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## Medway distraction thief jailed for more than two years

A thief who targeted people withdrawing money from cash machines in Medway has been jailed for more than two years. Job Khoeseb, 28, went on a month-long spree between June and July 2025 targeting seven people at ATMs across Strood and Chatham.

Suggesting machines were taking cards after his victims had inserted them, an accomplice would withdraw money from their accounts when they turned to respond to Khoeseb. He also led some victims into the bank to inform them the machine had taken the victim's card, at which point his co-conspirator would withdraw funds and steal the card.

In total, the pair stole £2,150 in the space of 31 days with his oldest victim being in his late 80s. Investigators linked the similar incidents and identified three suspect vehicles which were parked nearby.

On Thursday 10 July, officers located a vehicle in Gravesend they believed to be involved in the offending and swiftly intercepted it on Court Road, Orpington. Khoeseb, of Galleons Drive, Barking, was in the vehicle, alongside medical masks similar to those used in the distraction thefts. He was arrested and a subsequent search of his home address uncovered keys to another of the vehicles associated with the offences.

Khoeseb was charged with conspiring to steal from another person, which was later amended in court to six counts of theft and one of attempted theft. At a hearing in Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday 6 January 2026, Khoeseb pleaded guilty to multiple thefts and appeared at the same court on Friday 23 January, when he was sentenced to two years and nine months' imprisonment.



Detective Constable Hollie McBride said:

'Khoeseb showed a blatant disregard for his victims and left them both out of pocket and feeling untrusting of the general public. 'We commend his victims for reporting these crimes to us, as it led to his arrest and to his receiving time in prison. 'People should feel free to withdraw money as they please, however a healthy level of awareness regarding distraction thefts will prevent criminals such as Khoeseb from being able to operate.'

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-  always Confirm



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