



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Revenue Protection Division (RPD)**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **TAJ CASHIER PLEADS GUILTY ON CHARGES LAID UNDER THE CYBERCRIMES ACT BY THE RPD**

Claudine Morgan, a cashier from the Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) this week, on March 14, 2017, pleaded guilty in the St. James Resident Magistrate's Court to charges laid against her by the Revenue Protection Division (RPD) under the Cybercrimes Act.

Miss Morgan was assigned to perform cashier duties at the Firearm Licensing Authority's Montego Bay office. The allegations are that whilst performing these duties, Miss Morgan used a 'skimming' device to capture data from debit cards presented to her by persons paying for firearm licences.

The full investigations revealed that the information obtained in this manner was passed to others (unknown), and these customers were subsequently defrauded of sums by way of withdrawals from ATMs.

She was arrested and charged in September 2013, by the RPD after intensive investigations.

She was initially charged with Conspiracy to Defraud, Simple Larceny, breaches of the Corruption Prevention Act, the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions)(Special Provisions) Act 2013 and Sections 3(1) and 8 (1) of the Cybercrimes Act.

3.-(1) A person who knowingly obtains, for himself or another person, any unauthorized access to any program or data held in a computer commits an offence and

8.-(1) A person commits an offence if that person fraudulently, with intent to procure an advantage for himself or another person-

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- (a) causes loss of property to another person by any-
  - (i) input, alteration, deletion or suppression of data;
  - or
  - ii) Interference with any function of a computer; or

(b) Accesses any computer and inputs, alters, deletes or suppresses any data ("the original data") with the intention that the data, after such input, alteration, deletion or suppression (whether or not that data is readable or intelligible), be considered or acted upon as if that data were the original data.

This conviction is significant in light of the increases in cybercrime, which has been highlighted this week. The charges under the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions)(Special Provisions) Act 2013 are still before the court and are set for mention on May 25, 2017, the same date on which Miss Morgan will also be sentenced.

Persons who have information that may assist the RPD in this or any other matter are being encouraged to contact RPD at 1-888-CALLRPD (225-5773); email at [rpdinfo@mof.gov.jm](mailto:rpdinfo@mof.gov.jm); or @rpditalk.

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