

Unusual Theft at Business Office: Data Service from Hotspot Device

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Pens, pads and paperclips have long been stolen from offices — even PCs, printers and Post-it notes — but a company with offices in Thorndal Circle reported the perpetration of a more unusual crime on March 30:

The theft of data service from a Verizon mobile wireless Jetpack hotspot — a device that allows wireless Internet connections.

And it wasn't just a little theft, either — it cost the company \$1,200 for charges made in the month of March. That works out to almost \$40 a day.

When someone at the business contacted Verizon to ask about the charge that showed up on the vendor's bill, Verizon said the hotspot had been hacked into and should not even have been in service. The device was available for activation in the event of an emergency.

Police believe that whoever hacked into it was probably from within the building.