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FOUR ARRESTED IN BRONX IDENTITY THEFT RING

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, BRIAN G. PARR, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the United States Secret Service ("USSS"), and RONALD J. VERROCHIO, the Inspector-in-Charge of the New York Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") announced today the arrest of four individuals on charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft. The four defendants are expected to be presented in Manhattan federal court today. According to the criminal Complaint unsealed earlier today:

KWAME GYABAAH, SONIA DOSOO, DAVID DOSOO, and FELIX NKANSAH participated in an identity theft ring whose purpose was to file, via the Internet, fraudulent tax returns in the names of unwitting taxpayers and other individuals. The defendants sought federal and state tax refunds that would be deposited into various bank accounts in the Bronx, in the defendants' own names and in the names of dummy enterprises created by the defendants. To file these phoney returns the defendants used personal taxpayer information, such as social security numbers and dates of birth, belonging to other people. Moreover, a significant number of the individual victims of the scheme were developmentally-challenged individuals living in New York City under the care of the Federation Employment and Guidance Service, Inc., who in fact had no taxable income of any kind during the tax years in question.

During the execution of search warrants today, law enforcement agents seized bank records, computers, and documents containing personal identity information for thousands of individuals.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of the USSS and the USPIIS and stated that the investigation is ongoing. Mr. GARCIA also extended his thanks to the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, the Special Investigations Unit of the New York State Police, and the New York Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney TELEMACHUS P. KASULIS is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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