Counterfeit Credit Card Crew from Miami Arrested in Beaverton

On January 6, 2016, Beaverton patrol officers alerted Beaverton Detectives regarding a possible credit card crew from Miami, FL staying in Beaverton. Beaverton Detectives along with Tigard Police Detectives conducted surveillance on four subjects for two days. On January 7, 2016 Beaverton Detectives witnessed some of the subjects using multiple credit cards for gift card purchases at several Walmart stores throughout the Metro Area.

Beaverton and Tigard Detectives were able to confirm the credit cards used for the gift card purchases were in fact counterfeit and found that most of the victims lived in the Washington County area. Beaverton Detectives also found out that some of the victims had used their credit cards at the same local gas station. Detectives checked the gas station pumps and didn’t locate any skimming devices.

Late in the evening of January 7, 2016 Beaverton Detectives arrested Marie Armstrong 39 years old and Liorge Hernandez-Cueto 34 years old when they returned to the hotel they were staying at. Leorge Despaigne-Moreno 26 years old was in the hotel room and was also arrested. Leorge Despaigne-Moreno has been arrested for these types of crimes on two previous occasions since October 2014 in Kansas and Colorado. Leorge Despaigne-Moreno was currently out on bond before being arrested again by Beaverton Police. A fourth person was detained and eventually released.

A search warrant was obtained for the hotel room and vehicle, Detectives seized over 240 counterfeit re-encoded prepaid credit cards/gift cards, a credit card encoder, gas pump keys, and 22 gas pump skimming devices.

During the investigation detectives found that the subjects drove from Miami, FL on January 2, 2016 and arrived in Beaverton on January 6, 2016

The three suspects are currently being held at the Washington County Jail on $250,000.00 bail for Identity Theft, Theft I, and Aggravated ID Theft.