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Fifth Suspect Arrested in Fraud Case

On June 15, 2011, Financial Crimes detectives obtained warrants and arrested Artice Jones, 31, in connection with the credit card compromise that took place last month at a local Wal-mart store.

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 now arrested Simmons, Williams, Baity, Pompe and Jones on outstanding warrants in this case.

Sheriff Larry Campbell stated, "This case is a good example of the store's loss prevention officers aggressively working with detectives to stop this scheme as quickly as possible. This is exactly why it is so important to monitor your accounts closely."

Surveillance Image



Image shows defendants Simmons and Williams in the process of allegedly recording stolen credit card information.

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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

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

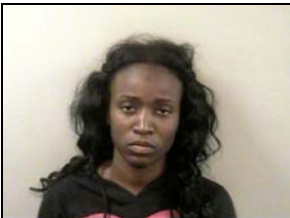
DOB: 09-09-1992



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

Christina Pompe

DOB: 04-13-1990



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

**Artice C. Jones
DOB: 09-25-1979**



Charges: Identity Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Petit Theft

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