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SMITHVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR \$3 MILLION IN FRAUDULENT TAX REFUNDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Matt J. Whitworth, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Smithville, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for filing false tax returns that resulted in nearly \$3 million in refunds that he was not entitled to receive.

Gary R. Doss, 52, of Smithville, was charged in a six-count indictment that was returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Mo., on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. That indictment was unsealed and made public today upon **Doss**' arrest and initial court appearance.

Doss has owned and operated several Smithville businesses. Global Air Logistics LLC and Global Purchasing Corp. LLC provided third-party transportation brokerage services. Mark VIII applies ISO quality standards to the health care industry.

The federal indictment charges **Doss** with four counts of filing false tax returns from 2002 to 2005. During that time, **Doss** allegedly created false W-2 forms that included inflated salaries and withholdings for himself from Global Air Logistics and Global Purchasing, which resulted in substantial refunds. **Doss** did not pay the withholdings listed on his W-2 forms during any of those tax years, the indictment says, and was not entitled to any of the refunds he claimed and received.

According to the indictment, the tax loss resulting from **Doss'** fraudulent tax returns totaled \$2,985,214.

The federal indictment also charges **Doss** with two counts of interfering and obstructing with the administration of Internal Revenue laws.

During the investigation of this case, the indictment says, **Doss** provided two Internal Revenue Service employees with correspondence purportedly from the IRS in order to substantiate his claim that an IRS Tax Payer Advocate instructed him to inflate his salary and withholdings. According to the indictment, that correspondence was fraudulent. **Doss** allegedly provided his attorney with another letter to substantiate his claim that he relied on advice from an IRS Tax Payer Advocate when inflating his salary and withholdings. That letter was e-mailed by **Doss**' attorney to an IRS employee. The indictment

alleges that it, too, was fraudulent.

Whitworth cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Pansing Brown. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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