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# Police raid Grand Rapids gas station

## Marathon station allegedly misused Bridge cards

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (WOOD) - Alleged misuse of federal assistance money had a local gas station surrounded by state and federal law enforcement Tuesday.

Officers closed off entrances to the Marathon station at Kalamazoo and Burton, as they served a search warrant for "misoperation" of Bridge Cards, according to Alan Kimichik, the director of the Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General.

Police arrived around 10 a.m. Kimichik could not give details into the allegations that brought them there, but said the warrant operation followed a several-month joint investigation between DHS, Michigan State Police and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The storeowner said police were investigating allegations he would give people cash for their Bridge Card at a 50 percent pay cut. For example, if the card was worth \$10, he would give them \$5 and pocket the difference from the state. He was trained to do it that way, he said, adding that he has good intentions.

"We don't do anything illegal here," said Henry Bui, the co-storeowner. "I am just saying that stuff we do is legal. OK, I'm trying to help the people to help my business -- that's it."

Said 24 Hour News 8: "But that's against the law."

"I understand that," Bui said.

No charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing.

The department expects to have further developments Wednesday.

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unfortunately, as much as I've complaint to the State of people selling their food stamps and exchanging their cash for beer NOTHING has been done; no wonder we are in a CRISIS!!!.....

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