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### **SAN DIEGO MAN WHO STOLE IDENTITIES OF DECEASED CHILDREN CHARGED WITH PASSPORT FRAUD**

**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - April 18, 2013

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Lloyd Irvin Taylor was arraigned in federal court today on an indictment charging him with three counts of making false statements on passport applications.

According to the indictment, Taylor made a host of false statements on each passport application, including: his true name, place of birth, date of birth, social security number, father's name, father's birthplace, father's birth date, mother's maiden name, mother's birthplace, mother's birth date, and applicant's signature. This false information was derived from over a half dozen identities that Taylor stole from other people. These stolen identities included children who died in the early 1950's.

During Taylor's bond hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter J. Mazza informed Magistrate Judge Barbara L. Major that Taylor had traveled extensively on the fraudulent passports at issue in the present case. Among other things, Mazza told the Magistrate Judge that Taylor maintained nearly two dozen bank accounts in the names of his various aliases. In addition, Mazza discussed how Taylor also maintained bank accounts in the names of purported religious entities with either himself or one of his aliases as the signatory on the church accounts. Finally, he added that the government had recently seized approximately \$1.8 million in gold.

In ordering Taylor detained without bond, Magistrate Judge Major noted the numerous different stolen identities from deceased children, the number of bank accounts under various names, and the defendant's considerable assets. The Magistrate Judge concluded that Taylor was a flight risk.

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy praised the work of investigators who diligently pieced together Taylor's criminal activities. "Our office remains committed to protecting the sensitive personal information of our citizens. As today's indictment makes clear, stolen identity information can be misused in a variety of ways, including to do things like obtain fraudulent passports, which is a matter of national security."

"Identity theft is a serious crime, whether committed electronically or by deliberately provided false information," said Gregory Meyer, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service in San Diego. "Through the San Diego Regional Fraud Task Force, the Secret Service and its partners combine the resources of local, state and federal agencies with the private sector to combat a wide range of financial and identity crimes. The success of this investigation is an example of how well our partnerships work."

"The success of this investigation and enforcement operation demonstrates that the Department of State and the Diplomatic Security Service are committed to protecting the integrity of U.S. passports and visas, the most sought after travel documents in the world," said Gregory B. Starr, Director of the Diplomatic Security Service.

The defendant is due next in court on May 20, 2013, before Judge Michael M. Anello for a motion hearing.

**DEFENDANT**      **Criminal Case No. 13CR1390-MMA**

Lloyd Taylor

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Counts 1-3:            Title 18, United States Code, Section 1542 – Making a False Statement on a United States Passport Application. Maximum penalties (per count): 10 years custody; \$250,000 fine; \$100 Special Assessment; 3 year supervised release.

**INVESTIGATING AGENCIES:**

San Diego Regional Fraud Task Force:

- United States Secret Service
- San Diego Police Department
- San Diego District Attorney's Office

Internal Revenue Service

United States Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security

**An indictment or a complaint is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**