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GUILTY PLEA IN OBSTRUCTING AND IMPEDING THE IRS CASE

COLUMBUS, OHIO – David Aaron Woodard, 75, formerly of Plain City, Ohio, pleaded guilty to one count of corruptly endeavoring to obstruct and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Woodard faces a maximum of three years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office, announced the guilty entered before U.S. Magistrate Judge Norah McCann King.

According to court documents, Woodard prepared and filed a fraudulent 2008 income tax return with the IRS, claiming a false income tax refund. Woodard claimed \$906,041 in fraudulent 1099-Original Issue Discount (OID) Interest Income on his 2008 income tax return, which resulted in a total tax amount of \$298,928. Additionally, Woodard claimed frivolous withholding amounts from the fraudulently claimed 1099-OID on his 2008 income tax return that totaled \$905,914. As a result of the fictitious amounts Woodard claimed on his 2008 income tax return, Woodard received a fraudulent income tax refund check in the amount of \$606,986.

From on or about April 30, 2009, Woodard obstructed and impeded the IRS by willfully misleading agents of the IRS, who were attempting to collect the \$606,986 that was erroneously sent to Woodard. Woodard attempted to obstruct the IRS' collection efforts through the filing of false and frivolous documents with the IRS. Specifically, Woodard conducted a series of financial transactions by moving the fraudulently obtained income tax refund amount from various bank accounts, both domestically and internationally. Woodard also sent the IRS agents frivolous "Accepted for Value" correspondence and a fraudulent bonded Promissory Note in the amount of \$10,000,000 claiming that the Promissory Note was to be used to pay all of Woodard's outstanding U.S. government liabilities.

Woodard owes restitution to the IRS in the amount of approximately \$456,084.10, which represents the difference between the amount of the fraudulently obtained income tax refund and the funds the IRS has been able to obtain through their collection efforts.

David Woodard unlawfully manipulated the tax code for his own personal gain, reaping hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulently procured tax refunds," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "Today's guilty plea signals that IRS, Criminal Investigations will bring to justice those who abuse the tax system and attempt to swindle the tax paying public."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel A. Brown and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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