

# 7 more indicted on federal food program fraud charges

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Seven more people face indictments in a Tennessee conspiracy to defraud a federally funded food program, prosecutors announced this week

U.S. Attorney Donald Cochran's office said a grand jury indicted the group of Tennessee residents on Oct. 11, and the filing was recently unsealed.

The indictment says the defendants defrauded USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program, claiming to be child care providers and applying through the organization All About Giving Inc.

The federally funded, state-administered program reimburses child care providers for low-income meals.

Facing charges are Alice Dunlap, 62, of Murfreesboro; Adrian Jennings, 23, of Madison; Brian Jennings, 46, of Springfield; Clarissa Jennings, 35, of Springfield; Juanita Mitchell, 61, of Murfreesboro; Nicole Golden, 41, of Hendersonville; and Patsy Mathis, 73, of Knoxville.

All of the defendants except Mitchell are relatives of LaShane Hayes, All About Giving's founder. Earlier this year, Hayes pleaded guilty to wire fraud and conspiracy and admitted stealing more than \$1.5 million in program funds. A judge sentenced her in April to three months in prison.

Prosecutors say the defendants overstated the number of providers and of children who actually received meals, cashed reimbursement checks and gave

Hayes some of the money. The number of providers that All About Giving claimed grew from six to 75, and the organization had received \$2.1 million in program funding as of July 2016.

The indictment says each received \$11,000 to \$41,000 between March 2015 and July 2016.

The seven defendants face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 maximum fine if convicted.