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## **Minnesota man sentenced for filing false claims for more than \$2 million in tax refunds**

ST. PAUL – Late yesterday in federal court, a Minnesota man was sentenced for submitting fraudulent tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”). United States District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson sentenced Robert Mohan Tiwari to 20 months in prison on one count of filing a false claim for a tax refund. Tiwari also was ordered to pay approximately \$602,000 in restitution. Tiwari was charged on December 27, 2010, and pleaded guilty on January 18, 2011.

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 over \$2 million. The actual loss to the government was approximately \$602,000.

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

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