SCAM MACHINES
(CRYPTO ATMS)



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NEW ENGLAND
CYBER FRAUD TASK FORCE

Detective Christopher Botsford

Why is this a Barnstable Problem?

Waiting for the state to solve our problem is not solving the problem. We can help reduce the problem now.

February 27, 2025	Original bill **S.707** filed and referred to the Joint Committee on Financial Services. Massachusetts ... +1
October 7, 2025	Public hearing held by Financial Services. Massachusetts L...
April 15, 2026	Committee reported the bill favorably an... S.3048 is a redraft of S.707 (and S.757).
April 15, 2026–Present	Referred to Senate Ways and Means, whe...

ORDER S.3049
194th (Current)

ORDER RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE JOINT C...
SERVICES TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND ST...
SENATE DOCUMENT RELATIVE TO PROVIDE REC...
REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING VIRTUAL CU...

April 8, 2026 -- The committee on Financial Services, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 804) of Patrick M. O'Connor... for legislation to provide regulation and reporting requirements for qualifying virtual currency kiosk operators, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 3049).

Next Step for Legislative Action:

1. Be released from **Senate Ways and Means**
2. Pass the Senate
3. Pass the House
4. Reach Governor Healey for signature/veto

SENATE . . . . . No. 3048

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

SENATE, April 15, 2026.

...nancial Services, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied ...ohn J. Cronin, Joanne M. Comerford, Peter J. Durant, Patricia D. ...the Senate for legislation relative to prevent fraud and establish ...currencies; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 757) of Barry R. ...ablish regulations on certain virtual currencies for fraud prevention, ...Senate, No. 3048).

For the committee,
Paul R. Feeney

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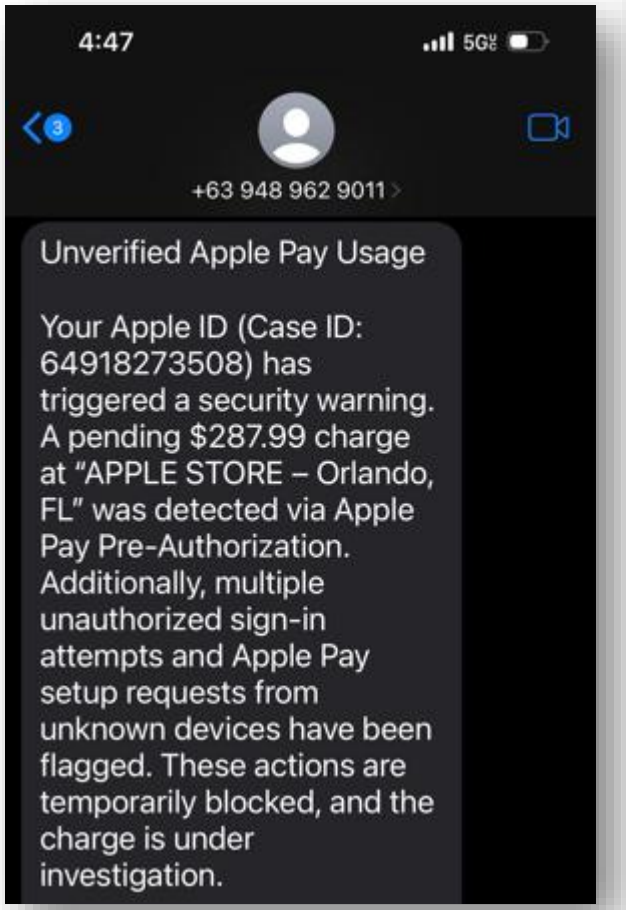
Town of Barnstable
Crypto ATM Related Case

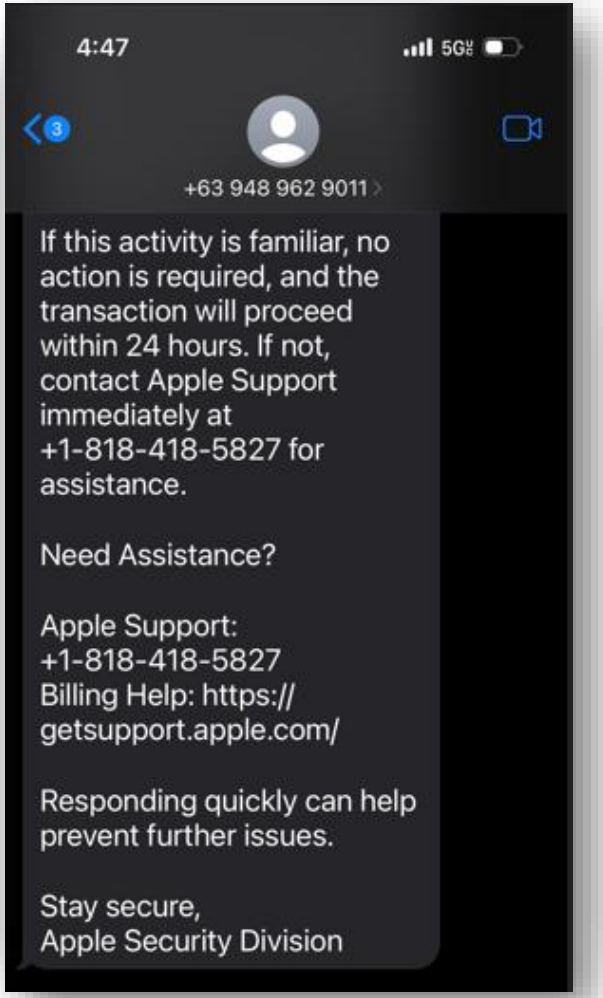


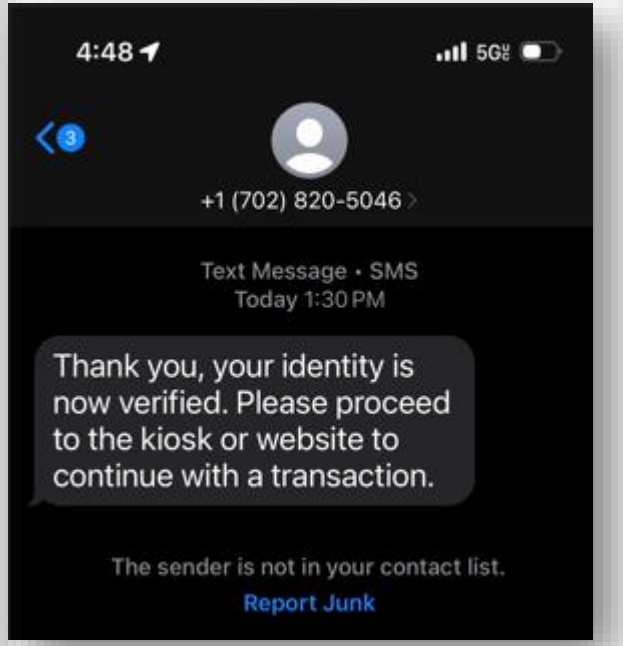
2025	
Call Number	Incident Number
25-11527	25-584-OF
25-11833	25-598-OF
25-13359	
25-14115	25-701-OF
25-17262	25-851-OF
25-1777	25-89-OF
25-1963	25-101-OF
25-19765	25-952-OF
25-2871	25-141-OF
25-30999	25-1495-OF
25-31330	25-1507-OF
25-31580	25-1518-OF
25-36687	25-1782-OF
25-39480	
25-43096	25-2103-OF
25-436	25-22-OF
25-44157	25-2163-OF
25-4501	25-213-OF
25-49316	25-2407-OF
25-5860	25-281-OF
25-6550	25-330-OF
25-8440	25-434-OF
25-8654	25-443-OF
25-884	25-50-OF
Total CFS	Total Reports Taken
24	22

2026 (thru 10/27/26)			
Call Number	Incident Number	Stolen Funds	Recovered Funds
26-10814	26-545-OF	$14,900.00	
26-16635	26-812-OF	$500.00	
26-18484	26-879-OF	$230,000.00	
26-20107	26-965-OF	$25,000.00	
26-21033	26-999-OF	$114,000.00	
26-21090	26-1000-OF	$2,000.00	
26-2187		$0.00	
26-25646	26-1198-OF	$0.00	
26-25827	No Loss, Stoped at ATM	$0.00	$5,000.00
26-3004	26-158-OF	$3,000.00	$400.00
26-30845	26-1408-OF	$44,000.00	
26-31397	26-1423-OF	$6,000.00	
26-33708	26-1546-OF	$9,900.00	$9,900.00
26-33811	26-1555-OF	$7,800.00	$2,522.00
26-34212	26-1575-OF	$5,090.00	$5,090.00
26-4174	Attempted not completed	$0.00	$4,500.00
26-7658	26-579-OF	$2,000.00	
26-42759	26-1993-OF	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Total CFS	Total Reports Taken	Total Loss	Total Recovered
18	16	$474,190.00	$37,412.00

CRYPTO ATM SCAM





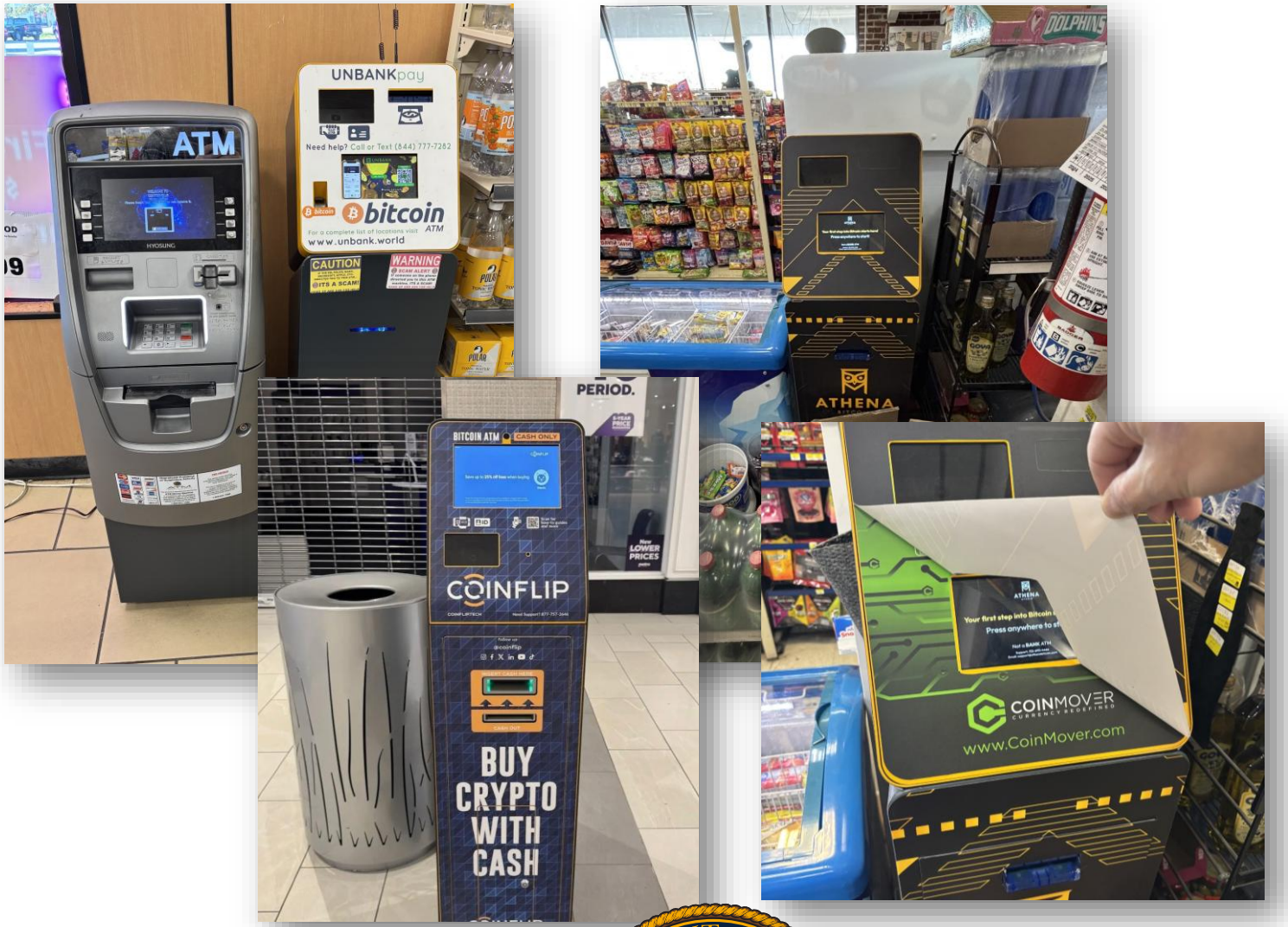




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BARNSTABLE POLICE

30,000+ Crypto ATMs Nationwide



ATM		AM PM Convenience - Bearses Way ATHENA	0.8 mile	Barnstable	Fees: N/A
ATM		Cape Cod Mall COINFLIP	1.1 mile	Barnstable	Fees: Buy: 18.9%, Sell: 0% updated online 20% Off CAR20
ATM		Cape Food Mart COINFLIP	1.8 mile	Barnstable	Fees: Buy: 18.9% updated online 20% Off CAR20
ATM		Centerville Food Shop T's Deli UNBANK	2.9 miles	Barnstable	Fees: Buy: 16.9% updated online



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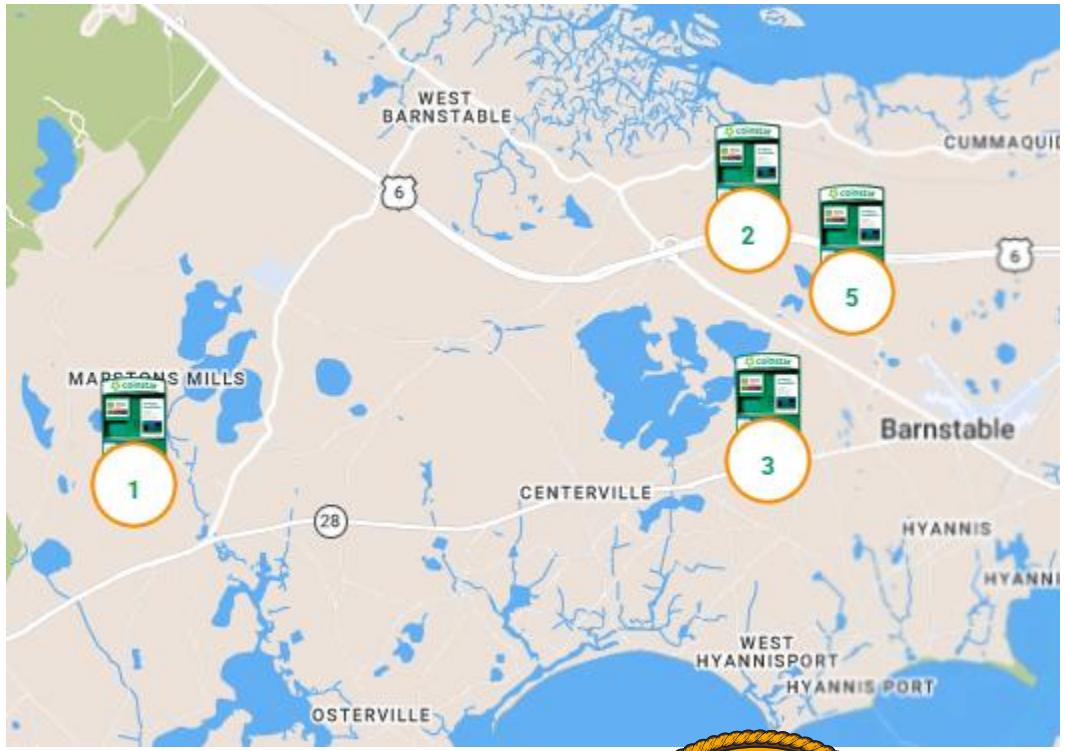
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Stop&Shop

Stop & Shop Crypto Kiosk

3900 Falmouth Road

Cotuit, MA 02648



1 **Stop & Shop** 1.7 Miles

3900 Falmouth Road
Cotuit, MA 02648

KIOSK DETAILS

3 **Shaw's** 4.6 Miles

625 West Main St
Hyannis, MA 02601

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2 **Stop & Shop** 4.4 Miles

4 Attucks Lane
Hyannis, MA 02601

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5 **Shaw's** 5.2 Miles

1070 Iyanough Rd
Hyannis, MA 02601

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Cryptocurrency ATM's/Kiosks

13,460 Complaints **$389 million in Losses**

23% Increase in Complaints from 2024
58% Increase in Losses from 2024

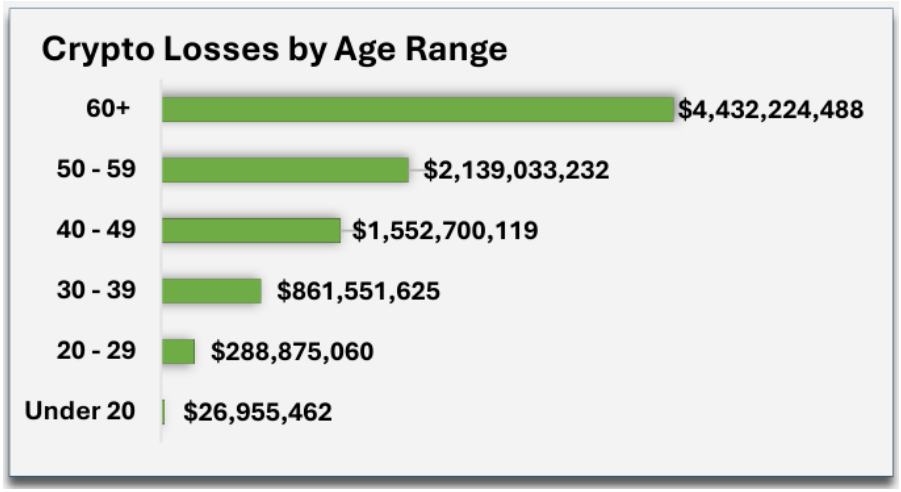
The FBI Warns of Fraudulent Schemes Leveraging Cryptocurrency ATMs and QR Codes to Facilitate Payment

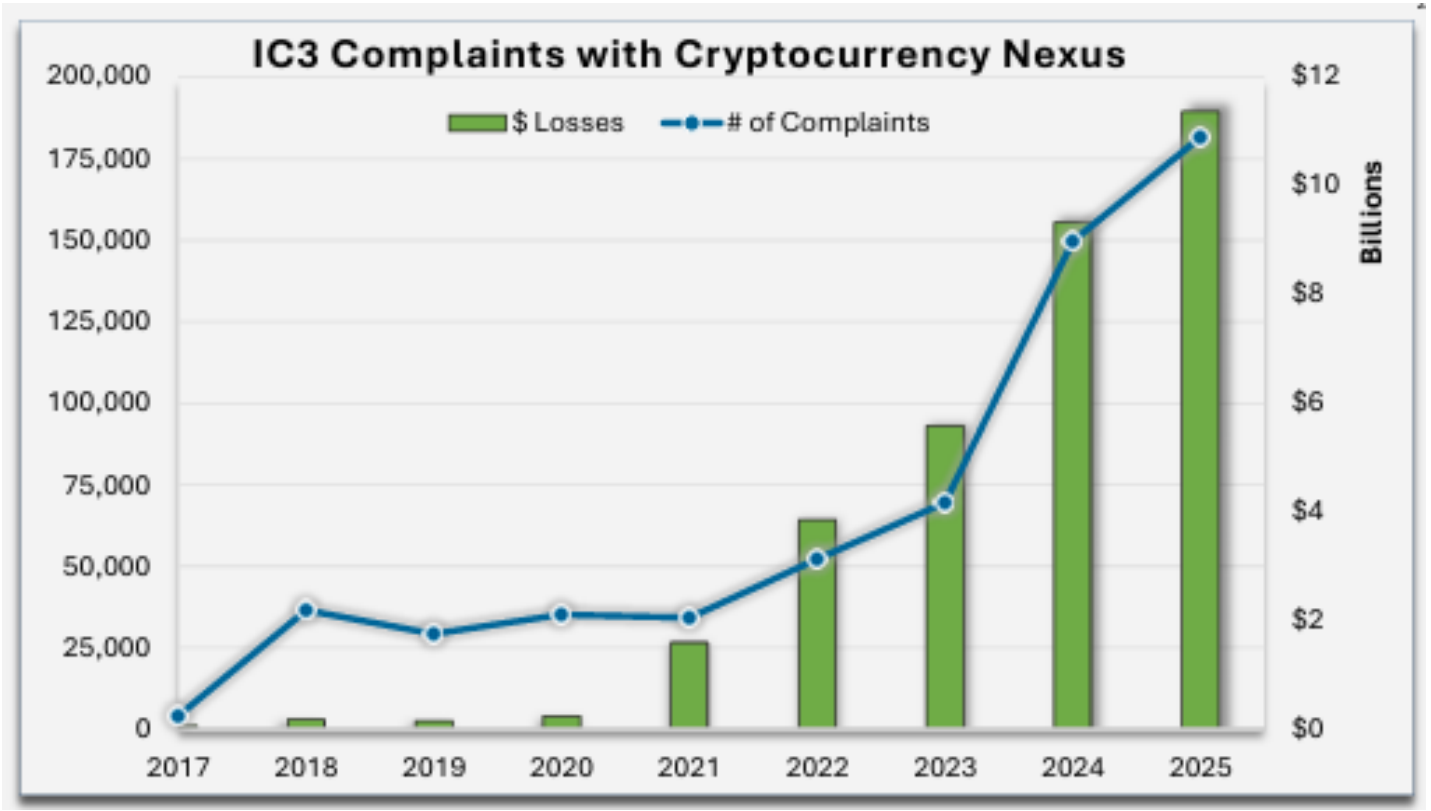
Crypto ATM/Kiosk Use Reported by Age Group

Age Group	Count	Losses
Under 20	58	$124,013
20 - 29	825	$6,474,240
30 - 39	1,275	$10,936,943
40 - 49	1,472	$20,826,227
50 – 59	1,524	$44,584,724
60+	6,188	$257,466,130

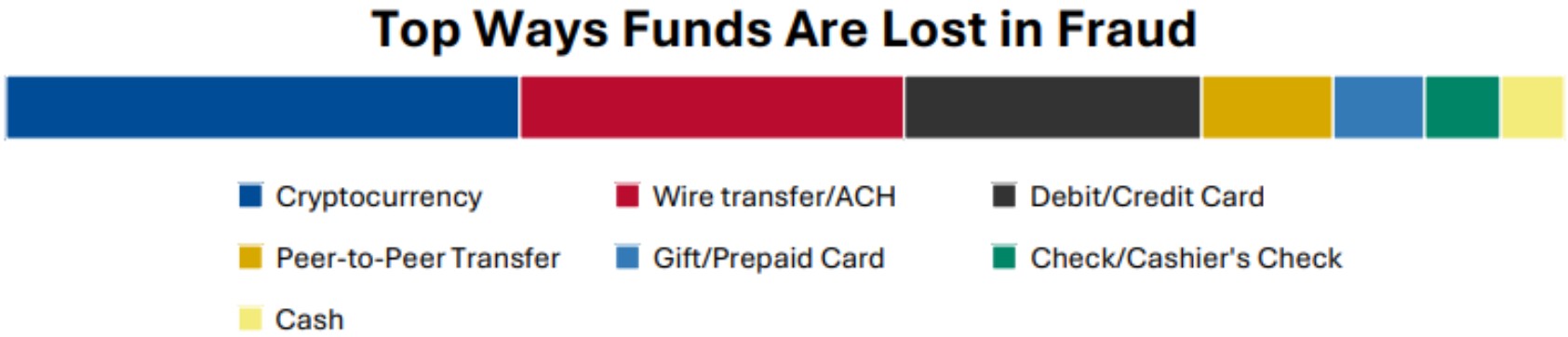
~$700 million in adjusted losses https://www.ic3.gov/AnnualReport/Reports/2025_IC3Report.pdf

2025 Cryptocurrency Losses





Cryptocurrency Increase (nationwide)



There is <u>100% no legitimate</u> reason for anyone to use a Crypto ATM

2025 Statistics*

Massachusetts

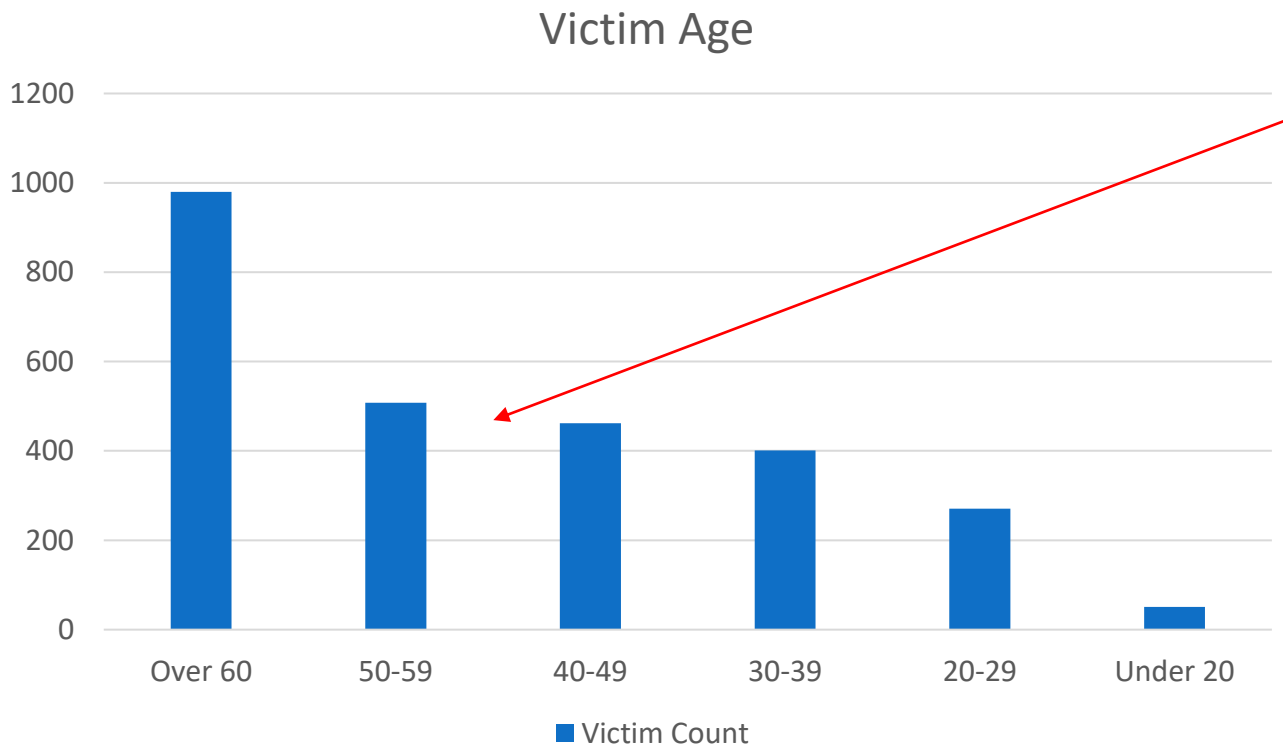
- **22,936 IC3 Complaints**
- **$411 million loss**
- **Ranked 5th for complaints per 100K citizens but 15th for losses per 100K citizens**

Southeastern MA, 2024

- **3,771 IC3 Complaints**
- ***6,788 Adjusted Complaints**
- **$170 Million Loss**
- **$306 million Adjusted Loss**

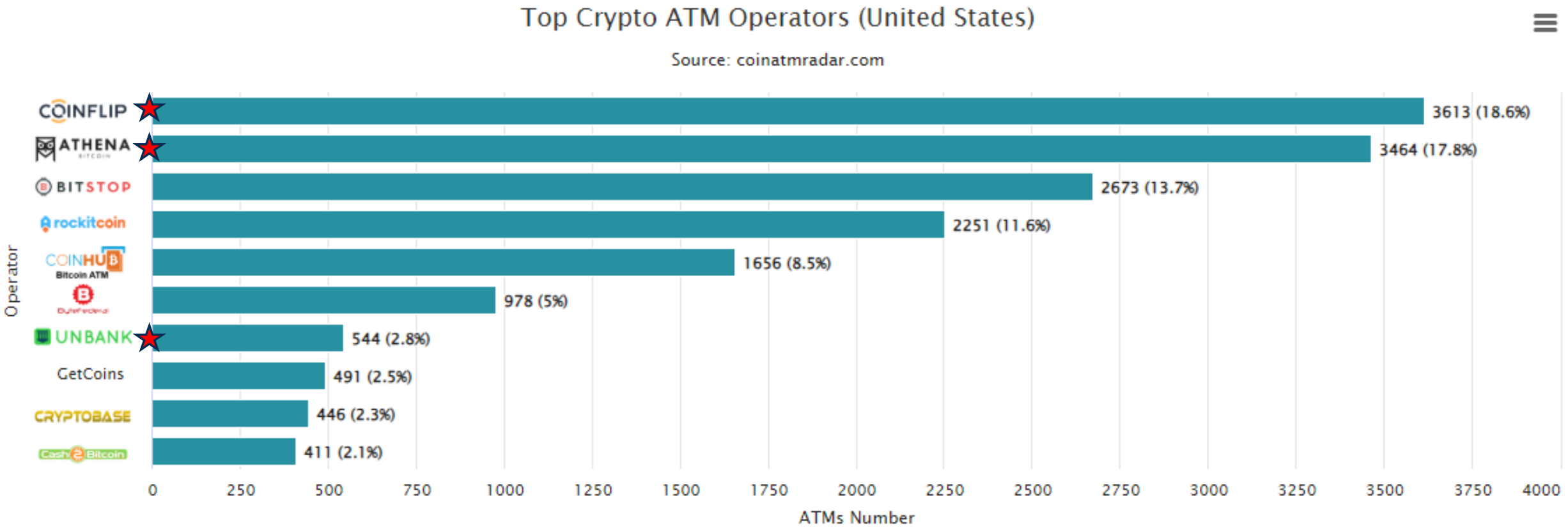
*These numbers only represents what victims report to the FBI via the IC3 and does not account for victim direct reporting to FBI field offices/agents. For cybercrime generally, estimates often suggest that **70%–90% of incidents are never reported** to law enforcement or IC3

2024 Victimization by Age in Southeastern MA



Barnstable Median age
49.1 (US Census)





http://www.coinatmradar.com

Some Good News....

We can do better. Don't let another person become a victim in Barnstable.

Written by Helen Partz, staff writer. Reviewed by Yohan Yun, staff editor.

Bitcoin Depot stock crashes 71% premarket after Chapter 11 filing

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forces shutdown of its Bitcoin ATM net

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BTC-USD -5.28% ☆ BTM 0.00% ☆

Trade BTC on Coinbase Trading disclosure

**Bitcoin Depot, once the largest Bitcoin ATM operator in t
Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Monday and pulled it
network offline.**

The filing landed in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern
Canadian entities will join the US proceedings, while other fore
under applicable foreign law.

Cape Cod Times
October 7 ·

Dennis becomes one of the first Massachusetts towns to ban crypto ATMs while also approving a new park and harbor work. See link below

Susan Vaughn/Cape Cod Times

CAPE COD

Dennis may become first Cape Cod town to ban crypto ATMs



Susan Vaughn
Cape Cod Times

Updated Oct. 5, 2026, 3:06 p.m. ET

The town of Dennis is trying to get ahead of a growing problem of financ
fraud and scams connected with unregulated cryptocurrency automated
hines across the state and country. Dennis voters will be aske
cryptocurrency ATMs in the town at the Oct

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Waltham passes ordinance to curb cryptocurrency ATM fra

BY EVAN EDMONDS • PUBLIC SAFETY • SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

With a newly passed ban on cryptocurrency ATMs and kiosks, the city of Waltham action against scams that have been impacting people nationwide.

"We created a simple, direct city ordinance," Waltham resident Stephen Drew that the ATMs are now completely forbidden in the city. "No one's going to get Waltham anymore," he added.

Drew was motivated to push for the ban after one of his family members was $18,000. The combined efforts of Drew, the Waltham Police Department, the Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy formulated the landmark ordinance over the months.

Cryptocurrency ATMs are found in convenience stores and gas stations ac Instead of being used to withdraw cash, the machines accept cash in exc little regulation on them, they are used by scammers as a tool to steal m victims.

Waltham's new ordinance, unanimously approved on Sept. 9 and officially in effect as of Monday, Sept. 15, bans the cryptocurrency ATMs from being used in Waltham businesses. Before the ban there had been 14 cryptocurrency ATMs in Waltham, according to the Waltham Police Department — just a fraction of the 30,000 nationwide.

- Gloucester
- Burlington
- Dartmouth
- Haverhill
- Billerica
- Ipswich
- Lakeville
- Somerset
- Westfield
- Longmeadow
- South Hadley
- Agawam
- Easthampton
- Waltham
- Revere
- Dennis

Gloucester blocks bitcoin ATMs

gloucestertimes.com/news/local_news/gloucester-blocks-bitcoin-atms/article_4b224186-db3c-4c66-a034-c17f29c8655d.html

By Ethan Forman | Staff Writer, Ethan Forman — September 18, 2025

Gloucester Daily Times

The City Council has voted to prohibit cryptocurrency ATMs in Gloucester with an emergency order meant to ban their use to head off online scam artists from preying on those vulnerable to schemes that can make money inserted into them and virtual wallets unrecoverable.

Gloucester appears to be a leader in the state when it comes to banning them, officials said, adding that there have been instances of residents, mostly the elderly, being ripped off to the tune of thousands of dollars in the city, and at least $11 million in Essex County.

The emergency order, adopted by a 9-0 vote at the council's most recent meeting bans

FRAUD AWARENESS

South Hadley proposes ban on crypto ATMs to curb scams

by: Claire Overton
Posted: Oct 21, 2025 / 05:05 PM EDT
Updated: Oct 22, 2025 / 08:21 AM EDT



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SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. (WWLP) – The town of South Hadley is proposing to ban cryptocurrency ATMs in an effort to combat rising crypto scams.

The proposal, brought forth by the South Hadley Police Department

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While **"Stranger Danger"** and **Bitcoin ATMs** belong to completely different eras and contexts, they share a striking psychological connection: both are **cultural warnings used to protect vulnerable people from exploitation.**

The core intersection lies in how scammers weaponize **Bitcoin ATMs** to exploit individuals, turning a modern financial tool into the ultimate vector for the classic "stranger danger" trap.

Questions?