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## 14 Darlington County residents indicted for food stamp fraud



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HARTSVILLE, SC (WMBF) – Fourteen Darlington County residents have been indicted on food stamp fraud charges – if found guilty, two of them could face up 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, and the 12 others could spend the next 5 years in prison.

A Darlington Grand Jury returned indictments against 13 Hartsville residents and one Darlington resident, according to a news release from South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson. All are charged with fraudulent acquisition or use of food stamps.

Part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program grant provides funding for an investigators to look into allegations of food stamp fraud, and a dedicated prosecutor at the Attorney General's Office to prosecute the cases, the release states.

The 14 people that were indicted are:

- Jennifer Allsbrook (DOB 1983), Hartsville

- Kimberly Covington (DOB 1984), Hartsville
- Vera Durant (DOB 1969), Darlington (highest felony)
- Angela Easterling (DOB 1986), Hartsville
- Kenyetta George (DOB 1989) , Hartsville
- Nadja Hawkins (DOB 1993), Hartsville
- Sandra Larts (DOB 1962), Hartsville
- Remonica Peterson (DOB 1975), Hartsville
- Rashanda Wheeler (DOB 1979) , Hartsville (highest felony)
- Alexander White, Jr. (DOB 1992), Hartsville
- Tyneisha Williams (DOB 1992), Hartsville

Rashanda Wheeler and Vera Durant are charged with the highest felony, and could face 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, each. All others are charged with a lesser felony, and could face 5 years in prison and a \$500 fine, each.

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