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Incident: Theft by Deception Arrest

Date of Incident: 02/15/25

Date of Arrest: 09/08/2025

Bloomfield, NJ- The **Bloomfield Police Department** investigated a report of a theft by deception. The victim received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Capital One Bank. The person told the victim to bring \$35,000 in cash to a certain location and give it to an alleged representative from the Federal Trade Commission. The victim arrived at the location and moments later an individual arrived in a vehicle to retrieve the cash. Bloomfield Detectives reviewed video surveillance and utilized other investigative techniques. Detectives were able to identify the suspect as Mr. Mahir Patel. An arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Mahir Patel, who turned himself in.

"I would like to commend the members of our Detective Bureau for their investigation that led to this arrest. Members of the public are targeted by scams almost daily. Please do not respond to any suspicious phone calls or text messages and never provide financial information over the phone unless to a trusted source." - **Chief George Ricci**

Arrestee: Patel, Mahir

Age: 26

Location: Somerset, NJ



All persons are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.