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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 5, 2004, **MILO M. SULLO**, age 40, of St. Clair County, Illinois, was sentenced to 24 months incarceration for his convictions for **MAKING A FALSE CLAIM FOR REFUND TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ON A 1999 INCOME TAX RETURN**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287, **FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2000**, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), **FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2001**, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), **AND MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, DURING AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. **MILO M. SULLO** was ordered to serve three (3) years supervised release following his release from prison and was ordered as a condition of his supervised release to cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service in filing all necessary returns, corrected returns and to pay all taxes owed.

The convictions and sentence were as a result of **MILO M. SULLO's** conduct in preparing false W-2 forms which were used in preparing false 1999, 2000 and 2001 federal income tax returns. **MILO M. SULLO** thereby caused false E-file returns to be prepared and submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. **MILO M. SULLO** further admitted that when questioned about his conduct by the Internal Revenue Service during the investigation, he made a materially false statement. Under federal law it is an additional offense to lie to a federal law enforcement officer, and it is subject to additional punishment. "The filing of false returns are serious criminal tax offenses," said James Martin, Special Agent in Charge of the office of IRS Criminal Investigation. "To ensure confidence in our tax system, the IRS has a responsibility to aggressively investigate and pursue individuals who violate the nation's tax laws."

The successful prosecution follows an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.