

**Policy Clarification – SNAP
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Subject: Fleeing Felons and SNAP

What is a fleeing felon and are they are eligible for SNAP benefits?

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A fleeing felon is defined as an individual for whom a felony warrant for escape or flight has been issued. The person must have knowledge of the warrant to be considered a fleeing felon and must be given the opportunity to verify that the warrant has been satisfied. If an applicant or recipient meets this definition they are ineligible for SNAP benefits.

NOTE: This provision is not applicable for any month after the person is granted a presidential pardon.

If it is learned during application processing that there is a warrant out for the applicant's arrest, the CAO needs to verify with the applicant whether they had knowledge of the warrant. The applicant is to be given an opportunity to submit documentation that the warrant has been satisfied.

If the CAO learns that a warrant is outstanding against a SNAP recipient, the CAO is to contact the recipient to determine if they had knowledge of the warrant and to give them an opportunity to submit documentation that the warrant has been satisfied. If the SNAP recipient does not verify that the warrant has been satisfied, at that point the CAO will determine them ineligible for SNAP benefits.

This clarification obsoletes PFS 10213-503.