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**LOUISVILLE TAX PREPARER CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENT
TAX PREPARATION SCHEME**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Cleve Daniels, Special Agent In Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, Nashville Field Office, announced that on Monday, March 19, 2007, **ROBERT L. BOOTES**, age 72, of 5412 Wending Court, Louisville, Kentucky, pleaded guilty pursuant to a Plea Agreement in United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky to an Information charging him with 20 counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the false preparation and filing of tax returns.

“When taxes are not collected, we all lose. We will vigorously prosecute all tax cases,” said U.S. Attorney David L. Huber.

In the Plea Agreement **Bootes** admitted that between April 1999 and continuing until April 2002 he willfully prepared and filed fraudulent tax returns on at least 20 different occasions. On the fraudulent tax returns he provided a number of false statements to the Internal Revenue Service, including false charitable donations, medical expenses, and business losses, to generate refunds or to avoid taxes being owed. The total amount of lost taxes to the United States caused by his fraudulent actions was over \$116,000.

“Individuals that prepare tax returns for others have a responsibility to file accurate tax

returns for their clients. The IRS will not tolerate dishonest tax preparers,” stated Cleve Daniels, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation-Nashville Field Office. “Violations of this nature will be aggressively investigated by the IRS.”

The maximum potential penalties for the offenses to which he pleaded guilty are up to 60 years imprisonment, a fine of \$2,000,000, and supervised release for a period of one year.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan R. Calhoun, and it was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division.

The plea was entered before United States District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman, in Louisville, Kentucky. **Bootes** is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on June 18, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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