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## **ROCHESTER MAN, FORMER OPERATOR OF NICK'S SUPERSTORE SENTENCED FOR FOOD STAMP FRAUD**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Mousa Qadi, 34, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of the unauthorized use, transfer, acquisition, alteration and possession of food stamp benefits, was sentenced to five years probation, including six months home confinement, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$84,243 by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that between November 2008 and July 2010, the defendant fraudulently acquired and possessed \$120,000 in food stamp benefits issued by the United States Department of Agriculture while operating Nick's Super Store located at 460 Monroe Avenue in Rochester. Food stamp benefits were issued by the Food and Nutrition Service Agriculture Department through New York State social service agencies to eligible beneficiaries. The beneficiaries were required to purchase eligible food items with the benefits. Qadi, however, purchased the food stamp benefits for less than their full value from the beneficiaries in exchange for cash. He did this by swiping the food stamp access device cards through the electronic funds transfer terminal installed at Nick's Super Store.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, James C. Spero.

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