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On April 21, 2023, a Hollis resident reported that he had learned of a credit card being opened in his name, which he did not apply for. At the time of the report, the card had an outstanding balance of nearly \$2000.00.

After obtaining account information from the banking institution, investigators were able to identify a suspect in this fraud, located in Ypsilanti Michigan. A member of the Ypsilanti Police Department referred investigators to the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Police Department for further investigation, as the suspect was believed to be a student at that institution.

On April 27, 2023, EMU investigators obtained a search warrant for the suspects apartment based on information provided by the Hollis Police Department. Upon execution of the search warrant, evidence of multiple financial and identity theft related offenses was discovered. Seven subjects were located inside the apartment, all of whom were from the country of Ghana. Three of these residents were found to be "out of status" concerning their ability to remain in the United States. As a result, agents from Homeland Security and Border Patrol were contacted, and they are investigating further.

Where this continues to be an active investigation, no further information can be released by the Hollis Police Department at this time.

We wish to thank the authorities at Ypsilanti PD, the Eastern Michigan University PD, Homeland Security, and Border Patrol for their assistance in this matter.