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MONTGOMERY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD

Montgomery, Alabama — Felicia Shanta Jackson, age 31, pled guilty before United States Magistrate Judge Wallace Capel in U.S. District Court to a two-count felony information, United States Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Both counts charged that Jackson conspired to defraud the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

According to the plea agreement and information, from January 2005 through April 2005, Jackson was employed by Tax Tyme, a tax preparation business in Montgomery, Alabama. Following the instructions of Tax Tyme's owner, Tommy Jordan (who was convicted after a trial earlier this year), Jackson and a second employee caused approximately 22 federal income tax returns to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service that falsely claimed refunds that substantially exceeded the actual refund, if any, that the taxpayer was entitled to. Jordan paid Jackson approximately \$400-450 for each return defendant prepared and filed.

On August 27, 2007, Jackson pled guilty to a one-count felony information relating to her conduct while employed at Tax Tyme. That same day, she was released on a \$25,000 appearance bond.

In January 2008 through April 2008, Jackson again participated with others in the filing of fraudulent claims for federal income tax refunds. The returns were submitted to the IRS under the name Lucky Tax Service. Jackson prepared at least 25 returns that falsely claimed refunds that substantially exceeded the actual refund, if any, that the taxpayer was entitled to. Some of

the returns were prepared for persons who requested that Lucky Tax prepare their returns. Other returns were prepared either by Jackson or by co-conspirators using stolen identities. On these returns, the income on the return would be completely fictitious. The stolen identities belonged to individuals who were incarcerated or were patients at Griel Hospital.

When she is sentenced on June 11, 2009, by Chief United States District Judge Mark E. Fuller, Jackson faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, fines of up to \$500,000, a maximum supervised release term of 3 years, and an order of restitution. Jackson's bail was revoked on October 2, 2008.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The case against Jackson is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew O. Schiff. The case against Tommy Jordan was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Todd A. Brown and Brent Woodall.