

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Detectives Arrest Home Depot Employee for Stealing Credit Card Information

On December 8, 2010 the Loss Prevention Officer from The Home Depot store located at 1490 Capital Circle Northwest contacted the United States Secret Service about an employee who had been observed stealing credit card information from customers. Special Agents from the United States Secret Service then contacted the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Tallahassee Police Department about the possibility that customers were being victimized while shopping at The Home Depot.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Imanuel Gayle, 18, had been using a device to scan unsuspecting customers' credit and debit cards as they were making legitimate purchases from the store. During an undercover operation on December 10, 2010 law enforcement officers from the Secret Service, the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office observed Gayle "skim" card information from citizens, a federal agent and a detective.

LCSO served a search warrant at Gayle's residence which is located at 3994 Magellan Trail. Detectives seized skimmers, computers, computer software and cash as evidence. Loss Prevention Officers from the store were instrumental in providing substantial information to law enforcement.

Gayle was arrested and taken to the Leon County Jail. This investigation is continuing and additional charges are likely.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone shopping with credit or debit cards during this holiday season to always maintain visual contact of their card, question multiple swipes and conceal PIN numbers when conducting purchases.

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**ARRESTED**

**Immanuel Gayle  
DOB: 8-25-1992**



**Charges: Criminal Use of, Personal Identification Information 10 or More, Organized Scheme to Defraud, Use of Scanning Device to Defraud (17 counts), Possession of Tools for the Manufacture of Credit Cards, Grand Theft**

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