

Grand Rapids gas station searched by investigators as part of fraud investigation

Authorities have not yet made any arrests.

The store is owned by a man named Henry Bui. WZZM 13 News left messages for him, but he has not returned our calls.

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Marathon Gas Station at the corner of Burton and Kalamazoo in Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS (WZZM) -- The state executed a search warrant Tuesday at a Grand Rapids gas station following a multi-month investigation.

Authorities with the Department of Human Services say the warrant was issued over suspected misuse of the state Food Assistance Program, or Bridge cards.

State officials say the Marathon Gas Station at the corner of Burton and Kalamazoo was allowing people to trade their Bridge cards -- the state-issued debit cards containing food assistance benefits -- for cash.

"It's illegal to buy or sell your food assistance benefits on state and federal levels," says Al Kimichick of the Michigan Department of Human Services. "Food assistance benefits are intended to support needy families with food support."

The state says this case is part of its bigger fraud fighting efforts.

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