

Card sharps:  
Colonial Car Wash owner Mark Owen (L) and Assistant Manager, Kevin Allen, caught in the act of using a stolen credit card for the third time at their business. The catch resulted in the woman's arrest.

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# Manager spots credit card fraud

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The folks at the Colonial Oil Change and Car Wash on Nine Mile in Farmington alerted police to two people now charged with credit card fraud.

When car wash manager Kevin Allen discovered a woman using a credit card to be charged for a super wash last Wednesday, he alerted the owner, Mark Owen, about the name on the card. Owen then called police.

Owen noticed the woman's name on the credit card had come up fraudulent in the past for two oil exchanges at his business, police said.

On Friday, two people in the van at the car wash were arraigned on credit card fraud in Farmington Hills 47th District Court.

According to the police report, police arrived in time for the driver of the van to exit the car wash, when asked to pull over, the driver took off on Nine Mile. Another police car was used to block the van and was hit slightly by the driver of the van before stopping.

The two people were ordered out of the van and police discovered numerous credit cards listed in other people's names in the

vehicle, according to Gary Goss, Farmington Public Safety Director.

Charged are Trirachae R. Jackson, 29, of Novi and Perry R. Claude, 41, of Farmington Hills.

Each was charged with three counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, a four-year felony. Jackson was also charged with eluding police, a five-year felony.

Each pled not guilty at the arraignment; both are free after posting bond.

Their preliminary exam is before 47th District Court Judge Frederick Harris on April 10.

## Hills included in county plan to increase WIC services

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency is partnering with Oakland County Health Division on a new pilot program to increase access, county-wide, for WIC services.

Currently Oakland County offers WIC services at locations in Pontiac, Walled Lake, and Southfield. The new OLSHA partnership will target Farmington Hills, Holly and Madison Heights and will aim to improve the health of babies and children of low-income families throughout Oakland County. Through this partnership, eligible families will be able to enroll at any of the locations and receive WIC services.

The overall goal for this project is to utilize the comprehensive system OLSHA currently has in place with the Oakland County program to "inform, enroll and serve all eligible WIC clients," said Ronald B. Borgness, Chief Executive Officer for OLSHA. "We would like to mobilize WIC services by taking our Health team out to communities where statistics show there is a need."

The WIC program (Women, Infants and Children) is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program that serves low income pregnant, breast feeding and post-partum women, and infants and children up to age five who have nutrition-related health problems.

W.I.C. will be at the Early Childhood Center, 30415 Shawansee, Farmington Hills, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the following dates: April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17, June 7, June 21.

In addition to offering WIC services, OLSHA staff will also be able to link families with other needed resources and programs that the agency offers in the community. Interested families should call (800) 868-4638 toll-free for more information.

## Free alcohol screenings offered locally

National Alcoholic Screening Day is April 11.

Nearly 14 million Americans (1 in every 13 U.S. adults, and nearly 1 in 5, or 17 percent, of all drinkers) has an alcohol disorder in any given year. More than half of persons who have had a drink in the past year have drunk amounts that place them at risk for problems such as injuries.

Approximately two to three times as many men as women will suffer from alcohol use disorders, but women often experience the more rapid onset of negative consequences from their drinking than do men.

Fifty-six percent of current drinkers in America report a blood relative who is or was an alcoholic or problem drinker.

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