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### One Person Arrested In Ongoing Akron Food Stamp Fraud Case

**(Canton)** – Today, agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit and detectives with the Summit County Sheriff's Office arrested an Akron woman in an illegal food stamp fraud case investigation that has spanned several years.

Brooke S. Henderson, 24, of Akron, has been charged with illegal use of food stamps, telecommunications fraud, theft and misuse of a credit card. She was incarcerated at the Summit County Jail. Henderson is the latest person charged in a food stamp fraud operation that was taking place at the Dairy Mart at 587 West Market St., in Akron. It is estimated that over a three-year span, \$2.2 million in food stamp fraud took place at the Dairy Mart.

"This is a very complex case due to the large-scale food stamp fraud committed at this location," said Canton Agent-in-Charge John Campbell. "With the fraudulent activity taking place, the impact to the community surrounding this location was huge. The program's intended customers are the ones most impacted by these types of crimes."

In 2011, agents and deputies charged Akron residents Mustafa A. Diab, Nathanael J. Nicolino, Anthony Swindell, Cory Oille and Christopher R. Bryan; Ghalib Ali of Copley; and Strongsville residents Mohammad W. Shped, Zobaydah N. Shped and Muaad N. Salem with food stamp fraud-related crimes.

The case remains under investigation.

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*The Ohio Investigative Unit agents are plain-clothed fully sworn peace officers. OIU is charged with enforcing the state's liquor laws and is the only state law enforcement agency specifically tasked with investigating food stamp fraud crimes. Agents also investigate tobacco violations.*

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