



**Township of Medford
Division of Police**

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News Release

CASE # 2017 - 3661 DATE: 04/10/2017 TIME: 05:20 am

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fraud

LOCATION/ADDRESS: 700 Block of Stokes Road

NAME OF BUSINESS: Beneficial Bank

PROPERTY TAKEN/DAMAGES: Damage to an ATM machine

DEFENDANT/DRIVERS NAME, AGE, ADDRESS:

D#1: Gianluca Galota (36) of Italy (temporary residence in the US on the Visa Waiver Program)

D#2: Alin C. Uricaru (35) of Romania (temporary residence in the US on the Visa Waiver Program)

CHARGES/SUMMONS:

2C:21-17A(4)...Identity Theft

2C:20-25C...Computer Crime

2C:21-17.3B(2)...Trafficking Personal Information

2C:21-6.1B(1)...Credit Card Crimes - Scanning Device

2C:21-6.1C...Credit Card Crimes - Possession of Material used in scanner

2C:20-4...Theft by Deception

2C:5-2A(1)...Conspiracy to commit a crime with another

AMOUNT OF BAIL: 0 SET BY: Judge Peter C. Lange Jr, JMC

10% AUTHORIZED **R.O.R.**

SUSPECTS/INJURED: NAME, AGE, ADDRESS: See Defendants

TYPE OF INJURY: None

WHERE HOSPITALIZED: None

SQUAD TRANSPORTING: None

(FOR QUESTIONS – PLEASE CONTACT
CHIEF RICHARD J. MEDER)



INVESTIGATING/ARRESTING OFFICER: *Medford Township Police Department*

NARRATIVE: *On April 09, 2017 Medford Township Police received information from personnel from the Beneficial Bank Fraud Division that an unauthorized electronic “skimming device” was presently installed onto an ATM machine at their Medford Branch on Stokes Road. Beneficial Bank believes this was the second device installed on their machine, the first being installed on April 1st and removed on April 3rd.*

On April 10, 2017 at approximately 5:20 am, during a surveillance operation, Medford Township Police observed a subject approach the ATM machine and remove portions of the unauthorized device from the machine. The subject identified as Gianluca Galota (36) of Italy was subsequently arrested without incident. During the investigation, Medford Police located an awaiting vehicle occupied by a 2nd subject identified Alin Uricaru (35) of Romania. Both subjects are presently in the United States on the Visa Waiver Program and were charged with numerous crimes and lodged in the Burlington County Jail pending a hearing in Superior Court.

Medford Detectives are currently working with Beneficial Bank Fraud Investigators, United States Secret Service, and other law enforcement agencies as this investigation continues to develop.

Customers who currently have Beneficial Bank accounts and anyone that has used the ATM machine located at the Beneficial Bank on Stokes Road are asked to review their account; consult with their financial institution if they have discovered any suspicious activity and report any financial loss or potential identity theft exposure to the Medford Township Police at 91 Union Street.

REQUEST A HOLD – STATE PURPOSE/REASON:

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____