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Three Arrested in Fraud Case

On May 18, 2011, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received a report regarding several compromised credit card accounts. Financial Crimes detectives discovered that all of the illegal transactions occurred at the Wal-mart store located at 5500 Thomasville Road. Detectives working with the store's loss prevention employees soon learned that several employees had been purchasing large amounts of Wal-mart gift cards by keying in the credit card information instead of swiping the cards at the register. These were confirmed to be the fraudulent transactions that involved at least six different credit card accounts. So far, the involved employees have been identified as Karen Simmons, 28, Christopher Williams, 20, Odell Baity, 18, and Christina Pompe, 21. Detectives have already arrested Simmons, Williams and Baity on outstanding warrants in this case. Warrants have also been obtained for Pompe; however she has not yet been arrested.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Baity obtained his Grandmother's credit card information and provided it to Simmons and Williams so they could purchase some of the gift cards. Williams was also observed writing down credit card numbers after some of the victims used their cards in the sporting goods section.

Detectives say this investigation is continuing and additional charges are likely. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Christina Pompe is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for up to a \$1,000.00 reward.

ARRESTED

Christopher S. Williams
DOB: 09-28-1990



Charges: Identity Theft (4 counts), Organized Scheme to Defraud, Bank Fraud (4 counts), Fraudulent Use of Credit Card (6 counts), Grand Theft (3 counts), Petit Theft

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Karen Q. Simmons
DOB: 04-15-1983



Charges: Identity Theft (four counts), Organized Scheme to Defraud, Bank Fraud (4 counts), Fraudulent Use of Credit Card (5 counts), Grand Theft (3 counts), Petit Theft

Odell A. Baity
DOB: 09-09-1992



Charges: Identity Theft, Organized Scheme to Defraud, Bank Fraud (2 counts), Fraudulent Use of Credit Card (2 counts), Grand Theft, Petit Theft

WANTED

Christina Pompe
DOB: 04-13-1990

No photo available

Charges: Identity Theft, Organized Scheme to Defraud, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Petit Theft

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