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NAPLES TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Ronald St. Facile (age 46, of Naples) today pleaded guilty to five counts of knowingly and wilfully aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of materially false federal income tax returns for five separate taxpayers. The maximum penalty St. Facile faces is three years in federal prison on each count.

St. Facile, whose business, Ron's Tax Accounting and Financial Services, Inc., is located at 5251 Golden Gate Parkway in Naples, was scheduled to commence trial on May 19, 2009, before U.S. District Judge John E. Steele on a 42-count indictment returned on March 26, 2008. The indictment charged St. Facile with knowingly and wilfully aiding and assisting in the preparation of materially false Federal Income Tax returns and amended returns filed on behalf of 17 different taxpayers for tax years 2001 through 2005. According to the indictment and plea agreement, St. Facile prepared returns and amended returns that claimed such false items, among others, as medical expenses, employee business expenses, charitable contributions, and education credits.

This case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Barclift.