



**AG STRANGE RELEASES PHOTOS OF SUSPECTS IN ALABAMA STATE  
EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION PHISHING SCAM**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange released photos of suspects believed to be responsible for a recent phishing scam that resulted in unauthorized withdrawals of funds from the accounts of customers of the Alabama State Employees Credit Union.

On March 20, 2015, two suspects using information collected from a phishing scam withdrew over \$13,000 from the accounts of 41 customers of the Alabama State Employees Credit Union. The unauthorized withdrawals took place at bank ATM's in the Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California, metropolitan areas.

The suspects gained access to ASECU members' bank accounts through phishing texts directed to cell phones registered in Montgomery, Alabama. It is believed that as many as 300,000 cell phone numbers were targeted by the phishing scam. The suspects created a fake web page titled ASEECU.Org which they used to collect bank account information of their victims.

The Alabama Attorney General's office is attempting to identify the two suspects in the ATM photos released today. Anyone with any information about the persons seen in these photographs is urged to contact the Alabama Attorney General's office at **1-800-392-5658**.

"Anytime you receive a text, email or phone call from a bank requesting verification of your account information, you should always stop and contact the bank directly to confirm the request," said Attorney General Strange. "Phishing scams are a growing concern and the best way to protect yourself is to verify that such contact you receive is legitimate. If you have any questions about consumer fraud, you can contact my office at 1-800-392-5658."

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ASECU Phishing Scam Suspects