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## **FRAUDULENT TAX PREPARER CONVICTED**

*Montgomery, Alabama* — A federal jury in Montgomery convicted Tommy Jordan, age 55, of Montgomery, of conspiracy to prepare false tax returns and of 26 separate counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false federal income tax returns, United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, announced today.

Evidence presented at trial established that in late 2004, Jordan started a tax preparation business known as Tax Tyme on North Ripley Street, in Montgomery, Alabama. Jordan and co-defendants Tumekia Sanders and Felicia Jordan prepared hundreds of fraudulent federal 2004 income tax returns in an effort to maximize refunds for individuals by manipulating figures that resulted in maximum Earned Income Credit amounts. During the course of the conspiracy, Jordan and his co-defendants would obtain refunds for individuals, some of whom had no employment for 2004, ranging from around \$2,600 to \$4,800 per return. Some of the returns were prepared using personal information obtained by identity theft, including some that used the personal information of people who were actually in prison during all of 2004.

Evidence established that less than a month after the 2004 tax season began, Jordan placed a \$40,000 cash down payment on a piece of real estate, and two weeks later purchased a \$52,000 Infiniti automobile. The evidence presented at trial showed that Tax Tyme obtained over \$3 million in undeserved refunds for individuals who had their tax returns prepared at Tax Tyme.

“The conviction of Tommy Jordan sends a loud message that Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation will vigorously defend against those whose goal is to use the tax filing season as a means to get easy money. Tax return preparers who abuse this service to taxpayers will be identified and prosecuted,” stated Internal Revenue Service Special Agent in Charge Reginael D. McDaniel.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Todd Brown and Brent Woodall.