

Imposter dupes woman of ₹30K by offering to up her credit card limit

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MUMBAI: A woman in her 50's was allegedly duped by a cyber-fraudster, who sought her credit card details by posing as an State Bank of India (SBI) executive. The accused used the information to pay Rs30,000 for the items he purchased online.

According to the NM Joshi Marg police, the incident took place around 2pm on May 23. The woman, who runs a business, alleged the imposter sought her card details on the pretext increasing her credit limit.

The woman said she did not share the One Time Password (OTP) with the accused, but the amount still got debited from her account.

Cyber expert Ritesh Bhatia said, "The cops need to find out if

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Year	Cases	Persons Arrested
2017 (Jun 4)	25	426
2016 (Jun 4)	20	424

online shopping was done on Indian or foreign website. Foreign online shopping websites do not ask for OTP. Also, banks never call and seek your personal details. There are other ways through which card details can be stolen."

He added, "Whenever we visit an establishment, specially restaurants, we pay by card. Always ensure that the card is swiped in front of you because fraudsters use such opportuni-

ties to either clone or take pictures of your cards."

A police official said one of the major problem in curbing cyber-crime was the easy availability of SIM cards in bulk, using which fraudulent calls were made.

"They (fraudsters) throw away SIM cards after committing crimes. Most of these calls come from far off states," the officer added.

"Banks need to improve their security system and spread more awareness on this issue. We are trying to trace the accused with the help of cyber cell. Even well-educated people fall prey to such calls," the officer said.

About 254 cases of credit card/debit card fraud were registered this year till June 4. On an average nearly two people were cheated every day by fraudsters or through card cloning.