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**CONVENIENCE STORE OWNER TO PAY \$30,000, SERVE 6 MONTHS HOME  
CONFINEMENT FOR FOOD STAMP FRAUD, CONSPIRACY, TRAFFICKING IN  
COUNTERFEIT GOODS**

DAYTON – Jody L. Jones, 52, of Dayton was sentenced in U.S. District Court to pay a \$30,000 money judgment and serve 180 days of home confinement as punishment for conspiring to traffic in counterfeit goods, illegally using federal Food Stamp Program benefits, and illegally structuring financial transactions to avoid IRS reporting requirements as the owner of the InBetween Quick Mart in Moraine.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

The Dayton Major Crimes Task Force, which is part of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission in Attorney General DeWine's Office, investigated the case.

Jones pleaded guilty on January 20, 2012 to a three-count bill of information. According to a statement of facts filed with her plea agreement, Jones and others conspired with others between February 2009 and February 2010 to buy counterfeit name-brand items and sell them at the market she owned. Court documents say that a co-conspirator bought a pair of "Timberland" brand boots, a pair of "Nike Air Force One" brand shoes, a pair of "Air Jordan" brand shoes, a "Louis Vuitton" brand photo wallet, a "Coach" brand purse wallet and a "Chanel" brand wallet for a total of \$20 from an undercover confidential informant in December 2009. Jones later sold the "Coach" purse for \$24.95 and the "Nike Air Force One" shoes for \$39.95 at the market.

Jones and co-conspirators also admitted to buying food stamp benefits access cards for cash and then using the cards to buy groceries for herself and her business. Jones also admitted structuring a financial transaction involving more than \$10,000 in cash in order to evade federal cash transaction reporting requirements.

Jones was ordered to cooperate with government in the ongoing investigation. She was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release in addition to the home confinement sentence.

Stewart commended the ongoing cooperative investigation by the task force agencies which include the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General – Investigations, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the Ohio Department of Public Safety Investigative Unit, and the police departments in Centerville, Kettering, West Carrollton, Moraine and Oakwood. He also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who prosecuted the case.

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