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# LULING MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TAX VIOLATIONS

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in Austin this morning 57-year-old Jonathan Marshall, Sr., of Luling, Texas, to18 years in federal prison for preparing fraudulent tax returns for clients.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Lee Yeakel ordered that Marshall pay $5,724.19 (cost of prosecution) and that he not prepare or assist in preparing tax returns while in federal prison.

On November 16, 2006, a federal jury convicted Marshall of 40 tax fraud charges. The jury found that from 2000-2005 Marshall placed false dependents and false business income or losses on his clients' tax returns in order to qualify them for larger tax refunds. The majority of his illegal tax scheme involved falsely qualifying his clients for the Earned Income Credit. At sentencing, Judge Yeakel determined that Marshall presented a high risk of recidivism and warranted a longer sentence due to the nature of his behavior.

Marshall was arrested on April 10, 2006, at the time that a search warrant was executed at his residence. He has remained in federal custody ever since.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation agent Brenda Heeney. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Elizabeth Cottingham and Michelle Fernald.

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