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## **San Bernardino County Woman Arrested on Federal Tax Fraud Charges**

*Riverside* – A San Bernardino County woman was arrested yesterday afternoon by agents with IRS Criminal Investigation after being charged with filing fraudulent tax returns using stolen identities.

Tammy J. Ahumada, 47, of Crestline, California was taken into custody yesterday afternoon without incident. Ahumada was named in a 44-count indictment unsealed today charging her with 30 counts of making false claims against the United States government and 14 counts of identity theft.

According to the indictment, Ahumada allegedly submitted false tax returns to the IRS in which the named filers did not have the wages or the dependency exemptions reported on the returns and were not entitled to the tax refunds claimed on the returns. The tax returns claimed fraudulent tax refunds in the range of \$6,789 to \$9,336. In some instances, Ahumada used the identities of other individuals, without their knowledge or consent, to submit the tax returns to the IRS.

For tax years 2007 through 2010, the tax returns filed with the IRS claimed fraudulent refunds of over \$250,000.

*An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in court.*

Ahumada will appear before a United States Magistrate Judge tomorrow in United States District Court in Riverside.

If convicted of all counts contained in the indictment, Ahumada faces a statutory maximum sentence of 220 years in federal prison and a fine of \$11,000,000.

The investigation of Ahumada is being conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation in Los Angeles in conjunction with the Tax Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

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