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### Criminal and Administrative Charges Stem from Joint Investigation

**COLUMBUS** – Criminal and administrative charges have been filed against six individuals and two liquor permit premises following an investigation by agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) and officers with the United States Department of Agriculture – Office of Inspector General (USDA).

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, search warrants were executed at Nadia's, 3643 E. 116<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland and Times Square Food Mart, 3832 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland.

"Food stamp fraud, or any violation of a liquor permit is a serious matter," said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath. "All of these laws are in place to keep Ohioans safe and we will continue to strictly enforce the law to ensure food stamp benefits are being used where they are needed and our liquor permit premises are safe for their patrons."

Administrative citations were issued to Nadia's and Times Square Food Mart. Nadia's was cited for:

- Gambling – Acquire, Possess, Control or Operate a Gambling Device
- Gambling – Operating a Gambling House

Times Square Food Mart was cited for:

- Improper Conduct – Illegal Use of EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer)
- Improper Conduct – Trafficking in EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer)
- Improper Conduct – Illegal Possession of EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer)
- Improper Conduct – Theft Offense

The establishments are required to appear before the Liquor Control Commission at a later date where they could face penalties such as fines, suspension and/or revocation of the liquor permits.

Individuals charged criminally were Rana Quraan, 37, of Cleveland, Mohammad Ismael Quraan, 47, of Cleveland and Nageh Sadik, 43, of Cleveland for Theft, Telecommunications Fraud and Illegal Use of Food Stamps, Majdi Abdel Qader, 29, of Westlake and Walid Ismail Quraan, 48, of Cleveland were charged for Theft, Telecommunications Fraud, Illegal Use of Food Stamps and Illegal Use of Women, Infants, and Children Benefits and Ata Farah, 60, of Cleveland was charged with Illegal Use of Food Stamps.

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*The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the state's liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud. Individuals who believe food stamps fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.*