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## TAMPA MAN SENTENCED FOR FOOD STAMP FRAUD

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich today sentenced Naushad Shahabuddin (age 33, of Tampa) to 21 months in federal prison for federal food stamp fraud. The court also entered a money judgment in the amount of \$390,000 for the proceeds of the fraud. Shahabuddin had pleaded guilty on March 24, 2009.

According to court documents, Shahabuddin managed and conducted the fraud scheme out of the Quick Check Food Mart, a retail convenience store located at 701 N. Fort Harrison Avenue, Clearwater, Florida.

This case was investigated by U.S. Secret Service, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the United States Department of Agriculture. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry A. Zitek.