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## **ROCHESTER WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF FALSE TAX RETURNS**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Shakeria Wilson, 24, of Rochester, New York pleaded guilty to aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns before the U.S. District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa. The charge carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that in 2010, Wilson prepared false and fictitious W-2s claiming that individuals worked for certain companies, made certain salaries and had federal tax withholdings when in fact, the individuals did not work for the companies and were not entitled to claim the refunds. In exchange, the defendant was to receive a portion of the tax refunds. In total, Wilson admitted to aiding and assisting in the preparation of nine false federal income tax returns.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of special agents of the Internal Revenue Service under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Charles R. Pine.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 1 at 2:30pm before Judge Siragusa.

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