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Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police Department and United States Secret Service Shut Down Stolen Credit Card Ring

A three month joint investigation by the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police Department and the United States Secret Service has resulted in the arrest of three people and shut down a major theft ring. Tony Acreus, Jeremy Frazier and Timothy Johns were arrested last night after using stolen credit card numbers to make fraudulent purchases at local Wal-Mart stores. During this joint investigation, it was determined that Acreus, Frazier and Johns have been using stolen credit card numbers to electronically encode VISA Gift Cards which were then used to make fraudulent purchases at local businesses, including several Tallahassee Wal-Marts. The group would then sell the fraudulently obtained merchandise for cash. The stolen credit card numbers utilized by the group were stolen in an international computer hijacking of records from the Heartland Processing Center in New Jersey. The total actual and declined fraudulent transaction in Leon County is currently in excess of \$100,000. This amount is expected to be much higher as this investigation continues.

Wal-Mart loss prevention officials were an active partner during this investigation, providing surveillance video of the suspects and other support to law enforcement. This investigation is on-going and will likely produce additional charges and additional arrests. Detectives will also attempt to identify and notify any person whose credit card number was comprised by this group. LCSO, TPD and USSS will be working with other jurisdictions to assist them with any crimes perpetrated by this group outside of Leon County.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "this cooperative investigation between local and federal law enforcement has effectively shut down a complex and far reaching criminal enterprise. We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to take these criminals off our streets".

Name: Timothy J. Johns

DOB: 09/08/1987


Charges:

- (151) Counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card**
- (45) Counts of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification**
- (1) Grand Theft**
- (1) Fraud to Obtain Property \$50,000 or more**



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Name: Jeremy A. Frazier
DOB: 11/21/1988

Charges:

- (7) Counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card**
- (7) Counts of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification**
- (1) Grand Theft**
- (1) Fraud to Obtain Property \$50,000 or more**



Name: Tony Acreus
DOB: 03/19/1988

Charges:

- (60) Counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card**
- (15) Counts of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification**
- (1) Grand Theft**
- (1) Fraud to Obtain Property \$50,000 or more**



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