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Mississippi Woman Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison for Bribery of a Public Official

Jackson, Miss - Rene Coleman, age 66, of Jackson, MS, was sentenced today in federal court before U.S. District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III to 18 months imprisonment, followed by 2 years of Supervised Release, U.S. Attorney John M. Dowdy, Jr. announced. Coleman previously admitted to paying an I.R.S. employee \$2,100.00 cash in an attempt to have her federal tax liability reduced. The investigation, which was conducted by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Investigations (TIGTA-OIG), began when Coleman, during a routine audit, offered to pay the I.R.S. employee if she reduced the amount of money Coleman owed to the IRS.

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