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Man indicted on four counts of food stamp trafficking

(CINCINNATI) – A traffic stop with a man who was subsequently arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI) and child endangerment, has now been charged with food stamp fraud.

In August 2016, the Ohio State Highway Patrol conducted a traffic stop with Claymon Womack, 56, of Cincinnati. During the stop, it was revealed that Womack had four electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, also known as food stamps in his possession. Troopers requested the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) to further investigate the possible food stamp fraud.

Ohio Investigative Unit agents were able to obtain sufficient evidence to move forward with charges against Womack for food stamp trafficking.

On January 24, Womack was indicted in the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court on four counts of illegal use of food stamp benefits.

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The Ohio State Highway Patrol's 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.