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Mount Olive CPA Sentenced to Prison for Filing Fraudulent Personal Income Tax Returns

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TRENTON, N.J. – A New Jersey certified public accountant with an office in the Flanders section of Mount Olive Township was sentenced today to a year and a day in prison for his filing of false personal income tax returns, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

The sentence was imposed in Trenton federal court by United States District Judge Mary L. Cooper.

Kevin P. Williamson, 49, of Chester, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in September to Count One of an Information charging him with filing a personal income tax return for calendar year 2002 that failed to report \$156,631 in business income for that year. As part of his guilty plea, Williamson also admitted to filing personal income tax returns that failed to report business income of \$117,953 and \$90,937 for calendar years 2003 and 2004, respectively. The total loss in tax revenue to the government arising from these three years exceeded \$80,000.

At the plea hearing, Williamson admitted that he signed each of his personal income tax returns under the penalty of perjury, and that he knew when he signed them that they contained false statements, specifically, the under-reporting of his business income.

In addition to the term of imprisonment imposed, Judge Cooper sentenced Williamson to one year of supervised release and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine. Additionally, as part of his plea agreement, Williamson agreed to pay to the IRS all taxes and any penalties owed on those returns.

Under the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Judge Cooper considered the appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, as well as other factors. Parole has been abolished in the federal system; defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all the time imposed by the court.

U.S. Attorney Fishman stated: “A prison sentence for filing fraudulent tax returns, imposed on April 15, underscores the importance of the honest reporting of income to the IRS. As a CPA, Williamson had a responsibility to encourage and assist others to file honest and complete returns. Instead, he chose to cheat the government. Our Office will continue, on tax day and every day, to work with the IRS to bring to justice those who try to game the system.”

“Today’s sentencing of Kevin Williamson again emphasizes the Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Attorney’s office will continue their aggressive pursuit of those who attempt to corrupt our Nation’s tax system,” said William P. Offord, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “Honest taxpayers have been reassured today that no one is above the law, especially when the integrity of tax administration is at stake.”

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited Special Agents of the IRS – Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Offord in Newark, New Jersey, with the investigation leading to today’s sentence.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa M. Colone.

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