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BRANDON MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN TAX CASE

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that the United States District Judge James S. Moody, Jr. sentenced Stuart M. Register (44, Brandon) to 27 months in federal prison. On February 16, 2011, Register pleaded guilty to thirteen counts of failure to pay over federal income tax and four counts of filing false income tax returns.

According to court documents, from 2003 through 2007, Register owned and operated Criminal Research Bureau Inc., in Brandon, Florida. He employed individuals and had a duty to withhold and pay over federal employment taxes from those employees to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). From the first quarter of 2003, through the fourth quarter of 2007, Register withheld federal employment taxes from his employees totaling \$316,220.22, but failed to pay it over to the IRS. In addition, for the tax years 2003 to 2006, Register failed to pay personal income tax, filed false individual income tax returns (Form 1040s) with the IRS, and collected federal income tax refunds to which he was not entitled. Register's failure to pay over taxes he withheld from his employees, together with his filing of false income tax returns resulting in undue refunds, resulted in a total tax loss to the IRS of \$345,612.87.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mandy Riedel.