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### News Release

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#### **TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS**

(McALLEN, Texas) - Israel E. Gonzalez Jr., 35, of Mission, Texas, pleaded guilty on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, to filing fraudulent U.S. Income Tax returns, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno and Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) Special Agent in Charge Rodney E. Clarke announced today. Gonzalez now faces up to three years in federal prison for the conviction.

U.S. District Court Judge Randy Crane, who accepted Gonzalez's guilty plea convicting him of the federal tax offense, has set sentencing for April 21, 2011.

According to allegations in the indictment filed of record in this case, Gonzalez prepared and presented to the IRS 16 U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns for income tax years 2004 through 2006 for clients claiming various false deductions, including various Form 1040 Schedule C deductions such as business depreciation.

At re-arraignment, Gonzalez admitted to the court he submitted a false U.S. Income Tax return for one of his clients on April 1, 2006, in which he falsified a claim of business depreciation in the amount of \$109,550. Gonzalez further admitted he knew that his client was not entitled to such a deduction.

The investigation leading to the charges was conducted by special agents of the IRS-CI.

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