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**PULASKI COUNTY WOMAN FACES 25 COUNTS
OF FILING FALSE INCOME TAX CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS**

LITTLE ROCK – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced Lisa Lynn Kirkpatrick, age 46, a resident of Pulaski County, Arkansas, made her initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. David Young on 25 counts of filing false claims against the United States and one count of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Kirkpatrick was indicted by a federal grand jury in Little Rock on November 2, 2010. A trial date has been set for January 3, 2011, before U.S. District Judge James M. Moody.

According to the indictment, from sometime in 2005 through about July 2009, Kirkpatrick, with her now-deceased husband, prepared and filed approximately 148 false claims for income tax refunds with the IRS. These tax returns were filed in the names of persons who did not intend to file a tax return and in most cases they were not aware of any such returns. The approximately 148 false returns claimed refunds in excess of \$415,000.

The indictment details 25 of the approximately 148 false returns prepared by Kirkpatrick from January 2007 through January 2008. These fraudulent refunds ranged from \$2,671 to \$5,968. The indictment states that these 25 claims are typical and representative of the approximately 148 fraudulent claims filed by Kirkpatrick.

This investigation was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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