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## **Dumfries Tax Return Preparer Pleads Guilty to Fraud**

(Alexandria, VA) – Robert T Colling, age 50, of Dumfries, Virginia, pled guilty today to one count of preparing fraudulent income tax returns. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Charles Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, made the announcement after United States District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee accepted Colling's guilty plea.

According to court documents, Colling operated RMCi Tax Service, located in Dale City, Virginia. From 2000 through 2003, Colling prepared false federal income tax returns for his clients resulting in substantially greater refunds to which they were not entitled. The fraudulent tax returns contained false or inflated itemized deductions such as charitable contributions and employee business expenses. Colling admitted to preparing fraudulent income tax returns for eight clients.

Charles Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation's Alexandria Field Office said, "Individuals that prepare tax returns for others have a responsibility to file accurate tax returns for their clients."

Colling faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, full restitution, and one year of supervised release, when sentenced on July 13, 2007.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Timothy D. Belevetz and Special Assistant United States Attorney James T. Strawley prosecuted the case for the United States.

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