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## **Former Montebello Return Preparer Pleads Guilty to Preparing False Returns Filed with the IRS**

*LOS ANGELES* – A self-employed income tax return preparer pleaded guilty this morning to preparing and submitting false tax returns on behalf of clients to the Internal Revenue Service.

Eduardo Ramos, 44, of Whittier -- former operator of E Tax Income Tax Services, in Montebello -- pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false income tax return.

In his plea agreement, Ramos admitted that while operating E Tax Income Tax Services during the 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax years, he prepared dozens of fraudulent tax returns on behalf of clients causing a total tax loss to the government of at least \$96,909.

The single count to which Ramos pleaded guilty relates to a 2010 federal income tax return prepared on behalf of a client. Ramos prepared the tax return and reduced the tax liability by including false itemized deductions including gifts to charity and job expenses. The inclusion of the false deductions on this return resulted in a tax loss to the government of \$4,175.

As a result of today's guilty plea, Chavez faces a statutory maximum sentence of three years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000 when he is sentenced on January 12, 2015 by United States District Judge S. James Otero. In addition, he may be ordered to pay restitution to the government of at least \$96,909.

The investigation and prosecution of Ramos was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation's Los Angeles Field Office, in conjunction with the Tax Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

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