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PRESS RELEASE

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Contact: Jennifer Finch, (970) 356-4010 ext. 4702
Re: 10CR1245

GREELEY WAITRESS CHARGED IN SKIMMING CASE

GREELEY, Colo. – Yu Lin (DOB 6/21/1988), a waitress at a Greeley restaurant, has been charged with Possession of Identity Theft Tools, a class five felony.

According to police reports, the owners of Ambrosia Asian Restaurant videotaped Lin swiping customer credit cards through a hand-held device which recorded the credit card information contained on the magnetic strip.

“Skimming” is when the information contained on the magnetic strip of a card, such as account numbers and routing numbers, is copied from a card onto a hard drive. The information can then be downloaded onto a computer or duplicated onto a new card’s magnetic strip.

Allegedly, Lin purchased the device from a company that claimed to be able to raise her credit limit if she used the device to copy credit card information and then return the device to the company which would use the information to credit her personal credit card.

If convicted, Lin could face a maximum of 3 years in prison. A Hearing on Advisement is scheduled for Lin on August 24, 2010, in Division 12 at 9:00 a.m.

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