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## LOCAL MAN SENTENCED FOR FILING 116 FALSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, IDENTITY THEFT

CINCINNATI, OHIO – Antoine Rogers, 35, of Cincinnati, Ohio was sentenced to a total of 57 months in prison, 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$408,535 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Specifically, Rogers was sentenced to 24 months for committing aggravated identity theft, the mandatory minimum for that offense, and 33 months of prison for theft of government property. Rogers pleaded guilty to these charges on April 9, 2014.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office, announced the sentence handed down today by Senior U.S. District Judge Herman J. Weber.

According to court documents, between June 2010 and November 2012 Rogers prepared and electronically filed approximately 116 false federal income tax returns with the IRS from various locations within Cincinnati, Ohio, a portion of which were filed without the taxpayer's knowledge or consent, resulting in the unlawful use of the individual's means of identification. Rogers directed that the false income tax refunds be paid either by direct deposit into his bank accounts or onto prepaid debit cards that he controlled.

The false income tax returns contained fraudulent items, such as Household Help Income and the American Opportunity Credit, which Rogers knew the taxpayers were not entitled to or had not received. In fact, Rogers prepared his own 2009 through 2011 personal income tax returns claiming false amounts of Household Help Income and false American Opportunity Credits.

For the 2009 through 2011 income tax years, Rogers caused an actual loss to the IRS in the amount of \$408,535.

"This unscrupulous defendant thought he had figured out a clever scheme to thwart the IRS and steal from American taxpayers," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation,

Cincinnati Field Office. The IRS has made investigating refund fraud and identity theft a top priority and we will vigorously pursue those who undermine the integrity of the U.S. tax system.”

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jessica W. Knight and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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