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## **LEE COUNTY TAX PREPARERS INDICTED**

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces the indictments today of two Lee County, Florida, tax preparers, Alicia Griffin (40) and Jennifer Repress (36), charging them with preparing false and fraudulent Income Tax Returns. Griffin is charged with 10 counts and Repress with 7 counts for the willful aid and assistance in preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service of United States individual income tax returns that were believed to be false and fraudulent. If convicted, Griffin and Repress each face a maximum penalty of 3 years in federal prison for each count.

According to the indictments, Griffin and Repress were the operators of United Investments and Tax Services, located in downtown Fort Myers. They allegedly prepared false tax returns, in that the returns contained false net loss from a business and other fraudulent tax deductions and items, in numerous tax filings over 2007 and 2008.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy.