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MONTGOMERY MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL TAX FRAUD CHARGES

Montgomery, Alabama - Tommy Jordan, age 56, of Montgomery, was sentenced to 97 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Myron H. Thompson on August 6, 2009, following his January 9, 2009, conviction for conspiring to defraud the United States through the filing of false and fraudulent tax returns, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, and on 26 separate counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false federal income tax returns, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Judge Thompson also ordered Jordan to pay \$93,000 in restitution to the United States.

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, who have both pled guilty to federal tax fraud charges and been sentenced, 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-\$4,800 per return. Jordan's business charged as much as \$1,000 to prepare these fraudulent, but uncomplicated, returns. Some of the returns were completely fictitious as they were prepared using personal information obtained by identity theft, including some returns filed using 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.

In response to these sentences being handed down, IRS Special Agent In Charge Reginael D. McDaniel stated, "This is a significant sentence on a very significant investigation. Let this sentencing send the message that IRS Criminal Investigation in partnership with the United States Attorney's Office will aggressively defend against those who try to defeat our tax system."

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service–Criminal Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Todd A. Brown and W. Brent Woodall.