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## **TAX PREPARER WHO FALSIFIED RETURNS** **SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON**

ATLANTA, GA - TERA NICOLE DIXON, 35, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Beverly B. Martin to federal prison on one count of preparing and filing false tax returns.

IRS Criminal Investigations Special Agent in Charge Reginael McDaniel said, "Knowingly preparing false tax returns is a serious offense, especially under the guise of a tax preparation business. As we approach the 2010 filing season, taxpayers need to be cautious of tax return preparers who promise unexpected large refunds. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

DIXON was sentenced to two years, six months in federal prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$103,523.

According to Acting United States Attorney Yates, the evidence and information in court: Between 2006 and 2008, DIXON, a tax preparer for different services in the Atlanta area, including "Icon Tax Service," "Taxes Done Right," and "NuWay Taxes," filed approximately two dozen tax returns for individuals. The returns claimed deductions for which the taxpayer did not qualify, and many were accompanied by false and fraudulent supporting documents. The false returns also claimed exaggerated withholdings, and about half of the returns contained a false "Schedule C," which reported "losses" for non-existent companies. DIXON pleaded guilty to a Criminal Information on September 10, 2009. A co-defendant in the tax preparation fraud case, TAUYA MUTEKE, is scheduled for trial in early 2010.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Bernita Malloy, represented in court today by Assistant United States Attorney Jamila M. Hall, prosecuted this case.

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