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MONROE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD

Scheme involved false W-2 forms to generate refunds

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **DEBORAH KAYE WILSON**, age 47, of Monroe, Louisiana, entered a guilty plea to filing false tax returns. The guilty plea was entered before U.S. District Judge Robert G. James in United States District Court in Monroe. The sentencing has been scheduled for September 6, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

An indictment was returned in November 2005 charging WILSON with filing false or fraudulent income tax returns for tax years 2000, 2001, and 2002. Testimony at today's hearing established that WILSON participated in a scheme wherein she created false W-2s which were in turn used to create false tax returns claiming refunds for individuals whom she filed tax returns. WILSON prepared 9 tax returns for 3 different individuals for the 2000 through 2002 tax years. Each of the returns was filed electronically. The loss to the government was over \$42,000.

WILSON faces a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on each count.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sonia P. Cassidy.

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