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COLUMBUS MAN ARRESTED FOR TAX CRIMES HAS BEEN A FUGITIVE SINCE 2006

COLUMBUS – A federal indictment charging Abimbola Adeyemo, 46, of Columbus with 50 counts of preparing fraudulent federal income tax returns has been unsealed following his arrest at JFK Airport in New York. The indictment was returned on March 9, 2006 but Adeyemo fled before it was returned.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Jose Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office (IRS), and Cathy Jones, U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio announced the indictment and arrest today.

Customs and Border Patrol agents arrested Adeyemo yesterday based on an arrest warrant from the U.S. Marshals Service. He was arrested as he passed through Customs' screening upon his arrival in the U.S. on a flight from Nigeria. Adeyemo will appear before a federal judge in New York, then additional court proceedings will be scheduled for him in Columbus.

The indictment alleges that Adeyemo prepared 50 fraudulent income tax returns on behalf of others between February 2003 and March 2005. The income tax returns contained fraudulent information including the filing status, IRA deduction, moving expense deduction, tuition and fees deduction, Schedule C business losses and education expense credits.

Each count of making false statements on an income tax return is punishable by up to three years imprisonment.

Stewart commended the alert actions by the Customs and Border Patrol agents who arrested Adeyemo, the investigation by the IRS agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Brown, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants should be presumed innocent unless convicted in court.

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