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MAULDIN TAX PREPARERS FACE FEDERAL CHARGES

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F. McDonald stated today that Nadine F. Pinto, age 38, John S. Wofford, age 42, and Taurik David Griffin, age 32, all of Mauldin, South Carolina, were charged in 28-count Indictment with assisting in the preparation of fraudulent tax returns, a violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2). Authorities allege that the trio, while working at G&W Taxes, LLC, in Mauldin, created false entries in tax returns they prepared for certain clients, so as to qualify the clients for tax refunds.

The maximum penalty Pinto, Wofford, and Griffin could receive is a fine of \$100,000.00 and imprisonment for three years.

Mr. McDonald stated that the case was investigated by agents of the

Internal Revenue Service and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney William J. Watkins, Jr., of the Greenville office for prosecution.

The Acting United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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