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Maryland Man Gets 11-Month Prison Term for Bank Fraud and Conspiring to Cash Altered U.S. Treasury Tax Refund Checks

WASHINGTON - Victor Dimbo, 48, of Upper Marlboro, Md., has been sentenced to an 11-month prison term for scheming to alter and cash U.S. Treasury tax refund checks.

Dimbo pled guilty in September 2010 to one count of conspiracy to utter counterfeit United States Treasury tax refund checks and one count of bank fraud. He was sentenced on February 3, 2011 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by the Honorable Judge Paul L. Friedman. Dimbo is to serve three years of supervised release upon completion of the prison time. He also is required to pay restitution of \$4,512 and is subject to forfeiture of \$110,456.

The sentence was announced by U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., Rebecca A. Sparkman, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington, D.C. Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, Keith A. Fixel, Acting Inspector in Charge, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Washington Division, and Andrew C. Adelman, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service.

According to Dimbo's guilty plea, from at least March 2004, and continuing until December 2007, U.S. Treasury tax refund checks were stolen from the mail. Dimbo and/or his co-conspirators then altered the legitimate tax refund checks by changing the name and address of the payee, and sometimes changed the exact amount of the check. Dimbo and his co-conspirators then negotiated or attempted to negotiate the altered checks at various banks in the District of Columbia and Maryland, including Citibank. As a result of Dimbo's conduct, Citibank sustained actual losses of \$4,512. All told, the actual loss caused by Dimbo and others is at least \$110,456.

"Financial crimes add to the underground economy which threatens the financial health of our communities," stated Special Agent in Charge Sparkman, of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

“We are pleased to work with our law enforcement partners to bring this case to the court and to alert the public to be vigilant about such schemes”

In announcing the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Machen, Special Agent in Charge Sparkman, Acting Inspector in Charge Fixel and Acting Special Agent in Charge Adelman praised the outstanding collaborative efforts of the Postal Inspectors of the Washington Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Special Agents of the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations, and Special Agent David Lively, U.S. Secret Service.

They also commended the efforts of Paralegal Specialist Diane Hayes, Legal Assistants Jamasee Lucas and Sierra Tate. Finally, they commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Lionel Andre, who indicted and prosecuted the case.

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