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United States Postal Employee charged with Credit Card Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards, and Conspiracy.

North Bergen Police Chief Robert J. Farley, Jr., has released the following information:

The North Bergen Police Department, with the assistance of the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, charged a 39 year-old female and 46 year-old female in connection with credit card theft, and the fraudulent use of credit cards on Friday July 25th, 2025.

Eirin Novas, a United States Postal Employee, of Union City, is charged with Credit Card Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards, and Conspiracy. Novas was arrested and released on a summons.

Awilda Taveras-Bido, of Newark, is charged with Credit Card Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards, Intent of Cardholder to Defraud, and Conspiracy. Taveras-Bido was arrested and released on a summons.

On June 16th, 2025, a North Bergen Resident reported to police that she was the victim of fraudulent credit card charges on an account that was unknown to her. Unbeknownst to her, a Capital One Credit Card was opened under her name and over \$4,000 dollars in unauthorized transactions had been made. The victim only discovered the fraud when she received a billing statement from Capital One at her home. Detectives investigated the fraudulent charges, visiting multiple locations, and identified Awilda Taveras-Bido as one of the suspects involved. Further investigation revealed the involvement of Eirin Novas, a United States Postal Employee. While on her delivery route in North Bergen, Novas stole mail addressed to local residents, specifically credit cards. She then gave those cards to Taveras-Bido where she made multiple fraudulent credit card transactions. Additionally, Novas intercepted credit card statements to prevent victims from discovering that accounts had been fraudulently opened in their names, allowing the scheme to continue undetected.

The investigation is active and there may be additional victims that have yet to be identified. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact North Bergen Detectives at 201-392-2100 or email at: tips@northbergenpd.com. All information will be kept confidential.