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**MISSISSIPPI WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAKING FALSE CLAIM  
FOR USDA SNAP BENEFITS**

Jackson, Miss - Anita McLemore, 45, of Florence, pled guilty in U.S. District Court on July 6, 2011, to making a false claim for benefits under the USDA Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the food stamp program). McLemore filed an application for temporary assistance for needy families and food stamps with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in Rankin County, Mississippi. McLemore stated in her application that no member of her household had been convicted of a drug-related felony that was committed since August 22, 1996. However, at the time the defendant executed this application for food assistance, she had been convicted in the Hinds County Circuit Court for the felony crime of possession of crystal methamphetamine. She therefore received benefits to which she was not entitled.

McLemore will be sentenced on September 15, 2011 and faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and \$250,000 fine.

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