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**GROUP OF SIX CHARGED IN FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVING
STOLEN IDENTITIES OF CHILDREN**

PHILADELPHIA - An indictment was unsealed today charging six people in an identity theft and tax fraud scheme in which the identities of disabled children and foster care children were stolen, announced U.S. Attorney Zane David Memeger and IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent-in-Charge Akeia Conner. The indictment charges Ahmed Kamara, 38, and Ibrahim Kamara, 48, both of Yeadon, PA, Musa Turay, 41, and Foday Mansaray, 38, both of Darby, PA, Gebah Kamara, 46, of Sharon Hill, PA, and Dauda Koroma, 43, of Philadelphia, PA, with conspiracy, aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, and filing false individual income tax returns. Four of the defendants were arrested this morning.

Defendants Ahmed Kamara, Musa Turay, Ibrahim Kamara, Dauda Koroma, and Foday Mansaray worked as tax preparers at Medmans Financial Services, a tax preparation business located in South West Philadelphia. According to the indictment, Ahmed Kamara, Musa Turay, Ibrahim Kamara, Dauda Koroma, and Foday Mansaray defrauded the Internal Revenue Service by repeatedly falsifying information on tax returns. The indictment alleges that Gebah Kamara, then a social worker at Catholic Social Services, sold the defendant tax preparers the names and Social Security numbers of foster children for the purpose of creating fraudulent dependents on client tax returns. By including the false dependents, the tax preparers falsely claimed a number of credits and exemptions for their clients, which generated large fraudulent refunds, some in excess of \$9,000. The tax preparer defendants charged clients up to \$800 to fraudulently add a dependent on their income tax return.

If convicted, each of the defendants faces a mandatory two year prison term for aggravated identity theft consecutive to the following maximum possible sentences:

Ahmed Kamara - 55 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.75 million fine, and a \$1,300 special assessment; Musa Turay - 61 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.95 million fine, and a \$1,500 special assessment; Gebah Kamara - 43 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.35 million fine, and a \$900 special assessment; Ibrahim Kamara - 52 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.65 million fine, and a \$1,200 special assessment; Dauda Koroma - 52 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.65 million fine, and a \$1,200 special assessment; Foday Mansaray - 43 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$1.35 million fine, and a \$900 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, the City of Philadelphia Office of Inspector General, and the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen M. Klotz.

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