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Two More Defendants Sentenced In Stolen Identity Tax Refund Scheme Resulting In Millions Of Dollars In Fraudulent Activity

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Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Ronald A. Cimino of the Justice Department's Tax Division, Donnell Young, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), George L. Piro, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, and Paula Reid, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service (USSS), Miami Field Office, announce that defendants **Herve Wilmore Jr.**, 29, of Aventura, and **Delvin Jean Baptiste, a/k/a "Doo Doo,"** 29, of Miramar, were sentenced today before U.S. District Judge Robert N. Scola for their participation in a stolen identity tax refund scheme resulting in millions of dollars in fraudulent activity. Wilmore was sentenced to 240 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Baptiste was sentenced to 121 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release.

On March 5, 2014, both defendants were convicted by a federal jury in Miami of one count of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, two counts of wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2, and two counts of aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1) and 2.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, the defendants conspired to unjustly enrich themselves by recruiting knowing co-conspirators and unknowing victims to put businesses, bank accounts and Electronic Filing Identification Numbers (EFINs) in their names, through which fraudulent transactions would be conducted. To accomplish this, the defendants used the personal identification information of individuals, many deceased, to prepare and file false and fraudulent income tax returns with the IRS. The defendants would obtain possession of fraudulently obtained refunds in the form of United States Treasury and Refund Anticipation Loan checks diverted to addresses or into bank accounts that they caused to be created and controlled. The defendants would then negotiate the fraudulently obtained federal income tax refunds within each other's businesses, and elsewhere, to avoid being detected.

According to evidence at trial and court documents, Wilmore, Baptiste and their co-conspirators caused the filing of approximately \$35 million in fraudulent federal income tax returns of which the IRS paid out approximately \$14 million. Wilmore was the president of Worldwide Income Tax Multiservices while Baptiste was the president of Royal Tax Multiservices, both tax preparation services located in Miami.

Each of the following co-defendants previously pled guilty to one count of conspiring to defraud the government, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, and one count of aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1):

- **Dukens Eleazard, a/k/a "DK,"** 33, of Pembroke Pines, was sentenced on April 29, 2014 to 60 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$6,679,036.78 in restitution.
- **Henry Dorvil, a/k/a "D,"** 35, of Hollywood, was sentenced on April 17, 2014 to 54 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$2,537,417 in restitution.

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- **Corey Williams**, 30, of Miami Gardens, was sentenced on May 21, 2014 to 40 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$2,089,411 in restitution.
- **Ronald Gustave**, 36, of Miami, was sentenced on April 17, 2014 to 36 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$544,054 in restitution.
- **Luckner St Fleur**, a/k/a “Nene,” 44, of Miami, was sentenced on May 9, 2014 to 30 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$1,376,472 in restitution.
- **Brandon Johnson**, 29, of Miami Gardens, was sentenced on April 22, 2014 to 30 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$74,050 in restitution.
- **Marie Eleazard**, a/k/a “Fanfan,” 32, of Miami, was sentenced on April 9, 2014 to 25 months in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$1,880,317.94 in restitution.
- **Jesse Lamar Harrell**, 26, of Miramar, was sentenced on May 9, 2014 to 15 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$589,675.93 in restitution.
- **Ruth Cartwright**, a/k/a “Princess,” 30, formerly of Plantation, is scheduled to be sentenced on September 26, 2014.

Co-defendant **Marc Leroy Saint Juste**, 47, of Tamarac, previously pled guilty to one count of conspiring to defraud the government, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. He was sentenced to two months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release.

Co-defendant **John Similien**, 24, of Plantation, pled guilty on the third day of the eight day trial to making a false statement, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2), and was sentenced to time served.

The indictment was dismissed against **Miguel Patterson**, 35, of Miami.

Mr. Ferrer and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Cimino commended the investigative efforts of the IRS-CI, FBI, USSS, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI). The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Neil Karadbil and Tax Division Trial Attorney Greg Tortella.

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