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### OIU AGENTS CHARGE THREE PEOPLE WITH FOOD STAMP FRAUD

*Administrative citations issued against two liquor permits*

**(Columbus)** – Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) have charged three people in connection with food stamp fraud.

The indictments and arrest warrants were a result of a year-long investigation and the execution of two search warrants on Aug. 22.

Agents say the owners of Skytouch, Inc., also known as the Bond Hill Market, 1241 California Ave. and the Goldeneye Enterprises, LLC., also known as Bond Hill Valero, 4600 Paddock Ave., were participating in illegal food stamp activity.

Gurjant Singh, 23 of Mason, was indicted by the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court with three counts each of illegal use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits and telecommunications fraud. Leena Gupta, 38, was indicted on five counts of telecommunications fraud and Anil K. Gupta, 40, was indicted on six counts of telecommunications fraud. Both are from Cincinnati.

"Food stamp fraud is often a catalyst for illegal activity," said OIU Cincinnati Agent-in-Charge Harold Torrens. "Often, individuals and retailers who allow food stamp fraud to take place are contributing to activities that put their communities and their patrons at risk."

Agents also filed administrative charges against Bond Hill Market for illegal use of electronic benefits card (EBT), drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property. Administrative charges against Bond Hill Valero include, illegal use of EBT, receiving stolen property and drug sales.

Once all criminal proceedings are completed, OIU agents will present the administrative charges to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. The locations may face penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocation of their liquor permits.

Cincinnati Police assisted agents during the search warrants.

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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](http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU).*