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## **Octomom Facing Additional Welfare Fraud Charge**

The woman known as Octomom was charged today with an additional welfare fraud count after she received nearly \$10,000 in MediCal benefits she wasn't entitled to, the District Attorney's Office announced.

An amended felony complaint was filed against Nadya Suleman, whose real name is Natalie Denise Suleman (dob 7/11/75), with an additional count of aid by misrepresentation. She was previously charged in case BA418806 with one count of aid by misrepresentation and two counts of perjury by false application for aid.

Suleman will face arraignment on the amended complaint during her next court appearance scheduled for March 11 at 9 a.m. in Department 50 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney William Clark with the Public Assistance Fraud Division is prosecuting the case.

Suleman, who gained notoriety by giving birth to octuplets, filed for public assistance in Lancaster in January 2013, according to the complaint. While applying for public aid, the mother of 14 children allegedly failed to disclose that she was also getting checks for personal appearances and residuals from videos.

She allegedly failed to report the extra income she earned between Jan. 1, 2013, and June 30, 2013. With the latest count, the amount of restitution sought from Suleman is now \$26,286.29.

If convicted of all four counts, Suleman faces up to six years, four months in jail.

The case was investigated by the Department of Public Social Services and the California Department of Health Care Services.

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