

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	No. _____
)	
Plaintiff,	)	COUNTS ONE through FIFTEEN
	)	18 U.S.C. § 287
v.	)	(False, Fictitious, and Fraudulent Claims)
)	
BYRON K. MEEKS,	)	As to Each Count:
[DOB: 06/16/1979],	)	NMT Five Years Imprisonment
	)	NMT \$250,000 Fine
Defendant.	)	NMT Three Years Supervised Release
	)	Class D Felony
)	
	)	\$100 Special Assessment
	)	Order of Restitution

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

Introduction and Background

1. Defendant **Byron K. Meeks** used two email accounts which he used to electronically transmit tax returns: BMEEKS2000@yahoo.com and marqueerestaurant@att.net. **Meeks** lived at 415 Tennessee Avenue, Independence, Missouri, and had an office at 6320 Brookside Plaza, Apt. 144, Kansas City, Missouri. **Meeks** had full or part ownership of The Dutch Oven Coffee Shop, Marquee Hospitality Group, Red Fish Grill, and McReston Meat Supply and Bakery.

The Scheme and Artifice

2. **Meeks** prepared federal income tax returns for himself, friends, and family containing materially false and fraudulent claims of: federal withholding from Forms W-2 and Forms

1099; Schedule C business profit and loss; and first-time home buyer tax credit. The false claims were designed by the defendant to cause refunds to be issued to the filer to which the filer was not entitled.

3. **Meeks** prepared and submitted at least fifteen false and fraudulent income tax returns, falsely claiming total refunds of \$688,007 which resulted in an actual tax loss of approximately \$439,926. **Meeks** directed that the refunds be directly deposited into bank accounts controlled by him. In some instances, **Meeks** gave a portion of the refund to the person under whose name he filed the return; in other instances, **Meeks** kept the entire refund.

Counts One - Fifteen

4. On or about the dates listed below, at Kansas City, in the Western District of Missouri, defendant **Byron Meeks** made and presented to the United States Treasury Department claims against the United States for payment of refunds of taxes in the names and amounts below, which he then and there knew to be materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent. **Byron Meeks** made the claims by preparing U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Form 1040, which were presented to the United States Treasury Department, through the Internal Revenue Service, with each return constituting a separate count of this Indictment:

COUNT	DATE OF FILING	NAME-TAX YEAR	MATERIAL FALSE MATTERS	FALSE REFUND CLAIMED
1	1/12/08	Byron Meeks -2007	Fraudulently claimed Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$14,501.40 and \$1,460.85.	\$ 15,962
2	1/16/09	Byron Meeks -2008	Fraudulently claimed Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$156,620.	\$156,316

COUNT	DATE OF FILING	NAME-TAX YEAR	MATERIAL FALSE MATTERS	FALSE REFUND CLAIMED
3	3/4/08	Priscilla Lora - 2007	Fraudulently claimed: Form W-2 wages in the amount of \$12,389; Schedule C business profit; Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$13,412; and W-2 withholding in the amount of \$4,412.	\$ 15,226
4	1/16/09	Priscilla Lora - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule C business profit and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$211,152.	\$ 182,759
5	2/26/08	Rodney Collier - 2007	Fraudulently claimed: Form W-2 wages in the amount of \$10,215; Schedule C business loss; Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$12,718; and W-2 withholding in the amount of \$3,150.	\$ 15,868
6	1/16/09	Rodney Collier - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule A itemized deductions in the amount of \$7,003; Schedule C business profit in the amount of \$22,605; and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$37,931.	\$ 33,809
7	2/28/08	Debra Lora - 2007	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule C business profit in the amount of \$8,700; Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$8,612; and W-2 withholding in the amount of \$1,765.	\$ 12,384
8	1/16/09	Debra Lora - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule C-EZ business profit in the amount of \$25,305 and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$13,926.	\$ 16,135
9	2/29/08	Ali Jose Balza - 2007	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule C business profit in the amount of \$18,945 and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$28,633.	\$ 22,879
10	1/20/09	Ali Jose Balza - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Schedule A itemized deductions in the amount of \$25,097 for Missouri state taxes; Schedule C business profit in the amount of \$54,607; and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$172,217.	\$ 159,883

COUNT	DATE OF FILING	NAME-TAX YEAR	MATERIAL FALSE MATTERS	FALSE REFUND CLAIMED
11	3/9/09	Jacob Meeks - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Form W-2 wages in the amount of \$28,978; First-time home buyer credit; and Form W-2 withholding in the amount of \$9,374.	\$ 14,939
12	3/31/09	Gerri Collier - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: Form W-2 wages in the amount of \$28,814; First-time home buyer credit; and Form W-2 withholding in the amount of \$9,858.	\$ 15,378
13	2/19/08	Brenda Ross - 2007	Fraudulently claimed Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$5,549.	\$ 5,549
14	3/2/09	Larcenia & Connie Owens - 2008	Fraudulently claimed First-time home buyer credit.	\$ 7,500
15	4/6/09	Phillip & Christina Owens - 2008	Fraudulently claimed: First-time home buyer credit and Form 1099 withholding in the amount of \$8,120.	\$ 13,420
TOTAL				\$ 688,007

All in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 287.

A TRUE BILL.

/s/ Constance E. Durrell
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

/s/ Kathleen D. Mahoney
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Dated: 7/20/10
Kansas City, Missouri