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FLORENCE WALMART EMPLOYEES HELP NAB IDENTITY THIEF

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Roberto Periuat Pina, age 27, a Cuban national residing in Miami, pled guilty in federal court to possession of counterfeit credit cards and gift cards, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(3). United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

Pina entered the Walmart at 230 N. Beltline Drive in Florence last February. Walmart employees became suspicious of Pina and called the Florence Police Department. Pina presented an identification card with a fake name, and had ten credit cards bearing the same false name. Pina's car was searched and 92 counterfeit gift cards were also found.

The maximum penalty Pina can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and imprisonment for 10 years.

The case was investigated by the Florence Police Department and agents of the United States Secret Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of the Florence office handled the case.

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