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## **Guilty of Welfare Fraud**

A 44 year old Coram woman has been convicted of welfare fraud in the third degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree after a seven day trial in Suffolk County court.

Cecilia A. Jones failed to report to the Suffolk County Department of Social Services the fact that she was working a full time job while accepting \$6, 315 dollars in benefits, including medical assistance, in 2008.

Welfare fraud in the third degree is a class “D” felony punishable by a maximum of two and one-third to seven years imprisonment. Offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree is a class “E” felony punishable by one and one-third to four years’ incarceration. Judge Barbara Kahn will sentence Jones on November 30.

Melissa Eggers of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Economic Crimes Bureau prosecuted the case.

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