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FORMER IRS EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD

BOSTON, MA - A former employee of the IRS's Andover Service Center pleaded guilty today in federal court to twelve counts of wire fraud in connection with his theft of more than \$330,000 from Home Depot.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Kevin McGlynn, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the New York Field Office, announced today that ROBERT P. DOOLEY, 47, formerly of 13 Warren Street in Salem, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge William G. Young to defrauding Home Depot over a several year period. While the twelve counts to which DOOLEY pleaded guilty all took place in Massachusetts, he also admitted to perpetrating the scam in Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Texas and Oklahoma.

At today's hearing, DOOLEY admitted that over a three-year period between May 2002 and October 2005, DOOLEY defrauded Home Depot of more than \$330,000 through the use of his IRS identification badge. DOOLEY, who was employed by the IRS as a clerk at the Andover, Massachusetts Service Center in 2001 and 2002, stole items from Home Depot stores and then "returned" them for store credit. DOOLEY used his IRS identification badge to persuade returns clerks to give him store credit even though he had no receipt for the items stolen. DOOLEY then sold or traded the store credit cards at a discounted rate.

DOOLEY is currently serving a state sentence at the Essex County House of Correction, but is expected to be paroled in the near future.

Judge Young scheduled sentencing for July 10, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. DOOLEY faces up to 20 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine on each of the twelve counts.

The case was investigated by the Department of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John T. McNeil in Sullivan's Public Corruption and Special Prosecutions Unit.

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