Four arrested in credit card scam

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Four people are in jail for manufacturing credit cards using stolen information, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Credit card numbers were stolen from customers who used their cards at a local fast-food restaurant in June. An employee of the restaurant, Adrienne Allen, sold those numbers to three Texas men who turned the numbers into new credit cards.

Allen was arrested at the restaurant on Friday by Detectives Alan Davidson and Yomeka Evans of the Caddo-Shreveport Financial Crimes Task Force. A subsequent raid at the Quail Creek Apartments led to the three male suspects - Damon Walzier, Cedric Peoples (AKA Corey Allison), and Canhaan Woodard - who were in possession of hundreds of credit card numbers and credit card making equipment.

In the apartment, detectives located a box full of Visa gift cards; a laptop that was open and running, displaying several hundred credit card numbers; a magnetic card reader/writer to add information to the magnetic strip on the back of a credit card; and an imprinter to stamp a name or number on the front of a credit card. Also seized was $5,000 in cash and an early-model Mercedes.

Davidson said the victims' credit cards bills were used to track down where the suspects had made fraudulent purchases using the illegal cards. The suspects were seen on store video using the cards at area discount and home/garden stores. They used the fake cards to buy legitimate gift cards.