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Re: Woman Arrested for Organized Fraud

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In August 2013, detectives in the Economic Crimes Unit received five reports in which victims reported fraudulent transactions on their respective credit and/or debit cards. The incidents appeared to be related, and the location of compromise appeared to be The House of Tans.

Bianca Spera was identified as a suspect after it was learned that she was an employee of The House of Tans and that one of the credit cards was used to pay her SunPass account.

The investigation revealed that the victims' credit cards were utilized to fraudulently complete numerous on-line purchases and bill payments. Between 07-31-13 and 08-07-13, the five victims' credit cards were used on 13 different occasions to make a total of \$957.60 in fraudulent on-line purchases. During the same time frame, several dozen transactions were attempted and declined and/or cancelled prior to shipment. These transactions totaled in excess of \$13,000.

Detectives conducted an interview with Bianca Spera. During the interview, Spera admitted to writing down each victim's credit or debit card information when the victim(s) provided this information for services at The House of Tans. Spera then removed the information from the business. Spera told detectives that she then gave the credit/debit card information to Brandy Langley, who would then utilize the information to make the fraudulent purchases.

Spera went on to advise detectives that she came to an agreement with Langley that Spera would provide Langley with credit card information. In return for the information, Langley would use the credit cards to pay Spera's cell phone bill, car insurance, etc. Additionally, Langley would sell the value of the credit card purchases in return for smaller cash

payments. For instance, a person could have their cell phone bill paid in full if they provided a portion of the bill in cash to Langley.

The investigation continues and additional charges are pending.