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## **ROCHESTER TAX PREPARER INDICTED FOR PREPARATION OF FALSE TAX RETURNS**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury in Rochester has returned a 49-count indictment charging Jorge O. Laurido, 53, of Rochester, N.Y., with preparing and aiding in the preparation of false tax returns. Each count carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a fine of \$100,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant was assigned an Electronic Filing Identification Number allowing him to file income tax returns for clients directly with the Internal Revenue Service. The indictment charges the defendant with filing 49 tax returns for 21 individuals in tax years 2006 through 2010, each of which falsely reported the taxpayer's self-employment income, dependents and/or itemized deductions.

Laurido was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Marian W. Payson this afternoon. He entered a not guilty plea on all counts.

The indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent In Charge Toni Weirauch.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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