



**FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT
CARD**

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Ernesto Ruiz of Orlando, Florida, pleaded guilty on January 29, 2025, in the Circuit Court of Orange County, State of Florida, to fraudulent use of a credit card. The same day, Ruiz was sentenced to one day incarceration and ordered to pay a special assessment of \$618. Our investigation found that Ruiz and codefendant Eric Cardenas were part of a sophisticated credit card fraud ring operating throughout central Florida. They used fraudulently obtained credit cards, to include an Amtrak Wright Express Corporation (WEX) card, to purchase fuel.

Cardenas previously pleaded guilty and was sentenced in November 2024.