

Credit card payments and fraud



RhED received information from a brothel/escort owner who has asked that RhED circulate this information as it may be useful to the sex industry and is a reminder to ensure all credit card slips are signed.

Recently a worker did an escort visit. A signature was received for the booking. The client then extended the booking and said to use the credit card details again to pay for it. The credit card payment was processed and then challenged by the client. Management have spoken with the Banking Ombudsman who ordered a refund of \$100 into the business account. The matter was passed to the Bank Fraud Squad.

The owner pursued the matter and the Bank Fraud Squad has identified the client who denied he had used the escort services. However, due to administrative processes that the escort owner had maintained, the Bank Fraud Squad was able to prove the case. The client is now paying the amount in instalments.

The escort owner stresses the importance of reporting such incidents to the authorities, as a reminder that clients who commit fraud can be pursued through the justice system.

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