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HARRISBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR UNLAWFULLY EXCHANGING \$1.8 MILLION IN FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR CASH

HARRISBURG—The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that Jimmy Tran, age 41, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 24 months' imprisonment by United States District Court Judge Sylvia H. Rambo for the unauthorized use, acquisition, and possession of benefits of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

According to United States Attorney John C. Gurganus, Tran previously admitted that while owning and operating Asia Market in Harrisburg, he unlawfully provided cash in exchange for SNAP benefits. The scheme ran between January 2017 and August 2020. Tran redeemed \$1,843,534 in improper benefits, and he was ordered to pay restitution in that amount.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlo D. Marchioli prosecuted the case.