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OWNER OF AIA ACCOUNTING AND TAX SERVICES FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUDULENT TAX
PREPARATION

Greenbelt, Maryland - Isaac Ahanmisi, age 46, of Hyattsville, Maryland was found guilty yesterday of 19 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of fraudulent tax returns, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the evidence established at trial, Ahanmisi owned and operated a business called Ahanmisi Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a AIA Accounting and Tax Services, and held himself out to the public as a tax return preparer who could aid clients in obtaining rapid refunds. During the period of 1999-2004, Ahanmisi caused numerous false federal individual income tax returns to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Unbeknownst to his clients, Ahanmisi submitted fraudulent deductions on these returns for clients who did not incur the related expenses or provide any information that would have justified the claiming of such deductions and expenses. Ahanmisi prepared false returns claiming, among other things, (1) deductions for gifts to charity that were never made; (2) deductions for expenses associated with unreimbursed employee expenses to which the taxpayer was not entitled; (3) deductions for medical and dental expenses that were never incurred or paid; (4) false rental income credits for expenses that were never incurred or paid; and (5) credits for education for clients who did not incur education-related expenses.

Following the jury's verdict, U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. revoked Ahanmisi's bond and ordered that he be detained pending sentencing.

Ahanmisi faces a maximum sentence of three years in prison on each of 19 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of fraudulent tax returns. Judge Williams scheduled sentencing for August 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation for its investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gina L. Simms and Stacy Dawson Belf, who are prosecuting the case.

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