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BUSINESS OWNER CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AND SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

WHO: Jaqueeba Elaine Johnson (Arrested)
DOB: 2-23-79
CHARGES: Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification (2 counts)
Scheme to Defraud

Multiple Victims, including Regions Bank

WHAT: Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification / Scheme to Defraud

WHEN: September – October, 2010

WHERE: Thick and Thin Fashions
1494 S. Belcher Road
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: The suspect was the listed owner and operator of Thick and Thin Fashions on Belcher Road. Regions Bank reported that Ms. Johnson had fraudulently deposited stolen checks into several bank accounts, which were both personal and business related. The suspect then withdrew the stolen funds valued at over \$1900.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives found that the suspect had deposited over \$15,000 worth of stolen checks. At the same time, several individuals were reporting fraudulent activity on their credit card accounts at Thick and Thin Fashions. The suspect acquired victims' account information then fraudulently ran the stolen account numbers through her merchant account at Thick and Thin Fashions. The multiple charges resulted in almost \$5000.00 worth of fraudulent transactions. Other incidents have been reported and additional charges are pending.

