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TAX PREPARER SENTENCED FOR PREPARING FALSE RETURNS

PHILADELPHIA - Leonard Destine, 35, of Lancaster, PA, was sentenced today to three years in prison for willfully aiding and assisting other people in preparing false federal income tax returns which were filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Destine owned Intellitax Pro, a tax preparation service located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The false tax returns sought refunds in excess of \$60,000 and included fraudulent filing statuses, charitable deductions, medical and dental deductions, and un-reimbursed employee expenses for individuals who were not entitled to take those deductions.

Destine pleaded guilty on June 23, 2011 to all 31 counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation of the false tax returns.

In addition to the prison term, Judge James Knoll Gardner ordered Destine to pay restitution in the amount of \$25,569, ordered one year of supervised release, and ordered Destine to report to prison December 30, 2011.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Melanie B. Wilmoth and Bea Witzleben.

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