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## **TAX PREPARER INDICTED FOR AIDING IN THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – John F. Wood, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., tax preparer has been indicted by a federal grand jury for aiding his clients in the preparation and filing of fraudulent tax returns.

**Etienne E. Mathurin**, 43, of Kansas City, was charged in a 31-count indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009. That indictment was unsealed and made public today upon **Mathurin's** arrest and initial court appearance.

**Mathurin** is the owner of Caribbean Tax & Transfer Service, 3622 Independence Ave., Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that from Feb. 16, 2004, to Feb. 26, 2007, **Mathurin** assisted in the preparation and filing of 31 fraudulent individual tax returns for 18 clients that claimed deductions the clients were not entitled to receive. According to the indictment, the total tax loss resulting from these fraudulent returns was \$113,386.

**Mathurin** allegedly prepared federal income tax returns for clients that contained false claims of head of household status, dependent children, fuel tax credit, educational expenses, student loan interest, alimony expenses, investment expenses, un-reimbursed employee expenses, theft and moving expenses. In addition, **Mathurin** allegedly prepared federal income tax returns for clients that included fictitious or inflated medical and dental expenses, charitable contributions and gambling losses.

Wood cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Roseann A. Ketchmark. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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