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THREE FROM TOLEDO CHARGED WITH FOOD STAMP FRAUD

Toledo convenience store facing administrative citations

(Columbus) – A Toledo convenient store and its employees were charged Thursday by the Ohio Investigative Unit with food stamp fraud.

Navpreet K. Gothra, 25, was charged with two counts of misuse of a credit card; Sharon Singh, 49, three counts of misuse of a credit card and two counts of illegal use of food stamps; and Elizabeth Hatch, 21, one count each of misuse of a credit card and illegal use of food stamps. All three are from Toledo. Charges were filed in Toledo Municipal Court.

The violations occurred at the New Millennium Ohio, LLC, at 4306 West Sylvania Ave., in Toledo. The liquor permit belonging to New Millennium Ohio, LLC. is also being charged through the Ohio Administrative Code with six counts of illegal food stamps and two counts of trafficking in food stamps.

“Unfortunately, people were permitted to purchase items that are not allowable such as tobacco, alcohol and motor oil,” said Toledo Agent-in-Charge Ray Rodriguez. “This program was designed to help feed individuals and their children. Often the children are the victims, as well as the taxpayers.”

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.

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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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