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News Release

HPD Makes Arrest in Credit Card Larceny/Fraud Case

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On July 27, officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department arrested two individuals for credit card fraud and credit card larceny related offenses. On July 26, the victim reported to the police department that fraudulent statements appeared on her banking statement from the 25th of July. The victim reported the credit card had never been out of her possession and that she still possessed the card. Further investigation revealed that the offenders had obtained the victim's credit card number and had created fraudulent credit cards using the victim's account information. The offenders then went to local store in Harrisonburg and purchased gift cards using the victim's credit card information.

On July 27, a local merchant reported to the police department that the offenders were back in their store attempting to purchase additional gift cards utilizing a fraudulent credit card as payment. Officers with the police department responded and arrested two individuals.

Those arrested are; Melody Willie Bee Terry, B/F, 25, of Irvington, NJ, and Rahsiem Qudir Johnson, B/M, 22, of Newark, NJ. Their charges are listed below.

Rahsiem Q. Johnson was charged with:

1. One (1) felony count of attempted credit card theft, 18.2-26/18.2-192
2. One (1) misdemeanor count of credit card fraud, 18.2-195
3. Two (2) misdemeanor counts of attempted credit card fraud, 18.2-27/18.2-195

4. One (1) misdemeanor count of receiving good under false pretense, 18.2-197
5. One (1) misdemeanor count of identity theft, 18.2-186.3
6. One (1) misdemeanor count of attempted identity theft, 18.2-27/18.2-186.3

Melody Willie Bee Terry was charged with:

1. One (1) felony count of credit card fraud, 18.2-195
2. One (1) felony count of conspiracy to commit credit card fraud, 18.2-23/18.2-192

Arrest photos are available through the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

HPD is encouraging anyone in the community who may have been a victim of similar incidents over this past weekend to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division, at 540-437-2640

Callers are able to remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).