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### Suspects Identified in Bank Fraud Case

ABILENE, TX – Three suspects have been identified in the Fraud case involving the scamming of hundreds of First Financial Bank customers and thousands of dollars. The three suspects are all Romanian Nationals who do not reside in Abilene but made their way through our City with the intent of defrauding bank customers using a device known as a skimmer, implanted in/on ATMs to gain financial information. The three are a part of a larger credit card theft ring nationwide.

The Abilene Police Department has obtained \$1.5 million bond warrant each for Alex Ioneta, 18 yr. old male, Violeta Radu, 23 yr. old female, and Daniel Ciuciu, 38 yr. old male. All three will be charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Identification Theft. Financial loss in this case is estimated at over \$275,000 dollars. The Abilene Police Department is working with other law enforcement agencies to help bring the three into custody.



Alex Ioneta



Violeta Radu



Daniel Ciuciu

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