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Fairbanks woman convicted and sentenced for food stamp fraud

On April 12, 2012, 38-year-old Brandy Anderson, of Fairbanks, was convicted and sentenced for applying for and receiving Food Stamp benefits to which she was not entitled. District Court Judge Patrick Hammers sentenced Anderson to 360 days suspended jail with a two-year probation period and ordered restitution in the amount of \$10,122. As a condition of her probation, Anderson must perform 180 hours of community service within the next ten months. Anderson previously paid the entire restitution amount to the State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

The conviction and the sentence stem from an investigation conducted by Fraud Investigator Vance Canoy of the Division of Public Assistance. The investigation revealed that from June 2009 through November 2010, Anderson failed to disclose income she received from her employment. The amount of her unreported monthly income disqualified her for most of the Food Stamp benefits she received. As a result of the conviction, Anderson is disqualified from participating in the Food Stamp program for a period of one year.