

The United States Attorney's Office

## Southern District of Florida

### Press Release

#### **SOUTH FLORIDA WOMAN CHARGED FOR PREPARING FRAUDULENT INCOME TAX RETURNS**

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##### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Betty N. Stewart, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division announced the arrest and indictment on January 12, 2009, of defendant **Tamara Voltaire**, a/k/a/ Tamara Jeune, age 34, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, on thirty counts of assisting and advising in the preparation and presentation of fraudulent income tax returns to the IRS, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2). Voltaire made her initial appearance in federal court yesterday and was released on bond.

The Indictment alleges that Voltaire prepared and caused to be submitted United States Individual Tax Returns claiming tax refunds on behalf of various taxpayers, knowing that these returns contained materially false information. Specifically, Voltaire knew that the tax returns represented wage withholding amounts which were false resulting in a tax loss. The Indictment further alleges that Voltaire prepared and filed these calendar year 2004 tax returns, in Miami-Dade and St. Lucie Counties. Voltaire's tax fraud scheme resulted in fraudulent tax refund claims of over \$ 125,000.

If convicted, the maximum statutory term of imprisonment is 3 years as to each of the preparation and presentation of fraudulent income tax return counts.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. This case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Cristina Perez Soto of the Miami Office.

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