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### AGENTS INVESTIGATE COLUMBUS STORE FOR FOOD STAMP FRAUD *Criminal charges are pending*

**(Columbus)** – Administrative violations have been filed against a Columbus convenience store as part of a criminal investigation of food stamp fraud.

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit have cited the Noor Market, 2427 West Broad St. in Columbus with four counts each of the following: illegal use of food stamps; trafficking food stamps and illegal possession of food stamps. The location was also charged with one count of drug possession, theft and receiving stolen property.

“Food stamp fraud is a crime,” said Columbus Agent-in-Charge SuAnn Cook. “The two biggest victims are the children and taxpayers. And often, if locations are willing to participate in illegal food stamp activity other prohibited acts can usually be found as well, impacting the neighborhoods.”

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission will hear the administrative case, once all criminal proceedings have been completed. The commission can impose a penalty such as fines, suspension or revocation of a liquor permit.

Detectives with Columbus Division of Police supported the investigation. Criminal charges are pending.

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*The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the state's liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud. Individuals who believe food stamp fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.*

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