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ELMIRA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jennifer T. Ford, formerly of Elmira, N.Y., pleaded guilty to conspiracy and filing false income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service before U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that in 2005 and 2006, the defendant and her sister, Dawn White, filed several false income tax returns with the IRS and the State of New York. Specifically, the tax returns contained false wage and tax withholding information that resulted in refunds to which Ford was not entitled. For example, for the 2005 tax year, Ford submitted a return claiming she had earned income from General Revenue Corporation in the amount of \$92,000 and had \$39,000 in federal taxes withheld. In actuality, the defendant earned only \$2,692 from General Revenue Corporation and had only \$294 in taxes withheld. As a result of the false return, Ford received \$21,022 refund. In total, 13 false tax returns were filed, resulting in a loss of approximately \$100,000 to the IRS.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Charles R. Pine.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 27, 2012 before Judge Siragusa. A trial in connection with the charges against Dawn White is scheduled to begin on March 2, 2012.

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