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## **Darick Holmes Pleads Guilty To Tax Indictment**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Darick Holmes, of Pasadena, California, pleaded guilty today to a multi-count Indictment in which he was charged with causing false income tax returns to be filed in the names of other persons, United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced. The maximum penalty for each count is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, with the exception of a conspiracy count, for which the maximum prison term would be 10 years. The guilty pleas were presented to U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott today. Sentencing will be imposed by U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny on a date to be announced.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana said Holmes pleaded guilty to 15 felony counts of the Indictment, and admitted to supplying more than ten different persons with false information to put on tax returns that were filed with the Internal Revenue Service for the 2003 and 2004 tax years. Mr. Campana said the total amount of refunds falsely claimed on the tax returns, chiefly for the Earned Income Credit, was more than \$70,000, and that Holmes would owe restitution of more than \$53,000 to the IRS. The Indictment was returned April 10, 2008. A co-defendant in the case, Darryle Buckner, pleaded guilty to the Indictment last November and was sentenced to a year and a day in prison on May 19, 2009 by Judge Skretny. Holmes has been released on bail since his arraignment in 2008.

The guilty pleas were the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Patricia J. Haynes.