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Seguin Businessman Sentenced to Federal Prison and Ordered to Pay over \$274,000 in Fraudulent S.N.A.P. Benefits Scheme

In San Antonio this morning, 67-year-old Nasir Ali, manager/owner of J.R. Food Mart in Seguin, TX, was sentenced to one year in federal prison for defrauding the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Stamp Program announced United States Attorney Richard L. Durbin, Jr.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge David A. Ezra ordered that Ali pay \$274,349.17 restitution and be placed on supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On May 23, 2016, Ali pleaded guilty to four wire fraud counts. By pleading guilty, Ali admitted that from November 2009 until March 2013, he fraudulently traded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for prohibited items and cash. At times, Ali would charge the beneficiaries up to double the amount for cash or for ineligible items including tobacco and alcohol.

This case was investigated by agents with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General together with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and the Seguin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore prosecuted this case by the Government.

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