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Toledo woman indicted on food stamp fraud charge

Woman used deceased person's card 94 times

(Toledo) – A Toledo woman was indicted Thursday by the Lucas County Grand Jury with illegal use of food stamps after agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit discovered she was using a deceased individual's food stamp benefits.

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit found Peggy J. Lewis, 50, of Toledo, utilized a deceased individual's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) card 94 times since the individual's death. During that time, Lewis charged a total of \$1,277 in fraudulent activity. Agents charged Lewis in December.

OIU is tasked with enforcing the SNAP laws and regulations throughout the state of Ohio. To report food assistance fraud, contact OIU by calling #677.

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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.