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Indictment alleges couple stole more than \$100,000 from the State of Oregon

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of an eight-page indictment that accuses a husband and wife of stealing more than \$100,000 from the Oregon Department of Human Services over a four year period.

Rebecca Riker, 26, is charged with seven counts of unlawfully using a food stamp benefit or food commodity, 11 counts of unlawfully obtaining public assistance, five counts of theft in the first degree, seven counts of unsworn falsification, and five counts of aggravated theft in the first degree.

Dave Riker, 29, is charged with the exact same crimes and two additional counts of unlawfully using a food stamp benefit or food commodity.

According to the indictment, both defendants unlawfully and knowingly obtained, and attempted to obtain food stamp benefits that neither was entitled to receive.

It is alleged the couple also unlawfully obtained public assistance and medical benefits through the Employment-Related Day Care (ERDC) program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

While applying for benefits, it is alleged that both defendants unlawfully and knowingly made multiple false written statements to public servants, according to the indictment.

As a result of the alleged crimes, the State of Oregon paid out more than \$100,000 to the defendants as a result of their unlawful activities, according to the indictment.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Employment-Related Day Care program helps eligible low-income families pay for child care while they are working. ERDC is a subsidy program, meaning eligible families still pay part of the child care cost. The program works with providers and other child care partners across the state to help families find and keep good child care, improve the availability of quality child care in Oregon, and to develop resources for parents and child care providers.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families.

This case is being investigated by the Oregon Department of Human Services and its Fraud Investigations Unit and the Portland Police Bureau's White Collar Crimes Unit. The case is being litigated by Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney JR Ujifusa.

No additional information about the alleged facts of this case can be released at this time.

An indictment is only an allegation of a crime. Both Rebecca Riker and Dave Riker are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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