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## **BRANDON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO 17 TAX FELONIES**

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Stuart M. Register (age 44, of Brandon) pleaded guilty yesterday to thirteen counts of failure to pay over federal income tax and four counts of filing false income tax returns. Register faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison per count for counts one through thirteen, and three years in federal prison per count for counts fourteen through seventeen.

According to Court documents, from 2003 through 2007, Register owned and operated Criminal Research Bureau Inc., in Brandon, Florida. Register employed individuals and had a duty to withhold and pay over federal employment taxes from those employees. From the first quarter of 2003, through the fourth quarter of 2007, Register withheld federal employment taxes from his employees totaling \$316,220.22, but failed to pay it over to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In addition, for the tax years 2003 to 2006, Register failed to pay personal income tax, filed false Individual Income Tax Returns (Form 1040s) with the IRS, and collected federal income tax refunds to which he was not entitled. The tax loss associated with Register's filing of false tax returns from 2003 through and including 2006 totals \$115,395.75.

Register's failure to pay over taxes he withheld from his employees, together with

his filing of false income tax returns resulting in undue refunds, resulted in a total tax loss to the IRS of \$431,615.97.

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