



The United States Attorney's Office

Eastern District of Kentucky

PRESS RELEASE

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COVINGTON, Ky. —Three Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employees, Mary J. Orr, 45, Linda Hamm, 35, and Vivian L. Bell, 58, were indicted today for computer fraud/abuse.

The Indictments alleges that Orr, of Covington, Ky., Hamm, of Dayton, Ky., and Bell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, used computers to access taxpayer account information without authorization on various occasions from May of 2002 through February of last year.

If convicted, they each face up to one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000 and supervised release for up to one year.

The investigation preceding the Indictment was conducted by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). The Indictment was presented to the grand jury by Assistant United States Attorney Elaine Leonhard.

Amul R. Thapar, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, jointly made the announcement after a federal grand jury in Covington, Ky., returned the Indictment.

Their appearance before the United States District Court has not yet been set by the court in Covington, Ky.

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The indictment of a person by a grand jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.