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**BRONX TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY TO PREPARING
FALSE INCOME TAX RETURNS**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PATRICIA J. HAYNES, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division ("IRS"), announced that ALEXANDER N. TAJONG pleaded guilty today to twenty counts of preparing false income tax returns for clients of his Bronx, New York, tax preparation business.

According to the Indictment to which TAJONG pleaded guilty and statements made by TAJONG during his guilty plea before United States District Judge DENISE L. COTE:

From 2002 through 2004, TAJONG, knowingly included false credits and deductions on numerous tax returns he prepared for clients of his tax preparation business, Tajong Accounting and Tax Services. The false credits and deductions -- including, for example, false charitable contributions and false employment or business-related expenses -- led to refunds that his clients were not entitled to. At the same time that TAJONG was preparing these false tax returns, he was also employed as Assistant Director of Revenue Billing and Grants Management in the Division of Financial Operations for the Board of Education for the City of New York.

TAJONG, 63, of Rockland County, New York, pleaded guilty to 20 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns. He faces up to 60 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000, or twice the pecuniary gain or loss resulting from the crime. TAJONG is scheduled to be sentenced on December 11, 2009 by Judge COTE.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the IRS and thanked them for their assistance in this case.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's General Crimes Unit. Assistant United States Attorney DANIEL CHUNG is in charge of the prosecution.

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