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Craig Morford, United States Attorney, and Sandi Carter, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, announced that Charlot Aime, also known as Charlemagne Fils-Aime, 21, of Naperville, Illinois and formerly of Detroit, Michigan, was arraigned today on an indictment dated April 7, 2004 charging him with 28 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false and fraudulent federal tax returns.

According to the indictment, during February and March 2002, Mr. Aime prepared 28 tax returns, inflating medical and dental expenses, gifts to charity and job expenses. Mr. Aime claimed over \$400,000 in deductions, knowing that these taxpayers were entitled to substantially less in deductions.

Aiding and assisting in the preparation of false and fraudulent federal tax returns is in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206 (2). Each count of conviction carries a maximum of three years imprisonment and \$100,000 fine. Any indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilty. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Morford commended the special agents of the IRS Criminal Investigation for their work in this investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Susan E. Gillooly is prosecuting the case.