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## **ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH AIDING IN THE PREPARATION OF FALSE TAX RETURNS**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jorge Laurido, 53, of Rochester, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with aiding in the preparation of false federal income tax returns. The charges carry a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a fine of \$100,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that according to the Complaint, the defendant prepared and filed false income tax returns for tax filers in Rochester. As a tax preparer, Laurido was assigned an Electronic Filing Identification Number allowing him to file clients income tax returns directly with the Internal Revenue Service. Specifically, the Complaint charges the defendant with preparing and filing an income tax return for an individual for the 2010 tax year, which contained materially false information regarding the tax filer's self-employment income.

The Criminal Complaint is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Toni Weirauch of the New York Field Division.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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