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Milwaukee County Employee Sentenced for Fraud Scheme

United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced that on January 14, 2021, United States District Court Judge Lynn Adelman sentenced Nicole Doxtator (age: 30) of Milwaukee to two years and one day in prison following her conviction for mail fraud and aggravated identity theft. Doxtator, who committed the offenses in connection with her position as an economic support specialist with Milwaukee County Enrollment Services, pled guilty to the charges on September 24, 2020.

According to the indictment, Doxtator and her co-defendant, Granville Holley, accessed and made changes to the closed files of thirteen former Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients, causing the benefits to be revived. SNAP cards were then mailed, not to the former recipients, but to addresses where Doxtator and Holley would retrieve them. The two used several of the cards to make purchases for themselves. Other were sold for cash.

The scheme, which began in December 2015 and continued through December 2018, resulted in a loss of \$49,432.10 to the federally funded program.

In sentencing the defendants, Adelman noted that the crimes were serious not only because they depleted funds designated for truly needy people, but also because the defendants' conduct undermined public confidence in the program.

"Doxator is heading to federal prison because she exploited her position of trust to steal public funds meant for people in need," said United States Attorney Krueger. "The Department of Agriculture performed excellent work in bringing this case, which stands as a warning to anyone else who would consider stealing public benefits."

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Carol L. Kraft and Kate M. Biebel.

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