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OIU: Franklin County man indicted on 36 counts of food stamp fraud in Coshocton County

(Columbus) – A Dublin, Ohio man was indicted on 36 felony counts late last month in Coshocton County Common Pleas Court for food stamp related crimes.

Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit began investigating Nodi, Inc., also known as Ameristop, 1488 Otsego Ave., in Coshocton, after receiving complaints that the location allowed recipients to purchase ineligible items with their SNAP benefits.

As a result of that investigation, Zahid Kahn, 37, of Dublin, was indicted on 10 counts of telecommunications fraud; nine counts each of misuse of a credit card and illegal use of food stamps or WIC program benefits by an organization; and eight counts of tampering with records.

In addition, the liquor permit for Nodi, Inc., was administratively cited for multiple counts of illegal possession of electronic benefits transfer (EBT), illegal use of EBT, theft and trafficking in EBT.

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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. Follow OIU on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Investigative-Unit/165782203506269> and on Twitter by logging onto http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU.