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AURORA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BILKING STATE OF BENEFITS, AGREES TO PAY \$35,000 IN RESTITUTION

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An Aurora woman has pleaded guilty and agreed to repay the state of Illinois after she unlawfully collected benefits by wrongfully claiming that her grandchildren were her dependents.

Jurline Price, 58 (d.o.b. 7-1-1953), of the 2000 block of Fox Pointe Drive, Aurora, on Thursday, June 28, 2012, agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 2½ years' probation and 50 hours community service to be completed within 18 months in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of theft, a Class 2 felony.

In addition, Price must pay restitution to the State of Illinois, as well as fees and fines, in the amount of \$35,427.78.

Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon accepted the plea.

Between Oct. 11, 2003, and Sept. 14, 2007, Price collected medical and food-stamp benefits from the Illinois Department of Human Services. On her application and subsequent reapplications, Price knowingly and inaccurately noted that her two grandchildren were dependents who lived with her, and unlawfully received \$12,097 in food stamps and \$23,330.78 in medical benefits as a result. The children in question were her grandchildren but never resided with her and were never in her care. Without the dependent children, Price was ineligible for any benefits. Also during that time, Price obtained employment but did not report that income to DHS as required. The income would have reduced her benefit amount.

Price was charged after a procedural investigation uncovered her unlawful activity.

Price has been free on \$5,000 bail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Christina Wascher.