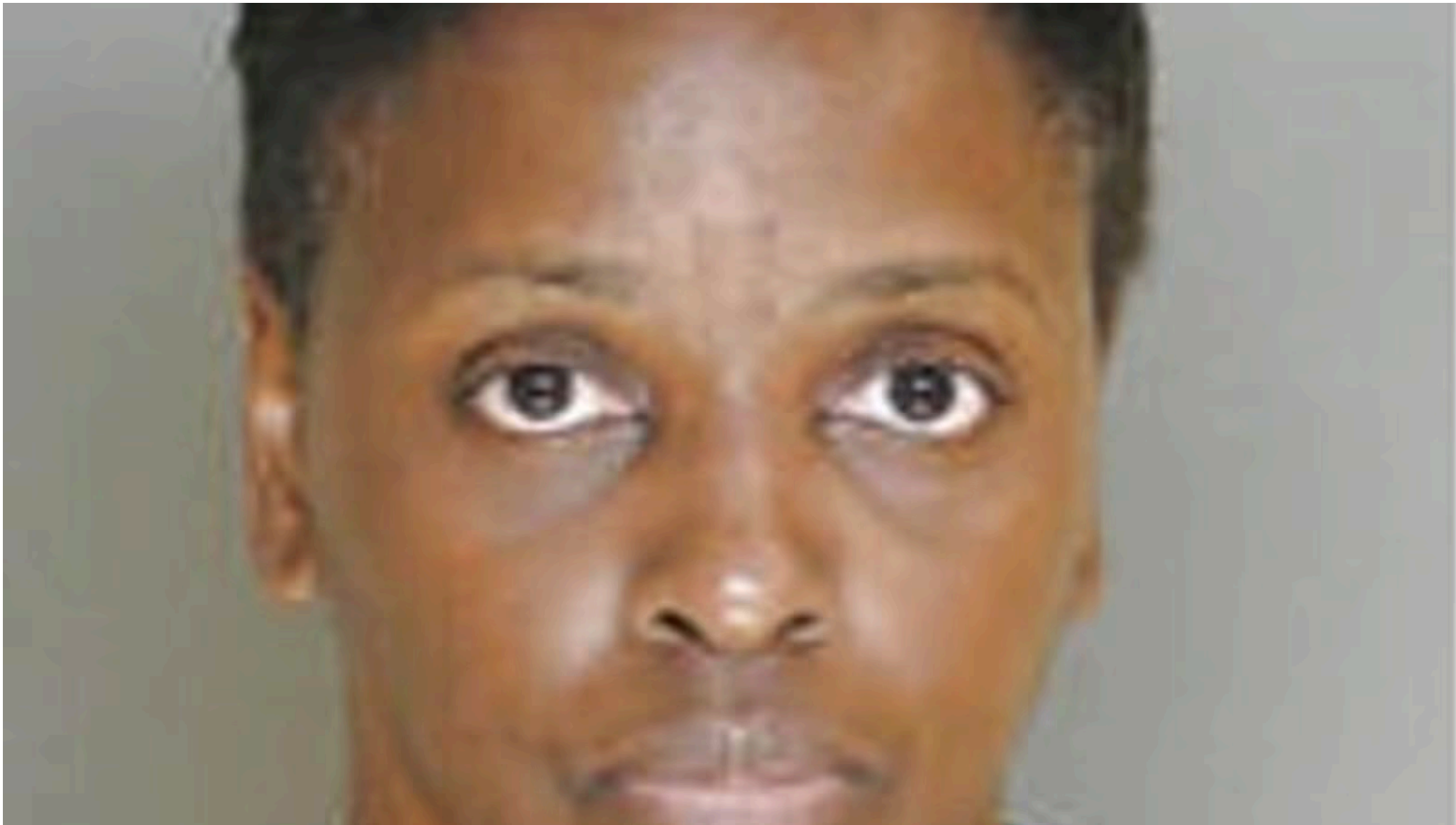


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Woman sentenced to 6 years confinement in food stamp fraud case



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SUMTER, SC (WIS) - Jacqueline Antionette Woods, of Sumter, plead guilty this month to fraudulent acquisition or use of food stamps in Sumter County General Sessions Court and sentenced to six years confinement.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a federal program from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and administered by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS.)

Judge W. Jeffrey Young sentenced Woods to 10 years confinement, suspended to six years confinement and four year probation, plus she must pay restitution of \$47,732.38, officials said.

Sumter County DSS certified Woods to receive SNAP benefits based on the information she supplied on SNAP applications and recertification forms dating from 8/11/04 through 7/1/11.

Woods failed to report other household income to DSS, as required by SC Code of Laws and federal regulations.

For more than 30 years, SNAP has served as the foundation of America's national nutrition safety net, working to end hunger and improve the health of low-income people by helping families buy the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet.

In South Carolina more than 400,000 households depend on SNAP each month to get the food they need for good health.



"As DSS strives to ensure benefits get to South Carolinians who are eligible for the program, timely and accurately, we are also charged with ensuring only those citizens who qualify can access the system," said Karama Bailey, DSS Acting Deputy Director of Economic Services.

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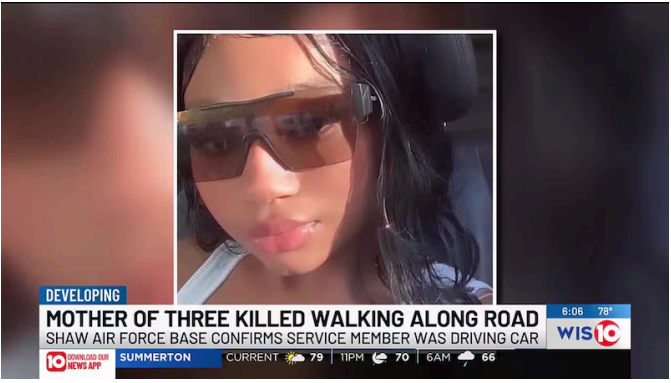
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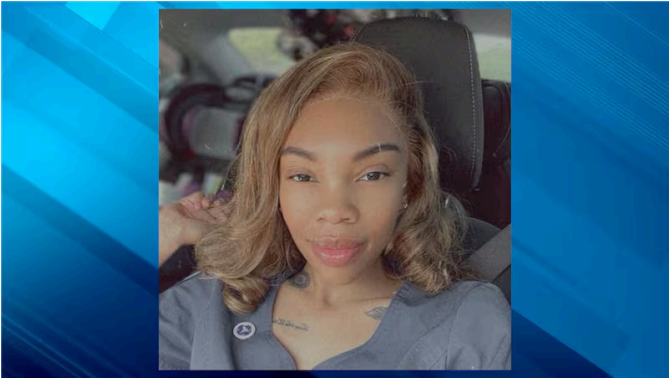
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