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Toledo Woman Indicted on OIU Food Stamp Case *Agents file charges after woman was stopped by troopers*

(Columbus) – A Lucas County Grand Jury indicted a Toledo woman on felony food stamp fraud charges. Donya Ramos, 36, of Toledo, was indicted last week on three counts of illegal use of SNAP benefits.

The case was initiated when Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers stopped Ramos in September on the Ohio Turnpike for speeding and having a suspended license. During the stop, troopers found three electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards not belonging to Ramos. Troopers turned the case over to the Ohio Investigative Unit's Toledo District Office for further investigation.

Agents found that Ramos was an unauthorized user on the cards, and was using them at locations in the Toledo area.

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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.