Eleven charged with global identity theft and sale of 40 million card numbers

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According to an article in The Washington Post, "Federal prosecutors charged 11 people yesterday with the theft and sale of more than 40 million credit and debit card numbers from at least nine U.S. retailers in what they said was one of the largest and most complex hacking and identity theft cases ever brought."

At a press conference Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey responded to the situation by saying, "Cases like this send a clear message to those who might be tempted to abuse our computer networks to steal information and harm law-abiding people and businesses: If you do, we will track you down wherever you are in the world, we will arrest you, and we will send you to jail."