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The 19 arrested were members of a transnational criminal organization called "Carder.su" that operated principally out of Las Vegas, the department said in a statement.

"The extent of the theft and sale of personal and [financial information](#) uncovered by this investigation is astonishing," US attorney Daniel Bogden said.

"Electronic mediums have made it much easier for persons and groups to sell and trade stolen information and fraudulent documents nationally and internationally," Bogden said.

Five people were arrested in Las Vegas and 14 in California, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia.

The [Justice Department](#) said a further 30 people have been charged as part of "Operation Open Market" but were not identified because they have not yet been arrested.

"Members bought and sold stolen personal and financial information through online forums and engaged in crimes such as identity theft and counterfeit [credit card](#) trafficking," the Justice Department said.

They face charges of racketeering, conspiracy, and production and [trafficking](#) in false identification documents and access device cards.

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