from their debit or credit card. And they use technology to create cards or clone the customer’s card and then withdraw significant amount of money from the account.” (31.5”)

ATM MACHINE

WOMAN SELLS NEWSPAPER

BANK

NARRATION

The victim’s bank acted responsibly and refunded the full amount stolen from his account. (5”)

UN OFFICE OF DRUGS AND CRIME

Efforts to curb cyber crime were addressed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in

OFFICERS ON COMPUTERS

Brazil recently at the 12th World Crime Congress. More countries need to strengthen laws to punish offenders. According to cybercrimelaw.net, only 78 countries worldwide have passed legislation to fight cyber crime. (20")

PARLIAMENT

Now the Government of Jamaica is struggling to pass its own legislation – The Cyber Crimes Act, 2009 – to punish offenders as criminals. The bill is before Parliament waiting for passage but it's meeting some resistance as officials believe it may impede business development. Until it's passed, perpetrators will get off lightly and charged only as felons. (23")

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OFFICERS ON STREETS OF
JAMAICA

UN LOGO

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