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## **PASSAIC COUNTY TAX PREPARER ADMITS PREPARING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS TO OBTAIN LARGER REFUNDS FOR CLIENTS**

**Newark, New Jersey** –The owner of Gunby Consulting, Inc. and Gunby Consulting Group, located in Clifton, New Jersey, pleaded guilty today to willfully preparing false tax returns for clients.

Sean Gunby Sr., 44, a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey, entered his plea in federal court before U. S. District Court Judge Claire C. Cecchi . Gunby pleaded guilty to one count (count 12) of a 28 count Indictment that charges him with aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns. Sentencing is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

“While most return preparers provide excellent service to their clients, a few dishonest tax preparers file false and fraudulent returns to defraud the government, the taxpaying public and their own clients,” stated Shantelle P. Kitchen, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “With this year’s filing season just around the corner, the taxpaying public can be assured that IRS-Criminal Investigation will continue to vigilantly identify and investigate fraudulent preparers like Mr. Gunby.”

According to court documents and statements made in court, Gunby was the sole owner and operator of Gunby Consulting, Inc. and Gunby Consulting Group. For the tax years 2006 through 2010, Gunby admitted that he prepared false tax returns for his clients by fabricating and inflating certain expenses, deductions



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and credits on Schedules A, C, D and E, of his clients personal tax returns. By falsifying this information, Gunby was able to obtain tax refunds for his clients greater than those they were lawfully entitled to receive. The total amount of tax the Internal Revenue Service was defrauded as a result of the fraudulent returns prepared by Gunby is approximately \$84,559.

The charge of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of three years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense.

The investigation was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Shantelle P. Kitchen and The United States Attorney's Office, under the direction of United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman.

The Government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Dara Govan.

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