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Minnesota man pleads guilty to filing false claims for more than \$2 million in tax refunds

A Minnesota man pleaded guilty earlier today in federal court in St. Paul for submitting fraudulent tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Robert Mohan Tiwari, appearing before United States District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson, pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false claim for a tax refund. Tiwari was charged on December 27, 2010.

In entering his plea, Tiwari admitted that on June 14, 2010, he filed a U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for himself, claiming a tax refund in the amount of \$906,419, knowing he was not entitled to that money. Moreover, he filed six additional tax returns for tax years 2008 and 2009 under the names of other individuals. Those returns requested a combined refund of approximately \$1.3 million. As a result, Tiwari defrauded the IRS out of more than \$2 million.

For his crime, Tiwari faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Richard Nelson will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the IRS-Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Genrich.

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