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**FORMER ORANGE COUNTY TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY
IN FEDERAL INCOME TAX FRAUD CASE**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DOMINICK A. CAPRIA, a tax preparer formerly doing business in Montgomery, Orange County, pleaded guilty today in White Plains federal court to preparing false and fraudulent income tax returns for corrections officers, other law enforcement officials, and other taxpayers. According to the Information filed in White Plains federal court and CAPRIA's guilty plea:

CAPRIA admitted that he had falsely inflated expense and deduction information, and created wholly fictitious expenses and deductions on the individual returns of clients of his tax preparation firm. These fictitious expenses and deductions -- which related to items such as job-related and miscellaneous expenses, meals and entertainment, and charitable contributions -- fraudulently reduced the tax liability of CAPRIA's clients.

In the course of the scheme, clients of CAPRIA who filed these fraudulent returns with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") received over \$60,000 in income tax refunds to which they were not lawfully entitled.

On the charge to which he pleaded, CAPRIA - 70, of Montgomery, New York - faces a maximum sentence of three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense. CAPRIA pleaded guilty before United States Magistrate Judge GEORGE YANTHIS, and is scheduled to be

sentenced before United States District Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT on July 17, 2007.

Mr. GARCIA thanked the New York Office of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division for their work in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney NOLA B. HELLER is in charge of the prosecution.

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