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**TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT  
TO TAX FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVING OVER \$7 MILLION IN BOGUS  
DEDUCTIONS**

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that MARK GOLDBERG, a Bronx-based tax preparer, pled guilty today in Manhattan federal court to charges related to his participation in a scheme to file fraudulent tax returns on behalf of numerous clients, falsely claiming more than \$7 million in bogus deductions, including school tuition credits and expenses. GOLDBERG pled guilty before Chief U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said: "Mark Goldberg's fraudulent tax return preparation business spanned neighborhoods and family lines, as he manufactured bogus deductions – including false school tuition credits and expenses – for hundreds of clients throughout the Bronx, including for his relatives and himself. Tax fraud, particularly when it exploits credit and refund programs that are supposed to provide important benefits to those truly entitled to them, threatens the integrity of our tax system and victimizes all law-abiding taxpayers. We will continue to be aggressive in rooting out such fraud."

According to the Indictment, statements made during the plea proceedings, and other documents filed in Manhattan federal court:

GOLDBERG ran a tax preparation and multi-service business named E&M Multi-Services, Inc. ("E&M") out of a storefront building in the Bronx. Through that business, he prepared, and oversaw the preparation of, hundreds of federal and New York State tax returns that claimed false deductions, expenses, and credits, including tuition credits and expenses, unreimbursed employee business expenses, medical and dental expenses, charitable gifts, and earned income tax credits.

Between 2005 and 2012, GOLDBERG caused the preparation and filing of tax returns for his clients that included over \$7,000,000 of fabricated and fraudulently-inflated deductions, resulting in the payment of refunds to which his clients were not lawfully entitled.

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GOLDBERG, 40, of Bronx, New York, pled guilty to one count of subscribing to a false and fraudulent tax return for himself, one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return for a relative, and one count of wire fraud. He faces a maximum sentence of 26

years in prison, and is scheduled to be sentenced by Chief Judge Preska on December 17, 2013 at 10 a.m. In addition, GOLDBERG agreed as part of his guilty plea not to contest the forfeiture by the Internal Revenue Service of over \$500,000 in an account maintained by GOLDBERG in the name of E&M, representing the fees generated by GOLBERG as part of his tax fraud scheme.

Mr. Bharara praised the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Mr. Bharara also thanked the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division and the Bronx District Attorney's Office for their assistance.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's Complex Frauds Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Stanley J. Okula, Jr. and Paul Monteleone, and Special Assistant United States Attorneys Jorge Almonte (of the Tax Division) and Graham Van Epps (of the Bronx D.A.'s Office) are in charge of the prosecution.

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