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Welfare Fraud Tip Line

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Re: *Welfare Fraud Sting Investigation by DA Investigators Leads to Arrest*

Joyce Dudley issues the following press release:

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at about 11:30 a.m., Investigators from the District Attorneys Office arrested Krystal Wood, age 22, for violating Welfare and Institution Code section 10980(g)(2), a felony, also known as Welfare Fraud. Ms. Wood, a resident of Solvang, is alleged to have misused welfare benefits by attempting to purchase a car with food stamps. She was taken into custody in Buellton and booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail. The investigation occurred over a period of two weeks. She is being held on \$20,000 bail. Ms. Wood will be arraigned on Welfare Fraud charges in Santa Maria on Thursday, November 10, 2011, or a date to be determined in the near future.

The DA's Office encourages anyone who has information about this case or other scams involving welfare benefits to contact the Welfare Fraud Tip-Line at (805) 346-7134.

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