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PRESS RELEASE

****UPDATE****

Identity theft criminal investigation

The Colchester Resident State Trooper and town officers have been working cooperatively with other state, local and federal authorities on a criminal investigation into approximately 35 cases of credit card fraud/identity theft cases which occurred in Colchester beginning in late November.

Police observed a marked increase in the amount of ID theft complaints and a pattern was developed in which one local dining establishment, the Ichiban Asian Bistro in Colchester, appeared to be the location where the victim's credit card information was compromised.

Through the investigative efforts of state, local and federal authorities a search warrant was served at a Norwich private residence which yielded evidence in this case, as well the arrest of a female connected to ID theft in Rhode Island. Additional arrests are anticipated as the criminal investigation progresses.

The investigation into the ID thefts in the town of Colchester is actively ongoing. It is important to note that since this criminal investigation has progressed the ID thefts have ceased and police have not received any new complaints.

The management at the Ichiban Asian Bistro has been very cooperative in this investigation and they have taken steps to protect their patrons against any future ID theft.

Investigators are asking anyone with any information regarding this ID Theft investigation to contact the Colchester Resident Trooper's Office at 860-537-7270.

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