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## **ESSEX COUNTY TAX PREPARER SENTENCED FOR PREPARING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS**

**Trenton, New Jersey** –The owner of Jean Multiple Services was sentenced today to 18 months in prison for willfully preparing false tax returns for clients.

U.S. District Court Judge Joel A. Pisano also ordered Jean Desrosiers, 56, to serve one year of supervised release and pay a \$5,000 fine. In addition, Judge Pisano ordered Desrosiers to pay \$168,424 in restitution to the IRS. .

“With this year’s tax filing season just around the corner, today’s sentencing of Mr. Desrosiers is a good reminder that taxpayers should be careful when choosing a tax preparer,” stated Shantelle P. Kitchen, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “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.”

Previously, on June 25, 2013, Desrosiers pleaded guilty to aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns.

At his plea hearing and according to court documents:

Desrosiers was the sole owner and operator of Jean Multiple Services (JMS). JMS operated over time at various locations in Essex County, including West Orange, Newark and Maplewood. For the tax years 2007 through 2011, a portion of the tax returns Desrosiers prepared for his clients were fraudulent. Desrosiers prepared these

fraudulent tax returns by fabricating and inflating itemized deductions on Schedule A of their returns in order to obtain tax refunds for his clients greater than those they were lawfully entitled to receive. These fabricated deductions included medical and dental expenses, charitable contributions and job and other miscellaneous expenses.

Desrosiers also prepared certain false and fraudulent returns for his clients by fabricating and inflating Education Credits on Form 8863 and Child and Dependent Care Expenses on Form 2441.

Desrosiers prepared the initial version of the false and fraudulent returns in the presence of his clients. However, on certain fraudulent tax returns, Desrosiers filed a different version of those returns with the Internal Revenue Service. These tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service contained higher Form 8863 Education Credits in order to obtain refunds in amounts even greater than the refunds claimed on the initial version of the fraudulent returns.

The fraudulent tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service by Desrosiers caused a tax loss to the government of approximately \$168,424.

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 Shirley Emehelu.

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