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FOUR ARRESTED FOR SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

WHO: Abel Barrero (Arrested)
DOB: 7-10/75
Hialeah, Fla.
CHARGE: Scheme to Defraud

Leiry Borges (Arrested)
DOB: 8-19-78
Hialeah, Fla.
CHARGE: Scheme to Defraud
Possession of a Counterfeit Drivers License

Julio Fregel (Arrested)
DOB: 4-20-68
Hialeah, Fla.
CHARGE: Scheme to Defraud

Juan Lizano (Arrested)
DOB: 12-19-75
Hialeah, Fla.
CHARGE: Scheme to Defraud

WHAT: Scheme to Defraud
SEIZED: 2002 GMC Denali

WHEN: December 7, 2009
10:33 a.m.

WHERE: Hess
2577 Harn Boulevard
Clearwater, Fla.



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WHY: Leiry Borges and Abel Barrero attempted to purchase food and cigarettes with a fraudulent debit card. The store clerk noticed the information on the receipt did not match the card. When the clerk questioned the suspects, they left the store without the merchandise and got into a GMC Denali and drove away.

The clerk notified Clearwater Police and provided a vehicle description. An officer located and stopped the vehicle at Belcher Road and Gulf to Bay Boulevard shortly after they left the store. Upon further investigation, police found four additional compromised debit cards in their possession. The cards had been re-encoded with numbers acquired from various sources.

Detectives are investigating how the suspects obtained the card number and their involvement in other fraudulent activity. Additional charges are pending.

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