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## **Dismantled in Mallorca a criminal organization that ripping tourists**

### **20 people arrested**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Guardia Civil has arrested 20 members of a criminal organization (4 men and 16 women) devoted to the scam by credit cards in local hostess of the town of Magaluf, on the island of Mallorca. The amount defrauded rise to more than 45,000 Euros.

But Spanish Guardia Civil is suspected to the amount defrauded maybe higher, because many victims have not reported. Agents have carried out two records in two strip clubs owned by leader of the organization, a Spanish man named Leon BA, with numerous previous convictions for similar offenses and connections with other criminal organizations. In addition, he runs a well-known gym in the area. He has also two administrative inspections performed in other local hostess of the Mallorcan town.

The main victims were often British tourists, Nordic and Scandinavian intoxicated, since in this state they found it easy trick for security codes or cards for a series of consecutive charges of large amounts, since these people take longer to realize that they have been victims of a scam. Furthermore, after obtaining the above codes, they cloned cards thanks to cloners disguised as dataphone card.

On the other hand, the public relations of both institutions trying to introduce local insistently to potential customers, which were adjusted to the above profiles. To achieve this, at times, they came to rub physical violence by grabs and shoves. There have even been cases where tourists have come to get away from bad ways to avoid being brought into the clubs.

In the records by agents found dataphones and simulated in dataphones clonadoras, copiers PIN, recording equipment and POS card receipts. The investigation remains open, so do not rule out further arrests. The operation has involved staff in the team against dependent Organized Crime Baleares Central Operational Unit (UCO its Spanish acronym) of the Guardia Civil, who have been supported by the Department of People of the Operating Unit of the Judicial Police (UOPJ), Units of Public Safety (USECIC) and the Main Post Palmanova Zone of the Balearic Islands.

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