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PLEASANT HILL MAN ADMITS TO STEALING OVER $90,000 FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that THEODORE BELVIN, aka THEODORE WARE, 74, of Pleasant Hill, Calif., pleaded guilty this morning before United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell Jr. to one count of filing a false claim for a refund with the Internal Revenue Service.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sean C. Flynn, who is prosecuting the case, BELVIN admitted to filing a false claim on his personal tax return filed in 2005, seeking a refund of $10,450. BELVIN, who also operated under the alias Theodore Ware, further admitted in court today that between 1998 and 2005, he filed 14 false refund claims, under two different names and social security numbers, seeking payments from the Internal Revenue Service. Each of the 14 returns included fabricated W-2 forms that reported fictitious tax withholdings from a company called All Pro Services. All Pro Services never existed. BELVIN fraudulently received over $90,000 in tax refunds over a seven-year period.

"As we approach a new tax-filing season, tax preparers should be aware that, along with our criminal investigative partners in the IRS, we will quickly and effectively prosecute those individuals who choose to violate the tax laws of the United States for their personal profit," said United States Attorney Scott.

The charges against BELVIN carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a three-year term of supervised release and a fine of $250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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