

Mexico: International gang of credit card skimmers captured

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Mexico City prosecutors say they have captured 26 members of a surprisingly multinational gang involved in identity theft.

The suspects include 11 Venezuelans, nine Mexicans, two Bulgarians, and one person each from Romania, Colombia, Cuba and Ecuador.

Prosecutors said late Tuesday that the suspects were caught in simultaneous raids on a number of ATM machines throughout Mexico City.

They had apparently used credit card "skimmers" that surreptitiously read debit and credit card data.

The data is then copied onto a blank card, and used to withdraw money from a person's account.

Police seized cash, 54 cards and vehicles.

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