

Troopers Arrest Man for Using Skimmed Gift Cards

Delaware State Police have arrested a Philadelphia man for using illegally skimmed payment cards at a Newark gas station yesterday afternoon.

On November 20, 2022, at approximately 3:38 p.m., troopers responded to the Sunoco located at 520 JFK Memorial Highway regarding a suspicious subject who had been observed using numerous payment cards at a gas pump. Troopers contacted 28-year-old **Edward Whitefield-Dukes**, who was filling a large fuel tank in the bed of his rental pickup truck. While speaking with troopers, Whitefield-Dukes discarded a credit card reader and writer into a nearby trashcan. Troopers recovered the device and Whitefield-Dukes was taken into custody at the scene without incident. A search of Whitefield-Dukes' truck led to the discovery of numerous Wawa gift cards that were encoded with various credit card numbers from different financial institutions that were not associated with Wawa.

Whitefield-Dukes was transported to Troop 6 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Payment Card Scanning Device (Felony)
- Possession of Instruments Facilitating Identity Theft (Felony) – 10 counts
- Theft Under \$1,500

Whitefield-Dukes was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$42,000 cash bond.

This case was investigated with the assistance of the FBI. The FBI also has a website that provides information and tips on how to avoid being a victim of payment card skimming, which can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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